

**ST BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN**  
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**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**6<sup>th</sup> December 2009**

**Clergy - Fr Steven Parkinson**

**THIS WEEK IN CHURCH**

Today - Sunday	Mass at 10.00am and 6.00pm
Monday	Eucharistic Service 9.00am
Tuesday	Requiem Mass at 10.00am for Elizabeth Igoe RIP Reception into Church at 7.00pm Anna Carragher RIP
Wednesday	Requiem Mass at 10.00am Anna Carragher RIP
Thursday	Requiem Mass at 10.00am Mary Murphy RIP
Friday	Mass 9.00am
Saturday	Confessions and Exposition 11.00am - 12 noon Mass at 12 noon

**TODAY**

Again we hear about the coming "Day of Christ", and meet the character of John the Baptist. Just as once before he "prepared the way" for the coming of Christ, so today he does the same for us. Our hearts should be open to his voice, as he calls us to repentance, and asks us to make the way straight for the coming of our Lord. The imagery of this Sunday is particularly rich: the dominant image is of a vast population moving together - the return of the people from exile in the first reading, the going and coming of the sowers in the psalm, the community of the Church preparing together in Paul's letter. We prepare for the coming of the Lord as His people - a community who cooperate to make the "processional way" of the Holy One - flattening the hills of opposition and ridicule, filling in the valleys of doubt and despair, so that "all humanity shall see the salvation of God."

*We welcome the following children who were baptised here last Sunday, Matthew Ernest Rowland Bostock and Shea Stephen Owens.*

*We also formally welcome the children who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last Thursday evening. Thanks to all who helped them and their families prepare for what was such a lovely celebration. We keep them in our prayers as the Sacramental Programme continues.*

*There was also a huge welcome for Fr Keane who visited here last weekend. He enjoyed his short visit and was very happy to see everybody and promises to come to see us soon.*

*At the time of printing, preparations for the Christmas Fair were well underway. A full report next week. I would just like to say thank you for this great community occasion and the result of so much generosity displayed in all sorts of ways with the careful preparation and organisation. Thank you for you do for our parish.*

*Please see below for details of the Parish Penance Service.*

*Fr Steven*

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**Divine Mercy Meeting** on Thursday 7.30pm

**This year's SVP Christmas Party** (Over 60's) will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December after the 12 noon Mass list at the back of church.

**HOT MINCE PIES & MULLED WINE** will be served after Mass in the Parish Hall next Sunday

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13 Dec in support of the Marist school in the Gambia, visited by Katie last summer.

**Barlow High School's** party for Senior Citizens party will be held on Thursday 17th December start time 1.15pm for the people who signed the list at back of church.

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE will be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. Prayer and reflection and opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during individual confessions.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS MEAL** in the Parish Hall, on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 7.00pm – 9.30pm. Tickets are £5 and need to be purchased in advance and contact Pat Jones or Bridie Close.

## OTHER NOTICES

**CAFOD – Make a World of Difference** – give your friend a goat, chicken or piglet for Christmas. Your friend receives a beautiful card and the poor communities have their lives transformed. Cafod world leaflets in the porch and will explain how it all works.

**BAPTISM** - Parents wishing to have their child baptised, please make initial enquiry to Fr Steven following any Sunday Mass.

All rotas are now printed in full on the **Parish Ministries Board**. Thank you to all for your patience for the late arrival of the rota envelopes last week and apologies to those who rota details had not been printed. These will be available next week.

PARISH MINISTRIES				
	Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday morning	Counting	Tea and Coffee
This week	7	5	5	5
Next week	8	6	6	6
	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday evening	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays	Cleaning	Tuesday evening Eucharistic Ministers
This week	2	1	2	3
Next week	3	2	3	4

Please Note: Signed Mass cards (Sympathy and Special Intention) can be obtained from Bridie Close, 44 Shawbrook Road, during the week: On Sundays they can be obtained at the Bookstall situated at back of church, or the Piety Stall situated in parish hall. Items for the Parish Bulletin should be either posted through the Presbytery door or emailed to [anniteresa@hotmail.com](mailto:anniteresa@hotmail.com) by Thursday midday for inclusion the following Sunday.

Last Sunday