

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 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023: 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Mass: 10am at St Bernard's and 11am at St Michael's

Weekday Masses: Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday - 9am at St Michael's

Wednesday – 9am at St Bernard's followed by Adoration and Grandparents' Group

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 10am at St Bernard's – Cooking with Fe (£5 each, everyone welcome)

**Confessions: Saturday after 9am Mass (St Michael's)** "When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity." **Jesus to St Faustina**

### Reading of the Word Ministry

Are you thinking about becoming a Reader of the Word? If you are please come along to a **training session on July 4th, 10am at St. Michael's**. If you are unable to make that date please contact Fr Paul, Deacon Ian, Louise Blacker (St Michael's) or Helen Kitson (St Bernard's) to talk about joining this important ministry. Thank you.

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June:

The Church annually celebrates the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and immediately afterwards, the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Pope Benedict XVI explained on the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, "**The heart that resembles that of Christ** more than any other is without a doubt the **Heart of Mary**, his Immaculate Mother, and for this very reason the liturgy holds them up together for our veneration."

The Heart of Mary is so intimately in union with the Heart of Jesus that one cannot be separated from the other.

If we desire to deepen our love of God, go first to Mary and she will lead us along the surest path to the Heart of her Son.

### Second collections

**Today** (18<sup>th</sup> June) we have a second collection for the **Day for Life** and on 2<sup>nd</sup> July Peter's Pence.

**Our Second Collection this Sunday is in support of the Day for Life initiative, dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.**

**The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death.**



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

John Allen, Pauline Moore, Kathleen Ketley, Mike Slipper and Paola McCarthy

*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:**

18<sup>th</sup>: Edith Jones (1985)

20<sup>th</sup>: Catherine McLean (2006) Moira Longridge (2006)

13<sup>th</sup>: Margaret Ashton (1998) Elizabeth Stride (2008)

21<sup>st</sup>: Frederick Giles (1996)

22<sup>nd</sup>: Catherine Cockton (2014)

23<sup>rd</sup>: Lilian Bates (1984)

24<sup>th</sup>: Elizabeth Daley (2000) Paul Sherrington (2001) Kathleen Cummings (2010)

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."

**A COACH TRIP TO THE NATIONAL GALLERY IN LONDON 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

There is an exhibition at the National Gallery depicting the life and legacy of St Francis of Assisi, with various works of art and artifacts from around the world on display. The St Francis of Assisi parish in Milford on Sea has organised a visit to the exhibition and THERE ARE SOME SEATS LEFT.

If you would like to join them, please contact the parish office in Lymington a.s.a.p. Email [office@lymbrockmil.org.uk](mailto:office@lymbrockmil.org.uk) or telephone 01590 676696.

The cost is £25 for your seat on the coach. There is no charge for the National Gallery.

The pick-up points are the churches in Milford, Brockenhurst and Lymington at 9am and return at 7pm.

**70 Years a Priest!**

From Bishop Philip: "Many congratulations to Canon Peter Wilkie who has just celebrated his 70th anniversary of ordination as a priest! Canon Peter was ordained on 4th June 1953 at St Agatha's in Kingston-on-Thames by Archbishop John Henry King, who went over specially to his home parish to celebrate the ordination. Many will remember him from his ministry at St Swithun's, Southsea, the Cathedral, St Joseph's, Bracknell, Sacred Heart, Bournemouth, St Bernard's, Holbury, St James', Reading, St Edward's, Chandlers Ford, Our Lady of Sorrows and St Philip Benizi, Fordingbridge, and St Francis of Assisi, Milford-on-Sea. In addition, he was Chaplain to Winchester Prison for 20 years. He became a Canon of the Cathedral Chapter in 1989. When he was at Beaumont College, he played cricket against the Oratory at Lords. – the only Portsmouth priest to do so! So, congratulations to Canon Peter – *ad multos annos!*"

We remember Canon Peter in our prayers in thanking God for the gift of his vocation to our Diocese.



**Collection 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023:**

St Bernard's £199.40

Envelopes £72.50

Donations received directly into the parish bank account for May amounted to £992



Don't forget the opportunity to join public recitation of the rosary at Hythe Promenade on Wednesdays at 1.30pm! This is part of the UK Prays organisation which says: "We pray the Rosary for cohesion and reconciliation in society, for peace, and true freedom. We pray for the people, for the rulers, and for the kingship of our Lord Jesus Christ in society. At the same time always for the freedom of the Church, for the clergy, for the bishops, for the Pope, and in reparation for the sins committed against God Almighty and His Holy Mother. In particular we pray for the Pope to consecrate Russia to Her Immaculate Heart as Our Lady requested in Fatima."

*Some Catechism in a Year thoughts from Fr Mike Schmitz:*

The glory given to God when we participate in the Sacraments is a real participation in time of what is happening in eternity. \*\* The altar is where time and eternity meet. \*\* If we think about what is happening when we celebrate the Eucharist, the way we approach it will be dramatically changed!

Reflections on this Sunday's readings from Dr Scott Hahn, as recommended by Bishop Philip:

[Kingdom of Priests: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – St. Paul Center \(stpaulcenter.com\)](#)

The words God speaks to Israel in today's First Reading are intended for us as well.

The Church is the fulfillment of God's covenant promises to Israel—a kingdom of priests and a holy nation (see [Deuteronomy 26:19](#); [Isaiah 62:12](#)).

In the Church, we have been gathered as the new “Israel of God” (see [Galatians 6:16](#)). He has made us His own people, the flock He tends, as we sing in today's Psalm.

Moses was Israel's first shepherd (see [Exodus 3:1](#)). With the Promised Land in view, he prayed that God would raise up a successor so that God's people would not be left as sheep without a shepherd (see [Numbers 27:17](#)). These same words are used in today's Gospel to describe Jesus' pity for the crowds, who are “troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd.” Israel's shepherds—the Pharisees and scribes—had abandoned and misled the people through their hypocrisy and spiritual blindness (see [Matthew 23:1–36](#); [Jeremiah 50:6](#)).

But God had long before promised that He Himself would come and save His sheep—searching over the whole earth where they had been scattered “for lack of a shepherd” (see [Ezekiel 34:1–24](#)).

Jesus is the new Moses and new David promised by the prophets, a divine shepherd-king sent to restore God's priestly kingdom (see [John 10:11](#)).

As Moses commissioned Joshua as his successor, so we see Jesus today giving the Twelve His powers and authority (see [Matthew 9:35](#); [10:1](#)). In God's plan, they are to seek out the lost sheep of Israel first and then bring all nations into the fold (see [Acts 13:46](#); [Romans 1:16](#)).

Together we have been saved and reconciled to God, as we hear in today's Epistle. As He delivered Israel, He has also made us a kingdom of priests in the Church (see [Revelation 1:6](#)).

So we come in this Mass to serve Him with gladness, to praise His kindness, which endures forever.

In this month of June, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, you might like to pray the Litany to the Sacred Heart:

[Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus \(aletteia.org\)](#)

“Various authors created parts of the litany, with a final version approved in 1899 by Pope Leo XIII. The Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus includes 33 invocations, one for every year of Jesus' life.” (aletteia.org)

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## MASS READINGS FOR THE 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **First Reading: Exodus 19:2-6**

From Rephidim the sons of Israel set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

**Responsorial Psalm:** We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

### **Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11**

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger?

When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

### **Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8**

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'