

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 July 2023: 13th 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

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

A reminder that a training session has been arranged for our Ministers of the Word, and for those interested in joining the Ministry, on **July 4th, 10am at St. Michael's.**

Collections 25th June 2023:

St Michael's £40.20
St Bernard's £78.31
Envelopes £168.00

100 Club

The next draw for the 100 Club will be today after the 9.00am Mass at St Bernard's church.

Second collections

Today 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

and <http://www.peterspence.va/en.html>

Next week (9th July) is Sea Sunday: *Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.*

Also this month: *Icons of Mary (Saturday 15th July) and Cooking with Fe (Tuesday 18th July).* If anyone would like more information about these groups, please contact Jo, Fe or the parish office. Father Paul or Deacon Ian will be able to direct you if you are unsure who to approach!

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:

3rd: George Mintram (1976) Joseph Gilsennan (1979) Martha Sherred (2007)

4th: Harry Parker (1970) Doreen Baker (1994) Mary Perkins (1999) Gloria Lorimer (2001)

5th: Dennis Clapham (1983) Jan Lis (2001) Neil Tisdale (2014)

6th: Terence Francis (2013)

8th: Josephine Pike (1991) Maria Havis (2000) George Kerr (2001) Mario Ghiradello (2003) Angela Humphrey (2012)

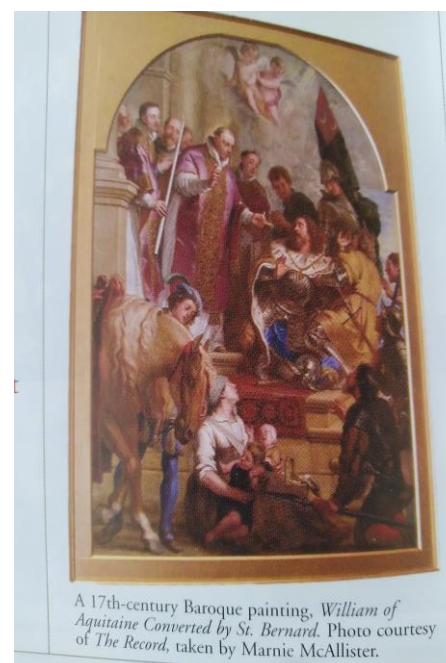
Pious tradition holds that Jesus promised St. Gertrude that a thousand souls would be released from purgatory each time the following prayer is said devoutly: "Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for 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 Eucharistic Miracle of St Bernard of Clairvaux

The Duke of Aquitaine had separated himself from the Catholic Church and showed no intention of returning. After celebrating Mass one day, St Bernard went to the duke and presented the Blessed Sacrament to him. The duke, deeply moved by a mysterious force, fell to his knees begging for forgiveness for having left the Church.

St Bernard told the duke "We pleaded with you and your ridiculed us. Now He, the Son of the Virgin, the Lord of the Church, He Whom you persecute, has come to you. Behold, you have here before you the Judge in whose hands you will one day find your soul. Do you dare reject Him as you have rejected His servant? Resist Him if you can!"

Let us pray that we will feel moved by this same mysterious force when we approach the Blessed Sacrament, a gift which we are at liberty to receive frequently!



A 17th-century Baroque painting, William of Aquitaine Converted by St. Bernard. Photo courtesy of The Record, taken by Marnie McAllister.

Synod Working Document Released

Last week, the Vatican published the *Instrumentum Laboris*, the working document for the October Synod on Synodality. Sixty pages long, it incorporates the experiences of local churches in every region of the world and will form the basis for the work of the participants in the Synod, which begins this October and concludes with a second Assembly next year, 2024. Here is a link to the document: ["Instrumentum laboris" della XVI Assemblea Generale Ordinaria del Sinodo dei Vescovi \(vatican.va\)](https://www.vatican.va/synodology/documents/2023/10/12/instrumentum-laboris_en.html)



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:

The liturgy this week continues to instruct us in the elements of discipleship. We're told that even the most humble among us have a share in the mission Christ gives to His Church.

We're not all called to the ministry of the Apostles or to be prophets like Elisha in today's First Reading. But each of us is called to a holy life (see [2 Timothy 1:9](#); [1 Thessalonians 4:3](#)).

At Baptism, our lives were joined forever to the Cross of Christ, as Paul tells us in today's Epistle. Baptised into His death, we're to renounce sin and live for God in Christ Jesus.

We are to follow Him, each of us taking up our personal cross, as Jesus says in today's Gospel. That doesn't mean we will all be asked to suffer a martyr's death. But each of us is called to self-denial, to the offering of our lives in service of God's plan.

Jesus must be elevated to first place in our lives—above even our closest bonds of kinship and love. By Baptism, we've been made part of a new family: the kingdom of God, the Church. We are to proclaim that kingdom with our lives, bringing our fathers, our mothers, and all men and women to live as little ones under the fatherhood of God and the kingship of the Holy One.

We do this by opening our hearts and homes to the service of the Lord, following the Shunnamite woman's example in today's First Reading. As Jesus tells us, we're to receive others—not only prophets but also little children, the poor, and the imprisoned—as we receive Christ Himself (see [Matthew 18:5](#); [25:31–46](#)). As we sing in today's Psalm, we are to testify to His favours and kindness in our lives.

We're to hold fast to the promise—that if we have died with Christ, we shall also live, that if we lose our lives for His sake, we shall find our reward and walk forever in His countenance.

[Sunday Bible Reflections – St. Paul Center \(stpaulcenter.com\)](#)

For further reflection on this week's readings, see also the Diocesan website [The Liturgy Project](#).

The Bishop also promotes a [new formation section](#) on the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation going through all the parts of the celebration. This sacrament comes from God's desire to forgive our sins, no matter what they may be, and give us his grace to live our lives more closely conformed to Jesus Christ. It is a sacrament of encountering God's mercy, love, and peace. There is also an examination of conscience to assist us in celebrating the sacrament in a fruitful manner. As always, if there are liturgical questions, please do submit them on the website.

Cardboard boxes request!

Your parish secretary is in need of a few cardboard boxes, up to approximately 30x30x30cm (much bigger and she struggles to lift these!), for posting books which are currently stored at St Bernard's to an online retailer. The proceeds are paid into the parish account and having to buy boxes depletes profits. Any appropriately sized boxes can be left at the back of either church. Thank you.

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MASS READINGS FOR THE 13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4,8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'