

ST BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN
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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

20th December 2009

Clergy - Fr Steven Parkinson

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

Today - Sunday..	..	..	..	..	Mass at 10.00am and 6.00pm
Monday 21 st December	..	..	..	..	Eucharistic Service 9.00am
Tuesday 22 nd December	..	..	..	..	Mass at 9.00am Reception into Church Mary Moran RIP 7.00pm
Wednesday 23 rd December	..	..	..	..	Requiem Mass for Mary Moran at 10.00am
Thursday 24 th December - Christmas Eve	..	..	..	..	Confessions 11.00am - 12 noon Vigil Mass at 6.00pm and 8.00pm
Friday 25 th December - Christmas Day	..	..	..	..	10.00am
Saturday 26 th December - St Stephen's Day	..	..	..	..	Confessions and Exposition 11.00am - 12 noon Mass at 12 noon

TODAY

It's only in this last week before Christmas that we begin to hear about the "Christmas story" itself. For the past weeks we have been preparing ourselves to greet the Lord, when he comes. Now we prepare to remember how he first came, by listening to the prophecies of his coming, and by hearing of the events before his birth. We meet the woman, Mary, who herself had been prepared for the coming of the Messiah. She has received the angel's greeting, and his strange news, and has accepted her role in God's plan. Now she hurries to her kinswoman, Elizabeth, who herself bears John the Baptist in her womb. John, just as we heard last week, alerts us to the presence of the Lord, as he leaps for joy in his mother's womb. His joy is that God has kept his promise, and is with his people.

As we come to the end of Advent I am conscious of the great communal effort that has ensured our church looks so beautiful. In the next few days, as we prepare for Christmas, many people will be involved in so many ways preparing for the Christmas Octave. Many thanks for all you do on behalf of the parish.

The work on the Parish Hall has now been completed. Your patience over the past few weeks has been rewarded!
Steven

Fr.

Boys and girls, mums and dad, aunts, uncles and grandparents, why not join us for the **Christmas family afternoon** today in the Hall 2.00pm - 5.00pm.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Please note Divine Mercy Meetings will restart in January

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

St Mary's Levenshulme is holding an Advent Penance Service on Tuesday 22nd December at 7.30pm.

OTHER NOTICES

THANK YOU We hope you enjoyed your mulled wine and mincepies. Thanks to your tremendous support this raised £80 - enough to provide a year's education for a child at the Marist school in the Gambia. Well done!

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**.

PARISH MINISTRIES				
	Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday morning	Counting	Tea and Coffee
This week	9	1	7	1
Next week	10	2	1	2
PARISH MINISTRIES				
	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday evening	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays	Cleaning	Tuesday evening Eucharistic Ministers
This week	1	3	2	5
Next week	2	4	3	1

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 annieteresa@hotmail.com by Thursday midday for inclusion the following Sunday.

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