

ST BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

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Clergy - Fr Steven Parkinson

Fourth Sunday in Lent

14th March 2010



THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

Today Sunday	Mass at 10.00am and 6.00pm Stations of the Cross
Monday 15 th March	Eucharistic Service 9.00am
Tuesday 16 th March	Mass at 7.00pm
Wednesday 17 th March	Mass at 9.00am (St Patrick's Day)
Thursday 18 th March	Mass 9.00am
Friday 19 th March	Mass at 6.30am (Mass also at St Mary's and St Catherine's both at 12 noon)
Saturday 20 th March	Confessions and Exposition 11.00am – 12 noon Mass at 12 noon

GOSPEL REFLECTION

There's a danger we only half listen to such a familiar parable as the Prodigal Son, its familiarity is paralleled by the constant need we have for Reconciliation with God and with each other. The healing of past wrongs and the making new of our relationships with God and with others brings us new and deeper life. The Israelites in the first reading find new life in the Promised Land. In the second reading St. Paul tells us that God makes us a whole new creation in Christ. It is all God's work; it is God who calls us back, and God who welcomes us in to the Promised Land of his mercy when we return. This abundance of God's love gives us the confidence to reflect on our sinfulness in the light of God's abundant mercy and though the Sacrament of Reconciliation open ourselves up to the new life God offers.

Fr. Steven

TODAY

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! We thank God for our Mothers and pray for all women who live the Vocation of Motherhood, and for all who show us maternal care and compassion.

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.

DIVINE MERCY MEETINGS Thursday 7.30pm

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT - Wednesday 17th March at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. Food – Music – Display of dancing and singing. Purchase your ticket in advance from Mrs Pat Jones or Ann Tipper £5 only a few tickets remaining

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME MEETING for the children and parents preparing for Confirmation and First Holy Communion on Thursday 18th March at 6.30pm in the school hall.

CTIB LENT STUDIES -

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.

OTHER NOTICES

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

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.

Congratulations to **JOHN AND KATHLEEN DINEN** celebrating their **50th Wedding Anniversary** on St Patrick's Day 17th March 1960 – 2010.

Two Items missing from last week's bulletin - Many thanks for your support of our **CAFOD** Lent Mass. We hope you enjoyed the LiveSimply lunch & tombola & other stalls - these raised an amazing £319 for our FocusAfrica project. Well done! Grateful thanks to all those who helped in each and every way.

It's **FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT** - and Fairtrade makes a huge difference to the farmers who supply our tables with food from the four corners of the earth. Please support them wherever possible when shopping.

PARISH MINISTRIES					
		Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday morning	Counting	Tea and Coffee
This week	14/03/10	9	1	5	6
Next week	21/03/10	10	2	6	7
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday evening	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday evening
This week	14/03/10	1	5	2	1
Next week	21/03/10	2	1	3	2

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 by Thursday midday for inclusion the following Sunday