

ST BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN
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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus,

Mary and Joseph

27th December 2009

Clergy - Fr Steven Parkinson

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

Today Sunday	Mass at 10.00am and 6.00pm
Monday 28 th December	Eucharistic Service 10.00am
Tuesday 29 th December	Mass at 10.00am
Wednesday 30 th December	Mass at 10.00am
Thursday 31 st December	Mass at 10.00am
Friday 1 st January 2010	Mass at 12 noon
Saturday 2 nd January	Confessions and Exposition 11.00am – 12 noon Mass at 12 noon

TODAY

On the Feast of the Holy Family we thank God for the gift of our own families. And in the Lord's incarnation we learn that we do not need to look to the extraordinary to find the presence of God. By his birth as one of us, through the "hidden years" of his life with Mary and Joseph in Nazareth, in His sharing our flesh and blood, God is now where we are. He is found where we live, amongst us and in our family lives. That is why the Church strives for the dignity of the family. Our society so needs families who witness to faith, to finding God in the bits and pieces of daily life and who are committed to each other. We pray for those families for whom life is especially difficult, those whose children suffer illness, and those torn apart by violence or war.

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God 1st January 2010. On New Year's Day the Church celebrates this Feast. The birth of a child is always a sign of hope and makes us realise what a gift life is. The lives of Mary and Jesus are signs of great hope, a vision of justice and peace and a promise of liberation and concern for the common good. The birth of Jesus was the foretaste and cause of Mary's extra-ordinary glory and for us it is the source of our salvation because through her we have received the author of life.

From Fr. Steven. Many thanks for all the cards, greetings, Masses and gifts received over Christmas. Please accept my personal thanks to you all for your kindnesses and support which I find most humbling! All you do for our great community here (so much of it hidden work!) is very much appreciated. May the peace and joy of this season touch our hearts. Every best wish and prayer to you and yours for the new year. God bless you all.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Please note Divine Mercy Meetings will restart in January

OTHER NOTICES

Bishop elect Mark Davies. On Tuesday we received the following message from Bishop Brain: *I am sure you will join me in offering congratulations and prayers to our Vicar General, Mark Davies, who has today been announced as the Co-adjutor Bishop of Shrewsbury. He will be ordained as bishop on February 22nd 2010 at St Anthony's, Wythenshawe. He has been a true and loyal priest in Salford Diocese for 25 years, and we will miss him – and his humour! Our prayers and good wishes will go with him as he begins the next stage in his journey as a priest of the Lord.*

+ Terence J. Brain. Bishop of Salford.

We congratulate our now former Vicar General, currently P.P. of Holy Family Wigan, who many of you may remember recently as P.P. at St. Joseph's Longsight. We assure him of our prayers.

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**.

Ministry of the Word, Mass Readers for January

	1	2	Prayers
10am	James Robinson	Eleanor Pountain	Pat Jones
6pm	Joan Kane	Janice Banks	Bridie Close

If you are unavailable, please arrange a stand-in or contact for 10am Tony Black 445 1788 or for 6pm John Featherstone 432 0501.

PARISH MINISTRIES				
	Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday morning	Counting	Tea and Coffee
This week	10	2	1	2
Next week	11	3	2	3
	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday evening	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays	Cleaning	Tuesday evening Eucharistic Ministers
This week	2	4	3	N/A
Next week	3	5	4	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