

ST BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN
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Parish Priest - Fr Steven Parkinson

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

2nd May 2010

This Week in Church

Today	Mass at 10.00am & 6.00pm
Monday 3rd May	Eucharistic Service at 9.00am
Tuesday 4th May	Mass at 7.00pm
Wednesday 5th May	Mass at 9.00am
Thursday 6th May	School Mass at 9.30am
Friday 7th May	Mass at 9.00am
Saturday 8th May	Sacrament of Reconciliation and Exposition 11.00am-12 Noon Mass at 12 Noon

Gospel Reflection

Jesus' new commandment is not simply to love, but to love as he has loved us. To do that we need to recognise and accept that God really loves us, even if sometimes we might not feel particularly loveable, but this does not stop God loving us. As we see in Jesus, God's love for us is not fickle or half hearted and He calls us to share in it fully. This is also an invitation to us to show the same love to those with whom we come into contact with. This may involve some "dying to self," but in this we reveal our love for others and it leads us to share in Jesus' glory. This is real virtue and it means doing good even when no-one is looking!

Fr. Steven

TODAY

We keep in your prayers all those children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday evening at 7.00pm.

Many thanks to all who helped in preparing for the Mass we offered for Fr. Keane last Tuesday evening. We ran out of the Mass booklets and some more will be printed and made available. A copy of the Eulogy his nephew Eamon delivered at the Requiem is at the back of Church. On **FRIDAY 25TH JUNE AT 7.00PM** Bishop Brain will join us with the clergy of the Diocese and offer a **DIOCESAN REQUIEM MASS FOR FR. KEANE HERE AT ST. BERNARD'S.**

St. Bernard's Youth to Lourdes - Cake Sale after Mass, also Tombola, a prize every time!
Retiring Collection for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

YOUNG AT HEART – Parish Hall Mondays 1.00pm - 3.00pm

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During the month of May the Holy Rosary will be prayed in Church each weekday evening. On Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7.00pm, and Tuesday before Mass at 6.30pm. Let us ask for the help of Our Lady's prayers for the Church for healing and renewal.

LEGION OF MARY – Parish Hall Tuesdays 7.45pm

DIVINE MERCY MEETINGS – Sacristy Thursdays 7.30pm

FRIDAYS IN MAY. As you may have read in the letter from our Bishops last week, they have asked that we use the Fridays of May to offer prayers for victims of abuse and to pray for healing and renewal in the Church. Here at St. Bernard's, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after Mass on Friday until 1.00pm. Could we possibly organise a couple of "Watchers" to do an hour's slot?

NOTE CHANGE OF TIME - HOLY ISLAND 8th May– Final balances are due! The tour is full. Meet outside St. Bernard's on the Saturday Morning at 6.30am! Bring a picnic breakfast. Remember good shoes for the island.

FUND RAISING GROUP.---DATE FOR YOUR DIARY. - Please remember to take your cuttings/plant your seeds for the **GREAT ANNUAL PLANT SALE - Sunday 23rd May 2010.** Help us to make this a great success as usual. Happy gardening!

LOURDES BY COACH - Joining the Diocesan pilgrimage 29th July/8th August - no overnight driving. 1 night in Orleans - 7 nights in Lourdes - 1 night in Nevers, visiting St Bernadette and 1 night in Paris. Fr. Steven will join us for the Lourdes part of the Pilgrimage, **only** two seats remain on the coach - contact Ann Tipper 442 5259.

OTHER NOTICES

Thanks to all the Toddler Group for their recent donation.

BAPTISM - Please make initial enquiry to Fr. Steven following any Sunday Mass.

The new **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are ready for collection at the back of church.

GIFT AID The claim for this year's Gift Aid will be submitted shortly. Anyone with any queries, please contact the Co ordinator, Bernard Grigaitis or Fr. Steven as soon as possible.

PARISH MINISTRIES					
		Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday morning	Counting	Tea and Coffee
This week	02/05/10	4	2	6	6
Next week	09/05/10	5	3	7	7
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday evening	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday evening
This week	02/05/10	2	2	1	3
Next week	09/05/10	3	3	2	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 Bulletin should be either posted through the Presbytery door or emailed to anniteresa@hotmail.com please type St Bernard's (in subject line) by Thursday midday for inclusion the following Sunday.