

**Rotas commencing TODAY Sunday January 4<sup>th</sup>**


<b>Eucharistic Ministers 10am</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers 6pm</b>	<b>Readers 10am January</b>	<b>Readers 6pm January</b>	<b>Weekday readers This week</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers weekdays</b>
Annie Doherty	Carol Cooper	Liam McMahon	By Ju Joseph	Bernie Kirstein	Margaret Duffy
Stephen Bourke	Kathy Petty	Yvonne Tapodi	Janice Banks	Tony Kirstein	Clare Clegg
Kathleen Clarke	Comfort Mensah	Trevor Richards	Irene Edwards	<b>Counting Team</b>	
Imelda Dean	<b>Little Church</b>	<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>		<i>Ann Masterson</i>	<i>Berni Roan</i>
Christine Blackburn		Dympna Dumbleton	<b>10am Offertory</b>	<i>Kath Thompson</i>	<i>Noreen Linton</i>
Tony Masterson		M Seamark	volunteers	<i>Jackie Turner</i>	<b>Cleaning team</b>
Olive Hogan		Clare Clegg		<i>Jessica Turner</i>	End of month

**FAMILY FLOWERS:** Thank you for the continued gifts of flowers for the Church.

**Flower list** is at the back of Church.

**Last week's Offerings to the Parish: Total £633 91p**

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T	A	R	G	F	C	L	O	R	A	STAR
A	F	R	O	I	E	H	A	A	M	HOMAGE
D	N	Y	L	A	L	T	A	S	O	LEADER
E	I	M	D	R	S	E	R	R	H	DATE
S	K	E	T	A	D	B	D	Y	I	CHILD
A	R	B	E	T	L	E	M	E	M	DELIGHT
										GOLD
										MYRRH



**Items for the Bulletin can be left at the Presbytery** or emailed to [michaelkujacz@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelkujacz@hotmail.com) **by Wednesday evening** 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).

**The Divine Mercy prayer Group** are meeting together on Thursday's at 1-30pm in the Church; why not join them?

**TODDLERS GROUP.** The group is open. 9.30am --11.30am every Tuesday; Further enquiries to Anne 431 7212.

**Our Monday Club**, "young at heart" is open and always delighted to have new people from the Parish and our local community.

# ST. BERNARD'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

## The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2015

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"Stay with us, Lord, on our journey."



Epiphany MASS 7/ Creed 11; Sunday P. 118 Eucharistic Prayer 1 (p18)

Hymns 651, 29, 272, 681, 722

### The Epiphany Blessing of Homes

In memory of the wise men entering the house where Jesus was, there is an ancient tradition of praying for blessings on our homes on or near Epiphany. All you need are these prayers and a piece of chalk, to mark the frame of your door with the traditional initials of the wise men (Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar) and this year's date. Perhaps spend a moment this Sunday asking God to bless your home and to be with all members of your household.

All make the Sign of the Cross.

**Head of Household:** "Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord. **All:** **Blessed be God forever.**



Reader: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

Using chalk, write on the outside of your house, above or next to a doorway:

+ 20 + C + M + B + 15 +

Each letter could be written by a different family member.

**All:** Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Francis tweet:** Let us pray today for all those who are persecuted for their Christian faith.

## THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS (January)

**Universal:** Peace: That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.

**For Evangelization:** Consecrated life: That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

<b>The Epiphany</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Mass Evening Mass</b>	<b>10am 6-00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> January	Christmas Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup> January	Christmas Weekday	6pm 7pm	Exposition, Mass
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup> January	Requiem: Bernard Chaisty	10am	Mass
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup> January	Christmas Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup> January	Christmas Weekday	9-30am	Mass
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup> January	Christmas Weekday	11am 12 Noon	Exposition & Confessions Mass
<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Mass Evening Mass</b>	<b>10am 6-00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>

+ I offer our prayers and sympathy to the families and friends of Mary Ann Doherty 86 and Bernard Chaisty 81 and Brendan Lynch 52 who have died in the last few weeks; may they meet the child of Bethlehem and experience his peace. +

**Masses this week:** Special intentions, Mark Hawley, Luke & Bridie Marron, Eddie Marron, Winnie & Joe Outram, Brain Leigh, Maureen Lyons, Evie Mitton, Mary Donohoe, William & Annie Mitton, Sheila O'Donnell and John Cross.

**Sick;** please commend to your prayers the sick and housebound of the Parish especially, Daniel, Bridget, Martin, Sarah, Pat Jones, Pat Preston, Fr. Pat Early, Debbie Griffin, Louis Kitt, Michael Breslin, Thomas McLoughlin, Mags Chadwick, Pat Kemp, Eileen McCormack, Elle-Rose Blackhall, Joan Kennedy, Richard Kujacz, Caoimhe Grealish, Mary Barrrens, Agnes Halligan, Michael Doyle, Eileen McMahon, Bob Cook, Micky Duffy, Jacob Bannister, Eddie & Olive Hogan, Janet Roberts, Kathleen Curley, Fr. Michael Hoare, Mary & John Featherstone, John Doona, Margaret Keable, Ruth Sivori, Clare Bainbridge, Breda Gallagher, Dr Sean Doohan, Sheila MacCrimmon, Carolyn Smith, Pat Reid, Simon McDermott, Julie Ann Keeney, Stephen Gatley, Kath Rafter, Margaret Keable, Constance Murphy, Maria Baker, Denny McGuigan, Betty Foster, Steven

Moorhouse, Dorothy Hampsey, Martin & Michael Rock, Louis Kerr, Delia Connelly and Colin Pearson.

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** Pick up yours packs after Mass and return them to the presbytery: our next Baptism meeting is THIS Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January in the House.

**Getting married this year?** The application forms for the Deanery Preparation course at St. Kentigern's are now available from Father, the course begins the last weekend of January.



**Our Lady's Lamp burns this week in memory of Joe Moran,** Thank you. There is a list at the back of the Church if you would like to be involved on any particular week. Suggested offering £5

**White Flower Appeal:** The Society for the protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this weekend. In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of pro-life, pro-family issues. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. SPUC also provides trained speakers for school and offers pro-life support for teachers, parents and medical professionals. Please give generously to this worthy cause. Thank you

**CAFOD:** .....Another **St. Bernard tradition** continues .... **CAFOD** will be happy to receive your **surplus Christmas gifts** for our next event ... a box will be in the porch for the next few Sundays. **Many Thanks & Happy New Year**



**DROP IN THURSDAY** after Mass in the Parish Hall open till 3pm, Good conversation, games, newspapers, constant tea and coffee, and toast. Homemade soup and bread and homemade & treats at 12-30pm, lovely warm atmosphere: don't be shy come and join our regulars become one yourself! This event is for all our Parishioners and members of our local community why not pop in and show your support?



**RE-OPENS THIS WEEK 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**Holy Land** money due in the next two weeks, £685, less £50 if you have paid your hotel deposit. Please see Ann Tipper. **TIME TO PLEASE PAY.** **Parish & South Manchester Pilgrimage to Lourdes** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 28<sup>th</sup>. Cost is £565, See notice at the back of the Church for details.

Carl Bahoshy will be giving a piano & organ recital (free admission-retiring collection) at Manchester Cathedral (Victoria Street, M1 3SX) at 7pm on Sunday, 18th January 2015 in aid of the UK-registered charity, Iraqi Christians In Need ([www.icin.org.uk](http://www.icin.org.uk)), which is providing direct financial relief for thousands of displaced refugee families under the care of the Catholic Chaldean, Syriac and Orthodox churches in northern Iraq. Both my parents are Catholics from Iraq.