



# ST. BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

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PALM SUNDAY

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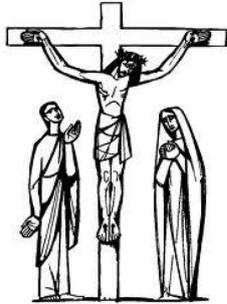
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## HOLY WEEK IN CHURCH

Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> April	Palm Sunday  <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	10.00am 6.00pm 4.00pm	Mass
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Mass of Holy Week	9.00am	Mass
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Mass of Holy Week	6.00-7.00pm 7.00pm	Exposition & Confessions Mass
Spy Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup> April	Requiem: Mary Beehan	10.00am	Mass
Maundy Thursday <i>We remember and keep watch.</i>	5 <sup>th</sup> April	Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by watching with the Lord.  Compline	7.00pm  10.00pm	A Night of remembrance, including the dead of the past year, baptisms & Weddings etc.  (Night Prayer)
Good Friday <i>"By His wounds we have been healed."</i>	6 <sup>th</sup> April  The walk of witness begins at St. Bernard's	<i>Office of Readings &amp; Morning Prayer.</i> Stations of the Cross. <i>Ecumenical Walk of Witness.</i> THE PASSION OF THE LORD	9.00am  10-30am  12.00 Noon  3pm	At 3pm with stand at the foot of the Cross with Our Blessed Lord in His suffering and death.
Holy Saturday <b>In the stillness of the day we wait in anticipation</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> April	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer.  EASTER VIGIL AND FIRST MASS	9.00am  8.00pm	<b>Church then closed for preparations.</b>  The great Mass of Easter, blessing of the fire, candle, water & the receiving of new members
HE IS RISEN.	8 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	10.00am <b>NO EVENING</b>	Mass <b>MASS TODAY</b>

### Holy Father's Intentions for April:

- Vocations. That many young people may hear the call of Christ and follow him in the priesthood and religious life.
- Christ, Hope for Africans. The risen Christ may be a sign of certain hope for the men and women of the African continent.



My dear people, well we have made it, here we are entering into Jerusalem with the Lord and joining with the crowd as they cry Hosanna to the Son of David. I don't know about you but for me Lent seems to have flown past, every week I was just about to get started when suddenly we are here. Life is like that isn't it there always seems to be so much to do and so little time to do it, and to top it all just when you are ready to get started something else pops up. In a way that is what it must have been like for the Scribes and the Pharisees, just when they thought they had sorted everything out with the death of John the Baptist up pops Jesus. They could not cope with the teachings of Jesus, because for them they were very radical. He taught us to call God our Father, he challenged us to love one another, and worse still he spent a lot of time with ordinary people and some of them were great sinners. They thought he should hang out with the elite, do what they did and live like them but Jesus sat down with sinners, cured the incurable sick, forgave and mended people's lives and taught us not to rule but to serve. It strikes me that in today's world we meet a similar attitude: people find it hard to forgive, we set people up so that we can enjoy when they fail, we are totally sceptical when people change their lives, we can give up on people and sadly there are times when people give up on themselves. We can try to be somebody we are not, and this can lead us into a fantasy world where the only person who gets hurt is ourselves. Lack of affirmation, a constant sense of failure, obvious weakness can leave us with low self esteem. Well my little "hot cross buns", Holy Week is about reminding all of us, that we are so incredibly special that Jesus sacrifices His life so that we can feel His power and grace moving us, strengthening us, leading us from this Vale of tears to a truly glorious life gained for us by his suffering and death. Sisters and Brothers, if you are feeling low today, if you are frightened of the future, if the pressure of life is overwhelming at the moment, offer it all to the Lord this Holy Week, remind yourself in the words of St Paul, "When I am weak then I am strong", feel the power, sense the presence, be at peace, Understand that Christ Jesus was so humble that he accepted death, death on the Cross, so that we can be forgiven, so that we can be free, so that death is not the end but rather the beginning of a wonderful new adventure. If you can make the most of Holy Week! God Bless mjk.

+ I offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Beehan who has died aged 62 after a courageous battle with cancer. May she sing with the angels this Easter. +

**Masses received this week:** Annie Mitton, John Codgins Int, Mary Beehan, Ciss Behan, Archbishop Oscar Romero.

**Sick;** please commend to your prayers the sick and housebound of the Parish especially, John O'Brien, Alan O'Donnell, Fr. Vincent Cavey, Fr. Pat Early, Tullio Biasseti, Theresa Nutter, Verity Fairclough, Brian Nuttall, Monica Charnock, Fabrice Muamba, Anthony Callaghan, Stiliyan Petrov, Pat Preston, Marguerita Jones, Mary Payne, Nora Adams, Adam Cooke, Antonio Puro, Sr. Susan Whitehead, Kitty McIntyre, John Walsh,

**EASTER DUTIES:** "Participating in the Sacrament of Holy Communion is the way that we show our faith as Christians and express our unity with the Church, the Body of Christ. The Church, therefore, requires us to receive the Eucharist at least once per year. While this is known as our "Easter Duty," we can perform it any time between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday after Pentecost. Of course, before fulfilling our Easter Duty, it is a good idea to go to Confession, too. Our Parish offers Confession on Saturday mornings and this week on Tuesday too. While you are only required to go to Confession if you are conscious of having committed a mortal sin, frequent Confession, even of venial sins, is a very good practice."

