

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 6th August 2023: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Sunday Mass: 9am 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**

Parish Secretary and Health & Safety roles

Thank you to the two parishioners who have put themselves forward to explore the possibility of relieving me of some of the parish duties which I have been undertaking.

Assuming that these kind volunteers are willing to commit to supporting the parish, there will be some elements of the several different roles which I have fulfilled which remain vacant; please can I ask if anybody else is willing to take pity on my children and assume some elements of my workload?!

I have worked very hard to bring the administration up to date so that the role of parish secretary should now be more straightforward than it has been for the past two years. A team of people relieving me of my current responsibilities will mean that nobody has to spend the number of hours which I have been investing each week – without Deacon Ian, Barbara and Father Paul I would not have been able to cope with the workload and I am seeking to parcel out these labours to make the role a happy one for people with a few hours to spare. I don't know what else I can say to persuade everyone that there is nothing to be afraid of! If you have any questions, if you want to volunteer for a small area of responsibility, if you need some reassurance that you don't need a law degree to do any of these jobs or if you would just like to talk about the various elements of the job which might suit you then please don't hesitate to make contact!

This is of course a voluntary role, but God sees everything that we do and what greater use of our skills is there than serving Him in attending to the essential administration which is part of modern parish life?

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat at St John's Cathedral, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO1 3HG on Saturday 19th August from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm and will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information

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 summer:

6th: Elisabeth King (2010)
7th: Italia Di Carluccio (1970) Dominic Parr (1979) Anton Varton (1995)
8th: Rebecca Wrathall (1997) Winifred Hughes (2004) William Farrelly (2012)
9th: Katherine Coslett-Derby (1992) Lily Ricketts (2014) Pauline Taylor (2018)
11th: James Kilbride (1984) Philip Gray (1985) Gerald Greene (1991)
12th: Isabella Taggart (2014)
13th: Eileen de Lavigne (2000) Zeljko Candrl (2016)
14th: James Holt (1999) John Hand (2007)
15th: Colin Archer (2007) Anne Wyatt (2012) Bernard Hand (2016)
16th: Michael McDonnell (2011)
17th: Thomas Laville (1998)
18th: Albert Fusco (2005)
19th: John Wilson (1983) Dorothy Wiltshire (1987) William Fitzpatrick (2008) John Digby (2008) Penny Smith (2009)
20th: Florence Warrilow (2005)
21st: Marie Wiltshire (1991) Brian Stanfield (1997)
22nd: Margaret Heyworth (1994) Gareth Evans (1998)
23rd: Thomas Sylvester (1972) Margaret Ashton (2010)
24th: Francis Hitchcock (1987) Paul Barker (1996) Molly Bowler (1999) Elsie Horrill (2003)
25th: Ellen Kerr (2002) Henrietta Wood (2007) James Barnard (2014)
26th: Arthur Couch (1975)
27th: Betty Marek (2017)
28th: Delia McLaughlin (1975) 29th: Henrik Scott (1981) Jordan Haskell (1999)
30th: Norman Burgess (1997)
1st: Jeremiah Dineen (1986) Winifred Rowden (1995) Brenda Bowen (2014)
2nd: Charles Croucher (1986) Bernard Kenny (2008)
3rd: Johanna Bowd (1994)
4th: Aubrey O'Reilly (1995)
5th: Leslie Jones (1984)
6th: Jean O'Driscoll (1981)
7th: John Quinn (1977) Augustine Jones (2009)
8th: Paul Hollingberry (1980) Hilda Hand (1980)

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."

Beetle-Drive and Cream Tea Tuesday 22nd August 2023 St Bernard's Church Hall 2.30pm

A parish 'get together' is planned for Tuesday 22nd August at St Bernard's church hall. Starting at 2.30pm there will be a Beetle Drive (in case you're not familiar, it's a dice game where the idea is to take it in turns to throw a die, and different numbers rolled enable you to draw the different parts of a beetle, so no insects are harmed). This will be followed by a cream tea and social time. All are welcome.

Tickets are £5 for adults, children free but must be accompanied by an adult.

Any donations of scones/cakes will be appreciated.

Tickets on sale from Angela at St Bernard's, and Sarah from St Michael's.

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

Collections 30th July 2023:

St Michael's £67.20

St Bernard's £30.50

Envelopes £153.00

Direct payments to the parish bank account in July amounted to £1,192

Reflections on St Joseph

Something different for reflection this week – I'm sure we're all enjoying the Catechism and possibly also the Bible in a Year programmes with Fr Mike Schmitz.

In a book, Consecration to St Joseph, Fr Donald Calloway writes about the theology of St Joseph being a "just man" and asks, are we "just people"? "Theologians define the virtue of justice as 'giving to another his due.' For example, in our relationship with God, we owe it to him to be grateful for our existence, and to praise him for his goodness. We act justly toward God, giving him his due, when we worship him, especially by our participation in Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. If we fail to do this, we are not loving God. We are not acting justly toward God; we are not giving him his due."

Fr Donald Calloway continues by noting that St Joseph, in observing the Jewish religion, will have travelled a long distance from Nazareth to Jerusalem three times a year. We, on the other hand, have a number of Catholic churches within a short distance of our homes. He continues with the comment that "Holy Mass is not about the priest, the people, or the choir. It's about returning love for love and giving God his due.... There is no greater way to tell God 'I love you', give thanks to God and worship him than through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. 'Eucharist' means 'thanksgiving'."

In concluding this section, Fr Donald writes that we should always remember "the Golden Rule: 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.' (Luke 6:31). Your spiritual father acted justly and lovingly toward everyone; you should too."

A note from Bishop Philip in eNews:

This Sunday 6th August, is the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. You can find the readings for Sunday's Mass [here](#). On our [liturgy website](#), in the Liturgy notes, Fr Anthony Fyk tells us about the beautiful tradition of blessing fruits connected with this feast, a practice which signifies the final transfiguration or full flowering and fruitfulness of all things in Jesus Christ. In this week's commentary from Mgr Paul Townsend, he reminds us that the vision of the Transfigured Jesus is a revelation of His human and divine reality.

Bishop Philip's eNews Thought for the Week:

"Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen." (1 Peter 4:11)

MASS READINGS FOR THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night.

And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 17:5 Alleluia, Alleluia! This is my Son, the Beloved: he enjoys my favour. Listen to him. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'