

**Rotas commencing TODAY Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

<b>Eucharistic Ministers 10am</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers 6pm</b>	<b>Readers 10am February</b>	<b>Readers 6pm February</b>	<b>Weekday readers This week</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers weekdays</b>
Mary Black	Carol Cooper	Christine Robinson	By Ju Joseph	George Hughes	Pat Jones
Stephen Bourke	Kathy Petty	James Walsh	Caroline Fahey	Christine Kelly	Liam McMahon
Kathleen Clarke	Comfort Mensah	Liam McMahon	Janice Banks	<b>Counting Team</b>	
Imelda Dean	<b>Little Church</b>			K Rowley	<b>Church Cleaning</b>
Margaret Mining	Di	<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	<b>10am Offertory</b>	A Brown	Bridie Close
Christina White	Anne	Rose Duffy	Kathleen Clarke,	B Moorhouse	Barbara Philips
Margaret Mining		Kay McGovern	Mary Thompson	Julie Comerford	Kath Dinan
		C Fahey		James Walsh	Mary Thompson
		M Fahey			Bridie Burke

**FAMILY FLOWERS:** Thank you for the continued gifts of flowers for the Church. New flower list at the back of Church;

**Holy Land 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> November;** due to a cancellation this trip has now become available. For many it is a once in a life time experience, if you fancy going please let Ann Tipper or Mgr Michael know, and we will see if we can make this work. The individual cost is £1199, and to help we will set up a saving's club. It could be a great way to end the year of Faith.

**Race Night Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February :** Due to popular demand this event is now a total sell out. Our next event will be a Quiz night watch this space for further details.

**South Manchester Credit Union;** collects in our Parish Hall on Thursday's 6-30pm till 8pm. The Credit Union is a far better way to save, for Christmas Clubs and to have loans, and young savers can join from birth to 16. It costs you £3 to join and you need to bring a letter with your address e.g. a bill and proof of your date of birth. So avoid loan sharks, and get quick money schemes on the TV, join your Credit Union.

Items for the Bulletin can be left at the Presbytery or emailed to [anniteresa@hotmail.com](mailto:anniteresa@hotmail.com) or to [michaelkujacz@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelkujacz@hotmail.com) by Thursday as the Newsletter for inclusion the following Sunday is usually published Friday Morning.

**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).



# ST. BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary time



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**Week 4: MASS 7/ Creed 11 Sunday P.132 Eucharistic Prayer 2 (p24)**

**Hymns: 194, 26,558,681,354**



When the going gets tough, then sometimes things can get out of hand. In today's Gospel Jesus gives some home truths, and the folk who enjoyed his initial talk didn't like it when Jesus begins to hit a raw nerve. They tried to take him to the cliff edge with a view to pushing him over, but the truth would always be the truth! In our Country today we are being asked to accept a change in

how we understand marriage; the truth is that universally marriage has always been between man and woman, and the Church has always taught, that it be loving, lifelong, faithful and open to children. The changes proposed seem to walk all over this ancient truth; such changes mean for example that the tests for the breakdown of marriage will be far easier for those in a same sex relationship than those in traditional marriage, and no one seems to want to answer the question of consummation? None consummation is grounds for annulment, how is this to be defined between same sex relationships? In the pursuit for equal rights, it appears that the real questions of law have not been truly debated, and the voices of many people have not only not been heard but deliberately ignored. Of course it is the Catholic Church that is the whipping boy in this matter, yet the muslim community and many other Christian groups are opposed to changes in the law, and especially when it goes against all tradition and universal appeal. It is not that we want to be cruel to sections of our society, in fact an assurance was given that civil partnerships would answer the needs of our society, yet interestingly the equality of law does not allow a man and woman to enter into a civil partnership if they don't recognise the ideal of marriage! It was George Orwell who said "all men are equal, but some are more equal than others", the pursuit of equality is a good thing and an ideal to strive for in an imperfect world, but has such a pursuit the right to walk over other people's rights, has there not got to be a fair balance? If so why is it still going to be impossible for a catholic to sit on the throne of the United Kingdom, after these changes have been made? If you can send a postcard (at the back of the Church) please do so, like the Lord be prepared to be taken to the brow of the hill you will be surprised how eloquent you can be! God Bless mjk

## THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS (February)

**General Intention:** Migrant families: that migrant families, especially the mothers, may be supported and ac-companied in their difficulties. **Missionary Intention:** Peace: that the peoples at war and in conflict may lead the way in building a peaceful future.