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 30<sup>th</sup> July - 7<sup>th</sup> August;** full details at the back of Church: I would be delighted to hear from you of any nominees you may suggest going on the pilgrimage from the Parish. Dean Connelly from St Kentigan's is leading a Deanery Group, please contact him for details.

**Lenten Alms:** the box to collect your sacrifices is in front of the picture of the Prodigal Son, and this year will go towards the work of Cornerstone and the Morning Star Hostel.

**LENT 2012: BIBLE STUDY.** Thank you to Pastor John Owen and the Ecumenical team for arranging 4 splendid sessions, you missed a treat, here's to the next time.

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** if you have a child for baptism, please let us know ASAP, so we can make the usual arrangements. Our next meeting for Baptism will BE THIS Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April in the Presbytery at 7.30pm.

**Getting married this year?** If you are planning to get married next year and have not seen Father yet, please give him a call.

**Special Anniversaries:** If you are celebrating a special wedding anniversary during the year, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> please let Father know as during the year we will be having a special celebration.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** new boxes of envelopes are ready for collection at the back of Church today: Please collect as soon as possible. The claim for **Gift Aid** offertory contributions will be going in shortly: anyone with any queries, please contact Bernard the coordinator as soon as possible. The scheme welcomes new members anytime; it costs nothing extra on your Tax and is a valuable aid to the Parish

**REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS - YOUNG AT HEART** - Mondays - Parish Hall 1.00pm to 3.00pm ,  
**LEGION OF MARY** - Parish Hall - Tuesdays - 7.45pm, **DIVINE MERCY** - Sacristy - Thursdays - 7.30pm.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH:** we are delighted to welcome into the Church four candidates on Easter Vigil Night. We welcome them with great joy.

**DIARY DATES Cake Sale** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Please help this to be a success by baking and buying a cake or two.

**Plant Sale Sunday** 27<sup>th</sup> May. Please start taking cuttings and also planting seeds in order to make our sale once again a success.

**Race night** - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Doors open 7.00pm. £1.00 adults, 50p children. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are limited so please purchase yours as soon as possible as they are selling quickly and are available in the parish hall after 10.00am Mass or call Bernadette 442 5965. Don't forget you can buy a horse at a bargain price of £2.00 if your horse wins a race you win a prize. Drinks and snacks will be available on the night.

**APF & Mill Hill Missions** (Red Boxes) collectors book ready for collection - Parish Hall.

**CAFOD:** The **Thirst for Change** campaign to bring clean, safe water to millions around the world continues. Please take cards today for family and friends to sign & return them to the bucket in the porch. This will be taken on the CAFOD Walk for Water around Chorlton Water Park on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Many thanks for your support.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD - MASS READERS FOR APRIL					
TIME	READER 1	READER 2	PRAYERS		
10.00am	Tony Black	Diane Donald	Yvonne Tapodi		
6.00pm	Tony Addyman	Irene Edwards	Andrew Smith		
If you are unavailable anytime, please arrange a stand in or contact Tony Black 445 1788					
PARISH MINISTRIES GROUPS					
		Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 10.00am	Counting	Tea /Coffee
This week	1 <sup>st</sup> April	8	5	6	7
Next week	8 <sup>th</sup> April	9	1	7	1
		Eucharistic Ministers Sunday 6.00pm	Eucharistic Ministers Weekdays	Cleaning	Eucharistic Ministers Tuesday 7.00pm
This week	1 <sup>st</sup> April	2a	2	1	3
Next week	8 <sup>th</sup> April	3a	1	2	4
Signed Mass Cards can be obtained from Bridie Close, 44 Shawbrook Rd, during the week or on Sundays from the Bookstall (back of Church) or the Piety Stall (Parish Hall). Items for the Bulletin can be left at the Presbytery or emailed to <a href="mailto:annieteresa@hotmail.com">annieteresa@hotmail.com</a> by Thursday for inclusion the following Sunday.					

#### HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

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**The Christie** - Fr. M. O'Brien - tel: 446 3097

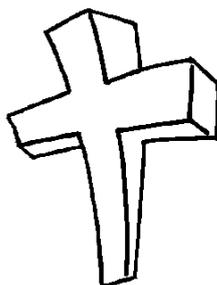
**Wythenshawe Hospital** - Fr Saji Kuriakose and Sr Bernadette - tel: 291 2297

Alternatively ask the ward staff to inform the Chaplain.

## Easter Word Search

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 THORNS

Is the chemical symbol for holy water H2Omg?

A little boy was listening to a long and excessively boring sermon in church. Suddenly the red sanctuary lamp caught his eye. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, "Daddy, when the light turns green can we go?"

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip biscuits. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

A young boy was talking to God and asked God the question, "What is a million years like". God answers back and tells the boy, "A million years is like a second." The boy then asks God, "What is a million dollars like". God replies, "A million dollars is like a penny". So the little boy asks God, "Can I have one of your pennies", to which God replies, "Just a second".

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