

ST BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN
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Feast of the Epiphany,

3rd January 2010

Clergy - Fr Steven Parkinson

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH

Today Sunday	Mass at 10.00am and 6.00pm
Monday 4 th January	Eucharistic Service 9.00am
Tuesday 5 th January	Mass at 7.00pm
Wednesday 6 th January	School Mass at 9.30am
Thursday 7 th January	Mass at 9.00am
Friday 8 th January	Mass at 9.00am
Saturday 9 th January	Confessions and Exposition 11.00am – 12 noon Mass at 12 noon

TODAY

On this feast of the Epiphany we recall the visit of the three kings or Magi to the infant Jesus. The gifts they bring Him show they recognised that this child Jesus was kingly, That he was divine and that he would suffer and die for the life of the whole world. They bring gold a symbol of royalty, they bring frankincense reserved in ancient times to be burned in the worship of God, and they bring myrrh used to anoint bodies for burial.

It is easy to get caught up in the wonderful narrative of today's gospel: stars and kings, journey and searching, newborn babies and gifts. The point of the gospel is even more amazing: God chooses to manifest the mystery of Christ Jesus to all the nations. This of course includes each of us today. Our response is not only to search for Christ amongst us but also to be the revelation of his presence in our world today for we are as St.Paul tells us in the second reading, "members of the same body," and "co-partners" in this promise of God's love.

.....Lots of socks and boxes of chocolates..... **CAFOD** will be happy to receive your surplus Christmas presents for our next event.... There will be a box in the porch for the next few Sundays and many thanks for your year round support.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION £1,626. Many thanks for this generosity which will be used to give support to the many appeals that come to us throughout the year.

Fr. Steven

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN CHILD (SPUC). Next Sunday SPUC is holding the White Flower Appeal.

This year they are campaigning to prevent the advertising of abortion on television. Campaign cards can be collected and sent off to SPUC or left filled in at the back of church and will be sent off together. A retiring collection will taken to support their work.

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DIVINE MERCY MEETINGS recommence this week, Thursday 7th January 7.30pm.

YOUNG AT HEART - These meetings will begin on the afternoon of Monday 18th January. Details next week.

There will be a meeting for Co-ordinators on Thursday 7th January at 7.00pm in the Presbytery.

OTHER NOTICES

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			
Time	Reader 1	Reader 2	Prayers
10.00am	James Robinson	Eleanor Pountain	Pat Jones
6.00pm	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	11	3	2	3
Next week	12	4	3	4
	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday evening	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays	Cleaning	Tuesday evening Eucharistic Ministers
This week	3	5	4	1
Next week	1	6	1	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 Parish Bulletin should be either posted through the Presbytery door or emailed to annieteresa@hotmail.com by Thursday midday for inclusion the following Sunday

Last Sunday

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