

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 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023: 12<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**

**AND Thursday, Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles (a Holy day of Obligation) 7pm at St Bernard's**

**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.

### Second collection

Next Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, we have a second collection for Peter's Pence. "The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See." For more information see: [https://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/secretariat\\_state/obolo\\_spietro/documents/actual\\_en.html](https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/secretariat_state/obolo_spietro/documents/actual_en.html) and <http://www.peterspence.va/en.html>

**Next Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June, is a Holy Day of Obligation, celebrating two great martyrs of our universal church – Saints Peter and Paul.**

**We will have Mass at 9am at St Michael's and at 7pm at St Bernard's.**

**Happy feast day to Father Paul!**

"As we honour these two pillars of the Church, recall the fact that, though they are great saints, they were also ordinary men called to extraordinary vocations. They responded and God used them in ways they could have never imagined. Ponder your own calling in light of theirs and resolve to lay your life down for the Church, joining yourself to these two men so that God can continue their holy mission through you.

"Saints Peter and Paul, once Christ called you, you responded with total abandonment to His holy will. Through you, the Church was founded and began to grow. Please pray for me, that I will fully devote myself to the ongoing mission of the Church, so that God can use me according to His holy will. Saints Peter and Paul, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You."

<https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/june-29-saints-peter-and-paul-apostles-solemnity/>

### 100 Club

The next draw for the 100 Club will be Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July after the 9.00am Mass at St Bernard's church.

**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:**

25<sup>th</sup>: Patricia Michalowski (1999) David Buckley (2004) Lorraine Shearing (2011)

26<sup>th</sup>: Elizabeth Stride (2008)

27<sup>th</sup>: Paul Archer (1988) Amelia Flowers (2002) Patrick O Doherty (2016)

28<sup>th</sup>: Sydney Woolnough (1998)

30<sup>th</sup>: Kevin O'Neill (1979) Jessica Shea (1982) Emma Haggard (1984)

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."



**Cooking with Fe**

Thank you to Fe for demonstrating how to produce a delicious pork chow mien last Tuesday – as seen on the left.

The next **Cooking with Fe** class will be on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July**, 10am in the St Bernard's hall, when Fe will be demonstrating a Thai chicken curry. Everyone is welcome!

Bishop Philip also recommends a short video from Fr. Mike Schmitz, a priest for the Diocese of Duluth, MN in the USA, currently University Chaplain at the University of Minnesota-Duluth and also the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for his Diocese. In this short video message, he discusses the difference between one's perception of gender and gender reality. Gender stereotypes have altered our perception of what it means to be a man or a woman, but it is unhealthy to expect reality to conform to our perceptions. If there is someone in your life struggling with gender identity, or any other brokenness, Fr. Mike encourages you to be there for them.

[The Transgender Question - YouTube](#)

**A book recommendation from Bishop Philip: "The Priesthood - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" by the Confraternity of Catholic Bishops.**

"Two bishops and three priests offer a series of brilliant insights into the Catholic priesthood – its past, present and future. These essays examine the identity of the priest, his spirituality, his role in the liturgy and the challenges which he faces in contemporary society – always with an eye on what can be learnt from our past."

**Collections 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023:**

St Michael's £137.70

St Bernard's £119.83

Envelopes £149.50

Day for Life £79.00

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."

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

Our commitment to Christ will be put to the test. We will hear whispered warnings and denunciations, as Jeremiah does in today's First Reading. Even so-called friends will try to trap and trip us up.

For His sake we will bear insults and be made outcasts—even in our own homes, we hear in today's Psalm.

As Jeremiah tells us, we must expect that God will challenge our faith in Him, and probe our minds and hearts, to test the depths of our love.

“Do not be afraid,” Jesus assures us three times in today's Gospel.

Though He may permit us to suffer for our faith, our Father will never forget or abandon us. As Jesus assures us today, everything unfolds in His providence, under His watchful gaze—even the falling of the tiniest sparrow to the ground. Each one of us is precious to Him.

Steadfast in this faith, we must resist the tactics of Satan. He is the enemy who seeks the ruin of our soul in Gehenna, or hell.

We are to seek God, as the Psalmist says. Zeal for the Lord's house, for the heavenly kingdom of the Father, should consume us, as it consumed Jesus (see [John 2:17](#)). As Jesus bore the insults of those who blasphemed God, so should we (see [Romans 15:3](#)).

By the gracious gift of Himself, Jesus bore the transgressions of the world, Paul tells us in today's Epistle. In rising from the dead, He has shown us that God rescues the life of the poor, that He does not spurn His own when they are in distress. In His great mercy, He will turn toward us, as well. He will deliver us from the power of the wicked.

That is why we proclaim His name from the housetops, as Jesus tells us. That is why we sing praise and offer thanksgiving in every Eucharist. We are confident in Jesus' promise—that we who declare our faith in Him before others will be remembered before our heavenly Father.

[Be Not Afraid: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – St. Paul Center \(stpaulcenter.com\)](#)

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 \(aleteia.org\)](#)

“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.” (aletia.org)

Bishop Philip's eNews shares a link to hear this litany sung beautifully by the Benedictine monks of Solesmes:

[Les litanies du Sacré Cœur - YouTube](#)

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## MASS READINGS FOR THE 12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **First Reading:                   Jeremiah 20:10-13**

Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, “‘Terror from every side!’ Denounce him! Let us denounce him!’ All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, ‘Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!’ But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

**Responsorial Psalm:**In your great love, answer me, O Lord.

### **Second Reading:               Romans 5:12-15**

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

**Gospel Acclamation:**       Alleluia, Alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

### **Gospel:                           Matthew 10:26-33**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.’