

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 9th April 2023: EASTER SUNDAY (YEAR A)

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

Weekday Masses: Thursday, Friday and Saturday - 9am at St Michael's (NOT MONDAY)

No Mass, Adoration or Grandparents' Group on Wednesday owing to scheduled works at St Bernard's

Confessions: Saturday after 9am Mass (St Michael's) Confession is an act of honesty and courage - an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God. Pope John Paul II

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>

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

Congratulations to the winners in the April Draw:

1st Prize	Monica West £97.50
2nd Prize	Didier Raffray £58.50
3rd Prize	Brenda Ellison £39.00

For the months of January, February and March of this year the 100 club has raised £560 for parish funds. Thank you to everyone for their support. If other parishioners or their friends and family would like to support the parish in this way, there are forms at the back of each church.

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 3rd April Pope Francis said:

"God chose to enter into our human history in the most difficult way possible: the cross. This way, no one could ever be so desperate and not to be able to find Him, even in the midst of anguish and abandonment. God arrived in the very place we didn't think He could be."
@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 and for those whose anniversaries occur this week:

9th: Annie Parker (1978) Edward Coughlan (1981)

12th: Marjorie Chiddle (1988) Eileen Shimmon (1991)

14th: John Hepplewhite (2013)

15th: Dorothy Slightam (1988) Helen Cowhig (1990)

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."

Collections 2nd April:

St Michael's £63.00

St Bernard's £83.20

Envelopes £139.61

Poppy display

Thank you to all who have so far contributed, please continue to bring your 2 litre plastic bottles for our Remembrance Sunday display.

"I know well that the greater and more beautiful the work is, the more terrible will be the storms that rage against it."

St. Faustina

MISSIO

Thank you to everyone who returned their Red Boxes last month for counting, and also those who contribute by making direct donations.

In 2022, Waterside parish raised **£803.21** through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here in Waterside parish is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of projects such as the Funding Mission station in Cameroon has enabled Fr Leon, a Mill Hill Missionary, to help children learn in a safe environment and instil values that empower them to turn away from conflict and towards faith in God. Visit missio.org.uk to find out about how your support changes lives for the better

S.D. Mechtilde of the Blessed

Sacrament

(1614 to 1698)

French nun and the founder of the order of Benedictine Nuns Of Perpetual Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament:

"Remain faithfully in the presence of God and do not regret that you cannot do anything. It is Jesus Christ who lives in us; we must only cling to Him with humility and simplicity of heart and spirit (. . .) Do not resist being in the presence of God without doing anything. He wants you silent and humble. You do so much already if you leave and surrender yourself to His might. Just be faithful! Do not be concerned too much about your distractions; let them pass by, and remain humbly at Jesus' feet, and count yourself unworthy to receive His graces."

URGENT - ACTION ALERT 🔥 STOP THE 14-DAY LIMIT ON EXPERIMENTING ON EMBRYOS BEING REMOVED

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) has launched a consultation prior to making recommendations to change fertility treatment and embryo research. In the consultation, the HFEA makes the case for doubling the time limit for research to when an embryo / unborn baby is 28-days old.

At around 22 days, the central nervous system begins to form and by 28 days the heart has begun to beat, the brain has begun to develop and a baby's eyes, ears and nose have started to emerge.

Our current legislation already allows inhumane experimentation on unborn babies up to 14-days post conception. This proposed change would make the situation even worse.

Right to Life have prepared some helpful guidance on why we should respond negatively to this consultation and seize this opportunity to defend innocent lives. If you can, please follow the link below to make known the strength of feeling against the appalling abuse of carrying out "research" using human embryos:

[Respond to the HFEA consultation on reviewing the law on fertility treatment regulation and embryo research \(righttolife.org.uk\)](https://www.righttolife.org.uk/consultation)

IN BRIEF: SUMMARY OF FIVE SUBMISSIONS MADE REGARDING OUR PARISH FUTURE

- 1 More groups – First Holy Communion candidates; parents applying for Baptism of children; ALPHA; parish outreach (SVP); discussion groups during Lent and Advent; Young Men’s Group; catechesis; Parent and Toddler group; Prayer Groups (perhaps online as well as in person); Basic Cookery classes and Events Coordination.
- 2 Reaching out to the wider community eg Churches Together, Warm Café, Luncheon Club for the elderly.
- 3 An “A board” outside the churches on Sundays promoting our regular activities.
- 4 Would a sewing group like to add to the seasonal tapestries available?
- 5 Greater use of the church hall (flower arranging/instruction, bric a brac sales, parent & toddler groups). [*This will necessitate the appointment of a caretaker or similar role to manage access to the building.*]
- 6 A “job fayre” to summarise key roles which are currently vacant (e.g. Health & Safety manager/sacristan/caretaker) as well as other roles where more volunteers are needed (e.g. cleaning/flower arranging/linen washing). Many key jobs within the parish may seem dull, but our small number of volunteers are currently working to capacity just to keep the parish running.
- 7 A coordinator is needed for linking people and their ideas (your parish secretary is willing to do this, it naturally falls within her remit, but some help will be needed with the additional roles which she fulfils).
- 8 The Diocesan course on discerning charisms is recommended – or can we run an abbreviated form of this, free of charge, in house?
- 9 CaFE resources are available for a Belong & Believe course. Possibly other courses can follow.
- 10 A focus on reverence for the sacred liturgy – “If the sense of the sacred were to be completely lost, the soil, or the climate, in which the act of faith blossoms, would be missing for His people.” (Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa). This must be our focus, Christ must be our centre, not the individuals who are here now.

Specifically as regards preparation for a wider “parish” (we will be linked with Brockenhurst, Fordingbridge, Lymington, Lyndhurst, Milford-on-Sea, New Milton and Ringwood):

- 11 What do we currently do well, which we can promote within the new parish?
- 12 What do we lack?
- 13 How would we like what is lacking to be addressed?
- 14 What ideas do we have for engaging with young people and families (the future of the church)? [*Note - Only one family group has so far contributed to the request for ideas and suggestions for our parish future!*]
- 15 Are parishioners willing to provide transport for Mass to parishioners who don’t drive? The parish is prohibited from formally coordinating such arrangements for insurance reasons! When we are a one-church parish, we should consider local bus timetables in setting times for Mass and other services/groups.

MASS READINGS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 10:34,37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days

afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand.

Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm: This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Sequence: Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain,
yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary:
say what thou didst see
upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.