

**ST BERNARD'S PARISH BULLETIN**  
**BURNAGE, MANCHESTER, M19 1DR**

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**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**GAUDETE SUNDAY — REJOICE SUNDAY**

**13<sup>th</sup> December 2009**

**Clergy - Fr Steven Parkinson**

**THIS WEEK IN CHURCH**

Today - Sunday	Mass at 10.00am and 6.00pm
Monday	Eucharistic Service 9.00am
Tuesday	Mass at 7.00pm
Wednesday	Requiem Mass at 10.00am Margaret McCrory R.I.P
Thursday	Mass at 9.00am                      Advent Penance Service 7.30pm
Friday	School Mass 9.30am
Saturday	Confessions and Exposition 11.00am – 12 noon Mass at 12 noon

**TODAY**

This Sunday is called "Gaudete" Sunday — "Rejoice Sunday". This comes from the readings we hear today, and it underlines an important point. In the Gospel, we hear John the Baptist telling different groups what to do - they must repent, and change their lives. We might think of this as a rather joyless thing - something which is hard and unrewarding. The message of this Sunday is that repentance and changing our lives to welcome Jesus is something richly joyful. When we are planning to welcome anyone we love to our homes, we set about cleaning and preparing for their visit with enthusiasm - nothing is too much trouble for someone we care for greatly. Even scrubbing the bath or polishing the furniture can be a happy and joyful thing! The message of this Sunday is that preparing to welcome the Lord - even though it may involve hard work - is something utterly joyful, because of our love for Him, and His love for us.

Welcome to Clarissa Collins who was baptised here last Sunday

**Just the thing on a cold and frosty morning HOT MINCE PIES & MULLED WINE** today after Mass, in aid of the Marist school in the Gambia where Katie Richards worked last Summer.

Today after Mass our young people will be walking the 4 miles to the Marist Youth Centre, Nell Lane. All this effort is because they wish to travel to Lourdes next July. Spare an odd copper for their bucket! Thanks

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make the Christmas fair once again a great success. The total raised was £3800, WELL DONE. Please ring 0161 442 5965 in order for you to obtain your prize. List of all Raffle Prize Winners at the back of Church. Next meeting will be in January to see where we could improve - date to be arranged. Have a great Christmas. The Fund Raising Group.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**Christmas Mass Times** Christmas Eve 6pm and 8pm. Christmas Day 10am.

**Please note Divine Mercy Meetings will restart in January**

**Barlow High School's** party for Senior Citizens party will be held on Thursday 17th December start time 1.15pm for the people who signed the list at back of church.

Thursday evening Penance Service 7.30pm.

**Friday 18 December is Panto Night** - please be outside church for 6.15pm. Your coach

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number will be on your ticket. Any problems please contact Ann on 442 5259.

Boys and girls, mums and dad, aunts, uncles and grandparents, join us for the Christmas family afternoon Sunday 20 December 2.00pm - 5.00pm.

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

### OTHER NOTICES

**There is still time to order a CAFOD World Gift** full details on the CAFOD noticeboard.

Eileen and Liam McMahon acknowledge a total of £166 and 29 garments received from members and forwarded to **Catholic Family Care**.

**'ONE IN A MILLION'** Francis House Hospice. Eileen McMahon and Mrs Pat Jones wish to thank Parishioners for contributions totalling £75.00 which has been forwarded on to the Hospice.

**BAPTISM** - Parents wishing to have their child baptised, please make initial enquiry to Fr Steven following any Sunday Mass.

### Job Vacancy - Caritas Diocese of Salford - Director

Are seeking a person to help work throughout the Diocese of Salford in raising awareness of the work of the new charity, Caritas Diocese of Salford which has been formed to encourage and support parochial and diocesan involvement in the practice of corporal works of mercy. We are called to serve God and to see Him in those in need. Every initiative is part of the local church, the Diocese. You will be expected to inspire and awareness of this vision and have good management skills to allow local initiatives and to provide the conduit for professional support and advice. If you are a dynamic and highly motivated individual with natural leadership abilities to fulfil this important role, please contact Lorraine Leonard for a full job description and application pack on 817 2205 or email [lorraine.leonard@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:lorraine.leonard@dioceseofsalford.org.uk).

All rotas are now printed in full on the **Parish Ministries Board**.

<b>PARISH MINISTRIES</b>				
	Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday morning	Counting	Tea and Coffee
This week	8	6	6	6
Next week	9	1	7	1
<b>PARISH MINISTRIES</b>				
	Eucharistic Ministers Sunday evening	Eucharistic Ministers weekdays	Cleaning	Tuesday evening Eucharistic Ministers
This week	3	2	1	4
Next week	1	3	2	5

By request Cleaning groups whilst remaining the same have been renumbered! Rotas on the Parish Ministries noticeboard.

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](mailto:annieteresa@hotmail.com) by Thursday midday for inclusion the following Sunday.

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