



# Waterside Catholic Parish Newsletter

## St Bernard's & St Michael's

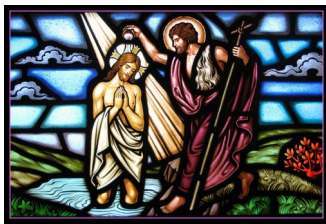


### Parish Diary for week commencing Sunday 17th September, Week 24 in Ordinary Time.

	Sunday 17th	Monday 18th	Tuesday 19th	Wednesday 20th	Thursday 21st	Friday 22nd	Saturday 23rd
<b>St Bernard's</b>	Mass 09.00			Mass 09.00  Followed by Adoration & Grandparents Group			
<b>St Michael's</b>	Mass 11.00  Baptism of Monika Adikorolevu Nakailoma	Mass 09.00	Mass 09.00		Mass 09.00  Feast of St Matthew		

“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**

Today (17th September) we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism during



11am Mass at St Michael's. Each time a child is Baptized. God smiles from up above knowing he has someone new to shelter and to love. We celebrate with Monika Adikorolevu Nakailoma, her parents, family, and friends as she is baptized and welcomed into the family

of the Lord. ‘May the Lord give his angels charge over you to guide you in all your ways.’ Psalm 91:11.

A5 copies of last weeks letter from the Bishop are available from the back of both churches. Please let the parish office know if you would like this emailed to you.

#### Last weeks Collections

1st collection	2nd Collection
St Bernard's £49.30	St Bernard's £ 30.70
St Michael's £78.76	St Michael's £23.80
Envelopes £110.00	Envelopes £104.60
Direct transfer to bank figures for August are not yet available.	

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NEW PARISH MOBILE NUMBER 07549 359714

You may have noticed a new phone number along with Father Innaiah's email address on the front page of this weeks' newsletter, this is a new mobile phone number for the parish.

Our parish is a family, and families share their joys and sorrows, Father Innaiah invites you all to have a way of contacting him; to share worries, conversations, successes or just to have a chat, this is the number for you. It is also available for those sadder occasions when you need a friend, and for emergencies.

The parish office number and email are still the point of contact for all things church and parish related.

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@Pontifax:

Proclaiming Christ unites, not divides. The shared proclamation of our Lord evangelizes the ecumenical journey itself. Let us journey together in prayer which purifies us, in charity which unites us, in dialogue which brings us closer together. [#UnityOfChristians](#)

### "More Tea Father?"

It's not always possible to get a good chat in with Father Innaiah after Mass, especially with so many new parishioners wanting to introduce themselves.

On Monday this week, Father will be popping into Costa Coffee in Hythe after Mass and would be delighted if you would like to take that opportunity to join him for a while.

He will also be at St Bernard's after Wednesday Mass indulging in a hot drink and encourages you to stay awhile with him.

These "coffee dates" will be semi-regular with dates and locations in the newsletter.

### MASS INTENTIONS

There is a long and venerable tradition in the Catholic Church that the faithful ask their priests to celebrate Holy Mass for particular, specified intentions. This custom, which was well-understood in generations past, is increasingly being forgotten. Since the practice is of immense spiritual benefit to both the living and the dead, and because it also helps to support your clergy, we would encourage you to request that Masses be offered for your intentions.

Mass can be offered for anyone, or any number of people, living or dead, with some exceptions. They do not have to be Catholics, but the offering must not cause scandal to the faithful, and it must not be for an intention that offends against Christian sentiment. You can also ask for Mass to be offered for a "private intention" if you do not want the recipient known.

There is no charge for a Mass Intention, but if you would like to make a donation to the priest, might we suggest £10? If you want to have a Mass offered for a particular intention, please speak to Father Innaiah or call him on the new parish mobile - 07549 359714, or speak to Deacon Ian, or use the envelopes available at the back of both churches.



### Cooking with Fe—What a great day!!

*Last Saturday Fe tackled the often daunting subject of choux pastry and triumphed!*

*The parish admins did a sampling and can report the resulting chocolate covered churros were scrumptious!!!*

*Roll on next Month!*

*Fe's class continues to grow in popularity and the class made £62.25 for the parish.*



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.



Words of wisdom from St Louis de Montfort (1673-1716)

*"Pray with great confidence, with confidence based upon the goodness and infinite generosity of God and upon the promises of Jesus Christ. God is a spring of living water which flows unceasingly into the hearts of those who pray "*

## 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

17th Elizabeth Chrzanowski (2003), Rita Margaret Evans (2020)

18th John Skivington (1975), Eileen Brown (1978), Robert Purdie (2007)

19th Herbert Haslam (1984)

20th Pedro Pons-Alegret (2004), Matthew Patrick Brannigan (2009)


21st Joseph McCormack (1978), Veronica Gregson (1992)

22nd Alfred Wesborn (1986), Ann Jennifer Harding (2013)

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 21st September

#### St Matthew the Apostle



According to the Gospel, Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Christ came to him and asked, "Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ. From Matthew we know of the many doings of Christ and the message Christ spread of salvation for all people who come to God through Him. His book is the first of the four Gospels in the New Testament. Many years following the death of Christ, around 41 and 50 AD, Matthew wrote his gospel account. He wrote the book in Aramaic in the hope that his account would convince his fellow people that Jesus was the Messiah and that His kingdom had been fulfilled in a spiritual way. It was an important message at a time when almost everyone was expecting the return of a militant messiah brandishing a sword. Nothing is recorded of Matthew's passing. We do not know how he died, if his death was natural or if he was martyred. Saint Matthew is often depicted with one of the four living creatures of Revelation 4:7, which reads, "The first living creature was like a lion, the second like a bull, the third living creature had a human face, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle." In 1957 Pope Pius XII declared him the patron saint of tax collectors, customs officers and security guards.

#### *Prayer of St Matthew*

O Glorious St. Matthew, in your Gospel you portray Jesus as the longed-for Messiah who fulfilled the Prophets of the Old Covenant and as the new Lawgiver who founded a Church of the New Covenant.

Obtain for us the grace to see Jesus living in his Church and to follow his teachings in our lives on earth so that we may live forever with him in heaven.

## MASS READINGS FOR THE 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: *Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9*

***Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence***

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.*

Second Reading: *Romans 14: 7-9*

***The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. .***

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, Alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you, says the Lord. Alleluia!*

Gospel: *Matthew 18:21-35*

***Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'***