

Refreshments are available after 9am Sunday Mass in the St Bernard's hall. Thank you to the volunteers who facilitate this.



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Waterside Parish NEWSLETTER

Sunday 2nd April 2023: PALM SUNDAY (YEAR A)

Sunday Masses: 9am at St Bernard's and 11am at St Michael's

Weekday Masses: Monday - 9am Mass & 12.30pm Funeral of Edwardina Miller at St Michael's

**Wednesday - 9am at St Bernard's with Eucharistic Adoration after Mass
and Grandparents' Group 9.30 – 11am**

Easter Triduum Services:

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper - 6th April 7.30pm at St Michael's

(Registers for Watching with Our Lord after Mass until 11.55pm are located at both churches)

Friday of the Passion of Our Lord – 7th April, 3pm at St Michael's

Saturday 8th April Children's Service - 2.00pm, at St Michael's

blessing of Easter Food followed by an Easter Garden workshop (*Children should bring a plastic/crockery plate, a small flowerpot/ yoghurt pot, large stone to seal the pot*) until 3.30pm

Saturday 8th April Easter Vigil Mass – 8.30pm at St Bernard's

Easter Sunday 9th April – 9am St Bernard's and 11am St Michael's

We have two specific opportunities each year to thank our parish priest for his service to our parish. The Easter gift is one of those; a time when we can thank our wonderful role model, Father Paul, who has accepted God's invitation: "to gain the kingdom one must give everything. Words are not enough, deeds are required." (CCC 546). Let us all take this opportunity to express our gratitude with a generous gift as well as our continued support for Father Paul in his ministry. The Diocese has now provided an online-giving link as follows:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/waterside-st-bernard-and-st-michael-catholic-parish-easter-collection-2023>

Good Friday Collection for Holy Places; approximately 150,000 Christians live in the Holy Land, struggling to survive in a volatile political environment, this appeal helps providing education, housing and humanitarian support, thus safeguarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. The online link to be used (between 2nd and 16th April) is:

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/holy-land-second-collection-2023>

PLANT SALE

We hope to hold the plant sale this year on **Saturday 13th May**. Put the date in your diaries; it will soon be time to start sowing a few seeds or digging up any surplus plants. Spring is on the way!!

Contact:

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Music will again be provided at the plant sale by Mike Slipper's Jazz Band.

100 Club

The next draw for the 100 club will take place today, after the 9.00am Mass at St Bernard's church.

Collections 26th March:

St Michael's £83.55

St Bernard's £71.29

Envelopes £161.00

On **27th March** Pope Francis said:

"We need to be cleansed of all the dust that has sullied our hearts. How? Prayer, fasting, works of mercy: this is the journey of #Lent."
@Pontifex

We keep in our prayers the sick and housebound members of the parish:

John Allen

Please note that a GDPR issue has been drawn to our attention. We must now have express permission from the sick person to name him or her in this section of the parish newsletter. If we don't have a signed Parish Registration Form, it will be very difficult to include the sick in this section of the newsletter.

We pray for the dear departed of the parish, including Edwardina (Edna) Miller whose funeral will be at St Michael's tomorrow, Patricia Holdaway who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur this week:

2nd: Tom Perkins (2003)

3rd: Mary Douse (1984) Ann Boyes (2016)

4th: Joanne Middleton (1968) Rose Walker (1998) Joseph Shanley (2000) Helen Farrelly (2013) Helga Butler (2022)

5th: Teresa Brimble (1969) Kenneth Sycamore (1978) Hugh Gaunt (1992) Conchita De Pons Alegret (1993) David Parkinson (2019)

6th: Stanley Twiss (1998)

7th: Francis Dolan (1995)

8th: Suzane Gache (1981) Gilbert Myland (2011)

Pious tradition holds that Jesus promised St. Gertrude that a thousand souls would be released from purgatory each time the following prayer is said devoutly: "Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."

ADVANCE NOTICE OF WORKS AT ST BERNARD'S CHURCH

After the Easter Sunday services, works will commence at St Bernard's to reinstate the Sanctuary to its original position.

These works were discussed and approved at the last meeting of the Parish Pastoral Committee, having been proposed by Father Paul to remedy the current situation in which the members of the congregation face each other rather than the Altar. The current layout is confusing, rather than welcoming, for visitors on first entering the church and this can be remedied at no cost to the parish by the kind donation of time, skills and materials by some of our parishioners. If anyone has any queries, please feel free to raise the same with Father Paul.

** Please note that there will be no Mass, no Adoration and no Grandparents' Group on Wednesday 12th April.**

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

17TH JULY 2023 – 4 NIGHTS

BY AIR FROM BOURNEMOUTH AIRPORT

£799 PER PERSON FULL BOARD

FOR INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS PLEASE CONTACT:

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Poppy display - An early request!

It has been suggested that we create a poppy display at each of our churches for Remembrance Sunday. This will require a number of 2 litre plastic bottles for the stem. As such, this is early notice to start saving any suitable bottles for delivery to St Bernard's please.

SPUC PRAYER RELAY

Our SPUC representative, Keith Goode, is organising a local prayer relay on Thursday 27th April in support of a National Prayer Campaign for an end to the culture of death and for a flourishing of the culture of life in this country. Please either speak to Keith, or contact the office, if you wish to participate.

On Friday 24th March there was a beautiful service of the Stations of the Cross ably led by some of the young people of our parish. It was an opportunity for families who cannot attend the morning devotion, due to work or school attendance, to reflect upon Our Lord's Passion as a parish group together.

Many thanks to all those who took part and supported the service and to Gosia for arranging it.