

ST BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

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Clergy - Fr Steven Parkinson

Fifth Sunday in Lent

21st March 2010



Today Sunday

Mass at 10.00am and 6.00pm

Stations of the Cross and Benediction 4.00pm

Monday 22nd March

Eucharistic Service 9.00am

Tuesday 23rd March

Mass at 7.00pm

Wednesday 24th March

Mass at 9.00am

Thursday 25th March

School Mass at 9.00am

Reception into Church Peter Gallagher RIP 7.00pm

Friday 26th March

Mass at 6.30am

Requiem Mass Peter Gallagher RIP 10.00am

Saturday 27th March

Confessions and Exposition 11.00am – 12 noon

Mass at 12 noon

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel the crowd bring to Jesus a woman they have condemned and whose life they are demanding because of the sin she has committed. Jesus does not condemn her but he does condemn her actions by urging her to "sin no more." He calls her to repent and choose a new way of life. Lent calls us to the same kind of encounter with Jesus so that we face our sinfulness, hear God's invitation to new life and then make the right choice. Even if Lent has passed us by so far this year we can still open ourselves to an encounter with Jesus so that we can approach Easter with a renewed spirit seeking new life. Like the crowd in the Gospel, it is often easier to focus on the sins of others rather than our own weakness, remember the song, "O Lord it's hard to be humble when you're perfect in every way!"

Lent is a time to encounter Jesus and face the truth of ourselves and to turn from our sinfulness in repentance and seek divine mercy. In doing this we establish new relations with those around us and a deeper relationship with God, and that is always good news.

Fr. Steven

TODAY

Today '**Easter Chickens**' will be sold outside church in aid of the **Little Sisters of the Poor**.

ST BERNARD'S YOUTH TO LOURDES - Today there will be a box at the back of church for paperback books, CD's and DVD's. We aim to have a stall in the Parish Hall in a few weeks to resell these unwanted items for SBYTL in July. Many thanks.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

LEGION OF MARY - Parish Hall Tuesdays 7.45pm

CTIB LENT STUDIES - Wednesday 24th March in the Parish Hall 7.30pm

DIVINE MERCY MEETINGS - Sacristy Thursdays 7.30pm

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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, 8 seats remain on the coach - contact Ann Tipper if you wish 442 5259.

HOLY ISLAND - Parish Pilgrimage Saturday 8th May to Sunday 9th May. Fr Steven will be leading this pilgrimage. Full details on the church notice board. Please note only 45 seats on the coach and NO SINGLE ROOMS. Contact Ann Tipper.

EASTER EGG HUNT after Mass Easter Sunday- prizes for all but a big prize for the winner. Limited tickets on sale in the Parish Hall

OTHER NOTICES

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

CAFOD On the 50th anniversary of Lent Fast Day we see how CAFOD has grown like a mustard seed from such small beginnings, thanks to parishes just like ours. Many thanks for your continued support - the box will be out next Sunday for any remaining Lent envelopes.

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

APF and Mill Hill Missions (Red Boxes) Collectors Books are now ready for picking up in the Parish Hall.

Margaret Moran completed the 353 mile London to Paris bike ride last September in aid of **Multiple Sclerosis** and in memory of her dad Joe. She says a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all for your generosity in helping to raise the grand sum of **£3,307.48 of which £878.00 was donated by St Bernard's**. This will make a massive difference towards improving care for those who suffer from this complex and disabling illness as well as helping to educate Health Professionals on the many aspects of MS and teach and support carers. Margaret says the good wishes and generosity was much appreciated and spurred her on to the finishing line at the Eiffel Tower.

GIFT AID If you contribute to the Parish and pay tax to the Inland Revenue on earnings, pension or savings, you can enable the Parish to reclaim money from the Inland Revenue by signing up to the Gift Aid scheme. It will not cost you anything more than the contribution you have already made but will then benefit the Parish by the tax relief that will be paid to the parish. If interested, please take one of the pink information leaflets at the back of church or see Bernard Grigaitis, the Parish Organiser. Thanks to everyone who is already on the scheme.

PARISH MINISTRIES					
		Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday morning	Counting	Tea and Coffee
This week	21/03/10	10	2	6	7
Next week	28/03/10	11	3	7	1
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday evening	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday evening
This week	21/03/10	2	1	3	2
Next week	28/03/10	3	2	4	3

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 annieteresa@hotmail.com please type St Bernard's (in subject line) by Thursday midday for inclusion the following Sunday.