



Waterside Catholic Parish Newsletter

St Bernard's, Holbury & St Michael's,



Parish Diary for week commencing Sunday 10th September, Week 23 in Ordinary Time.

	Sunday 10th	Monday 11th	Tuesday 12th	Wednesday 13th	Thursday 14th	Friday 15th	Saturday 16th
St Bernard's	Mass 09.00			Mass 09.00 Adoration until 3pm. Also Rosary & Grandparents Group			
St Michael's	Mass 11.00	Mass 09.00	Mass 09.00		Mass 09.00		Mass 09.00 Followed by Confession

“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**

Stay a while after Sunday Mass at St Bernard's for a cuppa and a chat. Our wonderful volunteers are a dab hand with a brew and a biscuit. We could not offer this friendly gathering without their generous help and support.



Welcome Father Innaiah

Welcome to our parish family. Many of us will have had the chance to meet Father Innaiah at the Masses he celebrated on Friday and Saturday, We now embark on what we hope to be a journey of friendship, respect and faith between us all.

A message from Louise Blacker

“Thank you for the beautiful flowers and cards from parishioners presented on 3rd September. It was an honour to serve the parish and everyone's kindness is much appreciated.”

Last weeks Collections

St Bernard's £49.00

St Michael's £67.20

Envelopes £151.50

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

Congratulations to the following winners of the monthly 100 club

1st Prize Mary Fenn £102.50

2nd Prize Monica West £61.50

3rd Prize Yvonne Mulvenney £41.00

Thank you to everyone who supports the 100 club regularly, It really makes a

We keep in our prayers the sick and housebound members of the parish:

John Allen, Pauline Moore, Kathleen Ketley, Mike Slipper and Paola McCarthy

To comply with GDPR legislation, the express permission of the sick parishioner is needed before inclusion in this part of the Parish newsletter. Registration forms are available at both churches.

IN MEMORIAM

We pray for the dear departed of the parish and for those whose anniversaries occur this week

10th Bridget Myland (2002), Helen Evans 2017)

11th Bridie Laws (1985), Teresa Slipper (2001)

12th Noreen Webb (1986), Mary Webber (2006)

13th Mary Murphy (1972), Michael Alfred West (2017)

14th John McGovern (1971), Michael Palmer Harrington (1995)

15th Alfred Pope (1976), Mary Monaghan (2002)

16th George Knight (2000), George Cotton (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."

Thursday 14 September

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The Story of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass

through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614,

There is an obligatory second collection next Sunday (17th September) for Home Missions.

With apologies for the late notice, there is a second collection today (Sunday 10th) for Education Sunday. This can also be donated to online until 19th September at <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/catholic-education-service-second-collection-2023>.

From the 16th September and for the following 4 Sundays the parish has to take a count of the numbers attending Mass and report them, this complies with national statistics requirements.

A brief message from Andrea, Angela and David

We feel we could not start without thanking Louise for all the help and guidance she has given us as we take up our new roles within the parish. She has worked tirelessly to make this transition seamless. Thank you Louise, we wish you every happiness as you enjoy something of a retirement and return to your career.

As you know Angela and Andrea are now sharing the parish secretary role, please bear with us as we settle in. The Newsletter will keep you updated on the days and time the parish office will be open, don't forget though, we can always be contacted via the parish email.

David has become our new Parish Health and Safety Co-ordinator, and he can be contacted with any concerns or questions you may have about the parish properties, or if you wish to volunteer your time or talents towards the various tasks that our churches need for their upkeep.

From Twitter

@Pontifex: "As I have loved you, so you must love one another" (Jn 13:34). This is the legacy Christ bequeathed to us, the fundamental criterion for discerning whether or not we are truly his disciples: the commandment of love

@Pontifex: "Don't be concerned about small numbers, delayed success, or relevance that never comes. Let us look to Mary, who in her littleness is greater than the heavens, for she hosted within her the One whom the heavens and the highest heavens cannot contain."

@cnalive (Catholic News Agency) has a small video clip on their twitter feed of His Holiness offering Mass in English during his recent visit to Mongolia.

Our grateful thanks go to the unsung heroes of our parish who clean our churches every week.

Thank you

Dates for your diary.

A free day of thanksgiving, prayer, fellowship and formation hosted by Fr Mark Hogan and the Dominican Sisters in Winchester on **30th September**. Details and registration can be found here: www.eventbrite.com/e/diocesan-day-for-catechists-registration-598927286637 (please bring a packed lunch).

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is hosting a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, Co. Mayo from **9th–14th November** to Pray for the Holy Souls. Please contact the Parish office for the email advertisement.

Parents, if you wish to register your child or children for the next First Holy Communion programme (school Year 3 or above) please collect a form from the back of either church or from the parish office and return this to the office for registration, if you haven't already done so.

Additionally if any of our teenage parishioners wish to register for the Confirmation programme, please also collect a form from the back of either church or from the parish office and return this to the office for registration. We can then assess the current situation and determine whether a Confirmation programme can be run this year.

MASS READINGS FOR THE 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.’

Responsorial Psalm: *O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts.’*

Second Reading: *Romans 13:8-10*

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!*

Gospel: *Matthew 18:15-20*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

‘I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

‘I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.’