

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 27th August 2023: Twenty First 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
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**

A "THANK YOU" AFTERNOON TEA FOR FATHER PAUL

This afternoon, **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.

Next Sunday, 3rd September, will be Father Paul's last Sunday Mass with us before Father Innaiah arrives.

Sale of Books

The latest sale of books from the St Michael's store-room raised £41.82 for the parish. Thank you to those who donated boxes to save me buying some. The sales figure is a little disappointing, but there was little interest in the books as those of you who had endeavoured to sell them at parish events will know!

100 Club

Next Sunday, 3rd September, the 100 Club draw will take place after 9am Mass at St Bernard's.

Collection 20th August 2023:

St Michael's £33.62
St Bernard's £52.49
Envelopes £157.50

Collection 13th August 2023:

St Michael's £48.10
St Bernard's £25.74
Envelopes £142.51

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

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:

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."

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATORS AND HEALTH & SAFETY COORDINATOR

Thank you very much to the three parishioners who have volunteered to relieve me of what had effectively become my fourth child – our parish administration! I am grateful to all within the parish community who have supported me and been so positive despite my typographical errors and oversights in the past two years as I have endeavoured to fulfil this role.

Welcome to Angela Slattery and Angela Kehoe as our parish administrators and to David Dethick as our Health & Safety Coordinator. My term of office will end on 3rd September, so that our new team will take over as Father Innaiah arrives and they can establish their own way of attending to the essentials of keeping a parish running.

My last newsletter will be dated 3rd September - the Sunday before Father Paul embarks on the next chapter of his adventure as a parish priest, my children return to school and I seize the wonderful and totally unexpected opportunity to resume my career. It is certainly the end of an era for me and I wish our new administration team as enjoyable and rewarding a term of office as that which I have been privileged to serve.

I apologise that the Mass readings are not included this week.

ST MICHAEL'S PRESBYTERY UPDATE

After a gruelling process of thorough refurbishment, St Michael's presbytery is now ready for occupation and we are awaiting diocesan approval of our recommended letting agent for marketing to commence. All agents who visited the property for a market appraisal were highly impressed by the superb finish of the property both internally and externally - opposite are some photographs for you all to see the incredible amount of work which has been invested in restoring this asset.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time, skills and money to bringing this project to such a positive conclusion as we prepare to hand over the day to day management to a letting agent.