



# ST. BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

18<sup>th</sup> March 2012

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**"Day of prayer for candidates for the Sacraments"**

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**Hymns: 290, 131,324,532**

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## THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup> March	Third Sunday of Lent  <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	10.00am 6.00pm 4.00pm	Mass
Monday	*19 <sup>th</sup> March Rosary	Solemnity; St Joseph	<b>7.00pm*</b>	*Mass
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup> March	Mass of Lent	6.00-7.00pm 7.00pm	Exposition & Confessions Mass
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup> March Rosary	Mass of Lent Children's Reconciliation	9.00am 9.45am	Mass
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup> March Rosary	Requiem; Cath Martin	10.00am	Mass
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup> March Rosary	<b>Early Mass of Lent</b> <b>"An hour with the Lord"</b>	<b>6.30am</b> 6.30-7.30pm	Mass Exposition and confessions
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup> March	Mass of Lent	12 noon 11.00-12 noon	Mass Exposition and confessions Mass
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup> March	Fifth Sunday Of Lent  <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	10.00am 6.00pm 4.00pm	Mass

### Holy Father's Intentions for March;

- Contribution of Women. That the whole world may recognise the contribution of women to the development of society.
- Persecuted Christians. That the Holy Spirit may grant perseverance to those who suffer discrimination, or death for the name of Christ, particularly in Asia.

**M**Y dear people, our journey of Lent is given a mid season brightness with "Laetare Sunday" when we are encouraged to rejoice because our redemption is close at hand. Today is also Mother's Day or as I prefer to call it "Lady Day", when we celebrate all that is beautiful and special about all the wonderful women who brighten up and help fulfil our days. Our Blessed Lady brings so much to the life of the church and to each and every one of us through her love and kindness and her motherly nature towards us her children so it is right that we should ask her help and prayers today, for all our Mother's living and dead and for our sisters, relations and friends, and for all in religious life. I found this poem which is a little twee but which may capture the sentiment of the day



### Mother's Love

"Her love is like  
an island in life's ocean,  
vast and wide  
A peaceful, quiet shelter  
From the wind, the rain, the tide.  
'Tis bound on the north by Hope,  
By Patience on the West,  
By tender Counsel on the South  
And on the East by Rest.  
Above it like a beacon light  
Shine Faith, and Truth, and Prayer;  
And thro' the changing scenes of life  
I find a haven there. "

Happy Mother's Day; Happy Lady Day; Happy St. Patrick's Day God Bless mjk.

**Masses received this week:** (Please note I found some Masses in a draw from a few weeks ago and am publishing them today, sorry for the inconvenience) Don Swaddle, Alfred & Louis Carvel, Elizabeth Roberts, Peter Gallagher, Katherine Kenrick, Mary Fitzpatrick, Kate Curtin, Lilian Mulhern, Mulhern Family, Pat Jones, Vicki Connell, Theresa Nutter, Verity Fairclough, Brian Nuttall, Monica Charnock, Mary Duffy, Mary Sexton, George Diamond, Bridie Marron, Mary McDonnell.

**Sick:** please commend to your prayers the sick and housebound of the Parish especially, Bishop Terence Brain, John O'Brien, Alan O'Donnell, Fr. Vincent Cavey, Tullio Biasetti, Lannis Agnew, Vicki Connell, Theresa Nutter, Verity Fairclough, Brian Nuttall, Monica Charnock, Anthony Callaghan, Pat Preston, Eileen Connor, Christopher Makin, Clare Keane, Marguerita Jones, Nora Adams, Mary Philbin, Ciera Hulbert, Ellen Leech, Adam Cooke, Antonio Puro, Sr. Susan Whitehead, Kitty McIntyre, John Walsh, Duffy Family, Peggy & Colie Flaherty, Jim Barrens, Martin Flatley.

+ I offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Catherine Mary Martin (O'Neil) who has died suddenly aged 74; may she sing with the angels.

**I am very grateful** to those who came to our Meeting last Monday, and delighted that we were able to set out a plan of action which will be delivered to you in a few weeks, we now have a Parish Diary Secretary, who will help coordinate all our events and the use of the Parish Hall.

**CALLING ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH;** Tomorrow, Monday we have evening Mass for St. Joseph's feast, I hope many ladies will come and join us after Mass in the Hall for a little get together, with a view of forming a Ladies Group, so put your recorders on for Corrie, Emmerdale and Enders and do come along please (7.45pm start).

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 30<sup>th</sup> July - 7<sup>th</sup> August;** full details at the back of Church: I would be delighted to hear from you of any nominees you may suggest to go on the pilgrimage from the Parish

**Lenten Alms:** the box to collect your sacrifices is in front of the picture of the Prodigal Son, and this year will go towards the work of Cornerstone and the Morning Star Hostel.

**MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND WALES:** at Masses last weekend, we received a Letter from Archbishops Vincent Nichols and Peter Smith on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It is a statement of our Catholic faith about marriage and issued in the light of the forthcoming consultation by the Government on changing the legal definition of marriage. In the light of this letter, you are asked to consider signing the Coalition for Marriage's online petition which can be found at [www.C4M.org.uk](http://www.C4M.org.uk). It reads: **"I support the legal definition of marriage which is the voluntary union for life of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others. I oppose any attempt to redefine it."** There are also paper forms at the back of Church today.



**LENT 2012: BIBLE STUDY** continues this Wednesday 21st March and then 28<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall. Commencing at 7.30pm; this year they will be led by Pastor John Owen: we had a great session last week why not turn the telly off and come and learn and enjoy?

**CONFESSIONS;** don't miss out on the extra Confession times; don't leave it till the last minute.

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** if you have a child for baptism, please let us know ASAP, so we can make the usual arrangements. Our next meeting for Baptism will Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April in the Presbytery at 7.30pm.

**Getting married this year?** Thank you to all who have been in contact over the last few weeks: the list of those getting married here this year can be seen on the board at the back of Church. If you are planning to get married next year and have not seen Father yet, please give him a call.

**Special Anniversaries:** If you are celebrating a special wedding anniversary during the year, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> please let Father know as during the year we will be having a special celebration.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** new boxes of envelopes are ready for collection at the back of Church today: Please collect as soon as possible. Thank you.

**REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS - YOUNG AT HEART** - Mondays - Parish Hall 1.00pm to 3.00pm ,  
**LEGION OF MARY** - Parish Hall - Tuesdays - 7.45pm, **DIVINE MERCY** - Sacristy - Thursdays - 7.30pm.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH:** if you are interested in becoming a Catholic or knowing more about our faith Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> 2-3pm in the Presbytery.

**APF & Mill Hill Missions** (Red Boxes) collectors book ready for collection - Parish Hall.

**DIARY DATES Race Night Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April**, (Cake Sale Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April Plant Sale Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May both these dates to be confirmed), Tickets on sale next Sunday in the Parish Hall for the Race Night. Adults £1.00. Children 50p or ring Bernadette 0161 442 5965. Tickets are limited so buy or reserve yours. Please start potting your seeds and taking cuttings and help our Plant Sale be the best yet. Thank you all for your continued support.

**DIOCESE OF SALFORD**, the charitable arm of the diocese, is looking for runners to join Team Caritas in the Great Manchester 10K Run on 20<sup>th</sup> May. If you're interested in helping raise vital funds for disadvantaged people in your diocese, please contact Mary, the Fundraising Officer, on 0161 817 2252 or [fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk)

**The Barlow RC High School** is launching a competition to name their Sports Centre Facilities. The winner will receive two tickets to a future Manchester City Football Game at the Etihad Stadium. The closing date is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March and entries should be emailed to [k.carr@barlowrc.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:k.carr@barlowrc.manchester.sch.uk)

<b>MINISTRY OF THE WORD - MASS READERS FOR MARCH</b>					
<b>TIME</b>	<b>READER 1</b>	<b>READER 2</b>	<b>PRAYERS</b>		
10.00am	George Hughes	Pat Jones	Christine Robinson		
6.00pm	John Press	Shelagh Bridge	Caroline Fahy		
If you are unavailable anytime, please arrange a stand in or contact Tony Black 445 1788					
<b>PARISH MINISTRIES GROUPS</b>					
		Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 10.00am	Counting	Tea /Coffee
This week	18 <sup>th</sup> March	6	3	6	5
Next week	25 <sup>th</sup> March	7	4	7	6
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 6.00pm	Eucharistic Ministers Weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday 7.00pm
This week	18 <sup>th</sup> March	3a	4	3	5
Next week	25 <sup>th</sup> March	1a	1	4	2
Signed Mass Cards can be obtained from Bridie Close, 44 Shawbrook Rd, during the week or on Sundays from the Bookstall (back of Church) or the Piety Stall (Parish Hall). Items for the Bulletin can be left at the Presbytery or emailed to <a href="mailto:annieteresa@hotmail.com">annieteresa@hotmail.com</a> by Thursday for inclusion the following Sunday.					

### **HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS**

**Manchester Royal Infirmary** - Fr. D. Egan tel: 276 4247 (MRI) and 224 1895 (home).

**The Christie** - Fr. M. O'Brien - tel: 446 3097

**Wythenshawe Hospital** - Fr Saji Kuriakose and Sr Bernadette - tel: 291 2297

Alternatively ask the ward staff to inform the Chaplain.

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