

Rotas commencing TODAY Sunday 6th January

Continuity lists are on the Church Notice Board.

Eucharistic Ministers 10am	Eucharistic Ministers 6pm	Readers 10am January	Readers 6pm January	Weekday readers This week	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays
Annie Doherty	Carol Cooper	Trevor Richards	Janice Banks	George Hughes	Pat Jones
Christine Blackburn	Kathy Petty	Thomas McCormack	Irene Edwards	John Press	Liam McMahon
Tony Hennigan	Comfort Mensah	Elizabeth Rowley	Shelagh Bridge		
Pauline Hixon	Little Church		Counting Team	Tea & Coffee	Church Cleaning
Patricia Jones	Pat	10am Offertory	Christine Blackburn	Bridie Close	Bridie Close
Tony Masterson	Bridie	Kathleen Clarke,	Margaret Cox	G Oakley	Barbara Philips
William Onzivu		Mary Thompson	Michael Flatley	V A Doona	Kath Dinan
			Tess Kendrick	Sam Collins	Mary Thompson
			Jane Kendrick		Bridie Burke
			Margaret Arthurs		

FAMILY FLOWERS: Thank you for the continued gifts of flowers for the Church. New flower list at the back of Church; Mary Moran & Family, thank you. And special thanks to our flower team for giving such a wonderful display this Christmas.

NEW DIOCESAN ALMANACS on sale at the back of Church today priced at £3.

How many stars can you count in this Newsletter?

Items for the Bulletin can be left at the Presbytery or emailed to annieteresa@hotmail.com or to michaelkujacz@hotmail.com by Thursday as the Newsletter for inclusion the following Sunday is usually published Friday Morning.

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).

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

Manchester Royal Infirmary & The Christie - Fr. D. Egan tel: 276 4247 (MRI) and 224 1895 (home). -**Wythenshawe Hospital** - Fr Saji Kuriakose and Sr Bernadette - tel: 291 2297 alternatively ask the ward staff to inform the Chaplain. SRCDT Registered Charity



"We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage"



ST. BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday 6th January 2012

THE EPIPHANY



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Week Epiphany: MASS 7/ Creed 11 Sunday P.115 Eucharistic Prayer 1 (p18)

Hymns: 144, 651, 723, 722



Happy Christmas! Today we celebrate the wonderful generosity of God Our Father, who not only sent His Son to redeem His own people, but also the likes of you and me. It is said that the Wise Men followed the Star, and wise men still do today! The star that led the Wise Men has been replaced long ago by the child they came to find. The Jesus of the Manager grows up to be a man like us in all things but sin, he preaches and teaches and then offers His life for us that we may live; he brings us the joy of the Resurrection so that as one door closes on this

life another opens on a life to come. What gift will you bring Him today, what have you got to offer Him from the riches you have received? It is not so much a giving something up, but rather what can you give that will make you a better person in the year ahead. What has been holding you back, what has been your frustration, what talents do you take for granted and what talents have you not discovered yet? God's treasure chest to each and every one of us is hardly open, are you prepared to dig a little deeper, you may be surprised at what is achievable and what still remains in your life to be discovered. You see for the Wise Men when they discovered the Child Jesus the journey was not over, it was just beginning. Never give up on yourself or others, be optimistic and let your faith be a source of fuel to keep you going, follow the Star be true to its impact and be ready to meet the God of surprises! May your New Year, in this Year of Faith draw you ever closer to the Lord; may the prayers of the Blessed Mother of God bring you to know her Son a little more. God Bless mjk

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR January: **General Intention:** That in this Year of Faith Christians may deepen their knowledge of the mystery of Christ and witness joyfully to the gift of faith in him. **Missionary Intention:** That Christian communities of the Middle East, often discriminated against, may receive from the Holy Spirit the strength of fidelity and perseverance

THIS WEEK'S TIMETABLE

Sunday 6 th January (Twelfth Night)	The Epiphany The Coming of the Kings	10.00am Mass 6.00pm
Monday 7 th January	St Raymond of Penyfort	9.30am Mass
Tuesday 8 th	Mass of Christmas	Exposition 6-7pm 7pm
Wednesday 9 th January	Mass of Christmas	9-30am Mass
Thursday 10 th January	Mass of Christmas Funeral Service for John O'Brien	9-30am Mass 10.30am
Friday 11 th January	Mass of Christmas	9-30am Mass
Saturday 12 th January	Exposition and Confessions Mass of Christmas	11-12 Noon 12 Noon Mass
Sunday 13 th January	The Baptism of the Lord	10.00am Mass 6.00pm

+ I offer our prayers and sympathy to the family of Patrick O'Brien who has died aged 83. May he hear the song of the Angels. +

Masses received this week: Stella Shentman, Bernard Black, Winnie Outram, Marion Parker, Ellen Phillips, and Pauline Conley

Sick: please commend to your prayers the sick and housebound of the Parish especially, Josie Nessian, Patricia Garry, Andy Neary, Maureen Barber, Pat Reade, Betty Kelly, Billy Walsh, Peter Hughes, Susan Gradwell, Carolyn Smith, Archbishop Kelly, John Barnes, Sally Kenny, Denny McGuigan, Joe Devlin, Peggy Coyle, Kate Boyle, Noreen Nash, Steven Moorhouse, Helen Macher, Alan O'Donnell, Greta Ferguson, Eileen Tansey, Katherine Mulligan, Dorothy Hampsey, Eddie Hogan, Jean Owen, Mary Whieldon, Agnes Halligan, Delia Connelly and Colin Pearson.

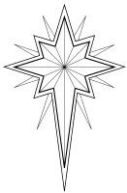


Getting married next year? If you are planning to get married next year please make an appointment: those who have arranged a date already should contact me mid November please. Couples should see Father to pick up forms for Marriage Course ASAP: course starts at St. Kentigan's Centre on Sunday 27th January at 2-30pm.

The Sacrament of Baptism: if you have a child for baptism, please let us know ASAP. Our next meeting for Baptism will be **January 8th** at 7-30pm in the Presbytery.

Last week's Offerings to the Parish: Gift Aid envelopes £256.31
 Non Gift Aid envelopes £121.10
 Loose £229.32
 Total £603.73 Thank you.

CAFOD: Today's great feast day, when Christ is presented to the world, is a very good day to share our blessings with our brothers & sisters in need & the **CAFOD** box is out in support of our **Ethiopian project** ... and another St. Bernard tradition continues ... **CAFOD** will be happy to receive you surplus Christmas gifts for our next event ... a box will be in the porch for the next few weeks. Many Thanks.



Happy New Year to everyone from the Fundraising Group: Will anyone who helped in any way at the Christmas Fair 2012 please contact Bernadette on 0161 442 5965 or see her in the Parish Hall after the 10am mass Our next event is a Race Night on the 15th February -- more details to follow.

Crossing the Threshold North-West - 2 February - Leyland

The Most Rev Patrick Kelly, Archbishop of Liverpool, will host a free resource day to support ministry and outreach to non churchgoing (lapsed) Catholics at St Mary's Catholic Church in Leyland, 2 February 2013. The day will run from 10am - 4pm, with tea and coffee served from 9.30am. Bishop Michael Campbell OSA (Lancaster) will give the main talk and Bishop Terence Brain (Salford) will also be in attendance. The Programme includes Mass, talks, workshops, sharing time, stalls and much more. The event is primarily being offered for people in the Liverpool, Salford and Lancaster dioceses, but attendees from further afield are very welcome. To register your place and to find out more please email your name to mission.volunteer@cbcew.org.uk or telephone the Home Mission Desk on 0207 901 4818. (We have one going so far, still room in the Car)

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