

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 13th August 2023: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

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

Tuesday 15th August FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

(Holy Day of Obligation) 9am St Michael's and 7pm St Bernard'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**

MASSES FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 20th AUGUST: TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(there will be no newsletter)

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

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

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

A "THANK YOU" AFTERNOON TEA FOR FATHER PAUL

On **Sunday 27th August from 3pm at St Bernard's** an afternoon tea will be held to afford parishioners an opportunity to thank Father Paul for his ministry here at Waterside during the short period of time which the Bishop has allowed.

We are all aggrieved by this unusual and unexpectedly short duration, but as Catholics we are called to obedience to our Bishop, the successor of the Apostles, and we are of course aware that nothing happens without God allowing it. We have this opportunity to extend our thanks to Father Paul as a whole community, and to ensure that when he moves to his new parish, where he will no doubt be warmly welcomed and soon have another parish community benefiting from his gifted ministry, he knows that he does so with our sincere gratitude and our best wishes for the future.

Thank you to the usual team of dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly for the benefit of our parish, including arranging such important social events as this.

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:

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, tickets are on sale from Angela at St Bernard's, and Sarah from St Michael's. Any donations of scones/cakes will be appreciated.

100 Club Results

1st prize	£102.50	Ed and Sandra Deering
2nd prize	£61.50	Maggie Bradley
3rd prize	£41	Phil Connolly

Thank you to everyone who supports the 100 club regularly. It really makes a difference to the running costs of the parish and supporting new initiatives

Collection 13th August 2023:

St Michael's £62.60
St Bernard's £45.00
Envelopes £145.00

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



A message from David Dethick:

Dear People of the Waterside Parish,
Your intentions were posted at the Grotto and candles lit to help our prayers reach Heaven. 🙏

An old Twitter comment from Pope Francis appeared on his Twitter page last week:

@ Pontifex

“Heaven doesn't value what you have, but what you give.”

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MASS READINGS FOR THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First reading

1 Kings 19:9,11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help

Second reading

Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Gospel**Matthew 14:22-33**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

MASS READINGS FOR THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**First Reading: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7**

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the people's praise you

Second Reading: Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

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 15: 21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then came out a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have a great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.