### THIS WEEK'S TIMETABLE

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February <i>The Blessing of St. Blaise will be given after 10am Mass</i>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time	10.00am Mass 6.00pm
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Mass of the day	9.30am Mass
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	St. Agatha	Exposition 6-7pm 7pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Requiem: Deborah Kiernan Ss. Paul Miki & Companions <i>Reception of remains</i>	10am Mass   7pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Requiem: Jimmy Lister	10am Mass
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Requiem: Josie Hession	10am Mass
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Mass of Our Lady	Exposition and Confessions 11-12 Noon 12 Noon Mass
10 <sup>th</sup> February <i>Day of prayer for the unemployed</i>	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am Mass 6.00pm

+ I offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Jimmy Lister, Josie Hession and Deborah Kiernan who have died; may they rest in the peace of the Lord.+

**Masses received this week:** Thomas & Sharon Harper, Helen Dinan, Annie Pownall, Rita Veith, Julia & William McMahon, Bernadette McDermott, John Doona, Ann Hesketh, Sarah Smith, Michael Lister, Thomas Storie, Margaret & Bill Clarke, Pat Connaughan, Harriet Ward, Peggy Forde, Jimmy Lister, Josie Hession.

**Sick:** please commend to your prayers the sick and housebound of the Parish especially, Patricia Garry, Daniel, Jacob Bannister(3), Lilian Mulhern, Andy Neary, Maureen Barber, Pat Reade, Betty Kelly, Billy Walsh, Anthony Grigaitis, Susan Gradwell,

Sally Kenny, John Doona, Bernard Connolly, Carolyn Smith, John Barnes, Denny McGuigan, Peggy Coyle, Kate Boyle, Noreen Nash, Steven Moorhouse, Helen Macher, Alan O'Donnell, Greta Ferguson, Eileen Tansey, Dorothy Hampsey, Jean Owen, Mary Whieldon, Agnes Halligan, Delia Connelly and Colin Pearson,  
**The Sacrament of Baptism:** if you have a child for baptism, please let us know ASAP. Our next meeting for Baptism will be this **Tuesday February 5th** at 7-30pm in the Presbytery.

**LEGION OF MARY** - Parish Hall Tuesdays 7.45pm, new members very welcome

Don't forget we have the **young of heart club** on Monday in the Parish Hall beginning at 1pm until 3pm, new members very welcome.

**Getting married this year?** If you are planning to get married this year please make an appointment: those who have arranged a date already should contact me in the next few weeks please. Dates are already being snapped up for 2014 so if you are planning a wedding for next year, please book your date asap. If you have a special anniversary this year please let Father Know, 50<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, or 25<sup>th</sup>.

**CAFOD:** Thanks to you our project is complete & we bid farewell to Ethiopia. As part of **Lent Fast Weekend** join us after Mass on **Sat 23 Feb** for a **Simple Lunch**, plus **Bric-a-Brac**, **Books & Fairtrade Raffle** all in support of the **Hungry for Change** campaign which highlights the scandal that 1 in 8 people in the world go hungry to bed each night.

**THE TODDLER GROUP NOW HAS VACANCIES PLEASE CONTACT BERNADETTE 0161 442 5965 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.**

**Last week's Offerings to the Parish:** Gift Aid envelopes £186.50  
 Non Gift Aid envelopes £145.99  
 Loose £194.76  
 Total £527.25 Thank you.

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