



Waterside Catholic Parish Newsletter

St Bernard's & St Michael's



Parish Diary for week commencing Sunday 29th September, Week 25 in Ordinary Time. Weekday Cycle I

Fr Innaiah is away this week for the Pontifical Missions Societies Meeting in Rome so there will be no week day masses until his return. Mass on Sunday 24th will be celebrated by Fr Philip Harris.

	Sunday 24th	Monday 25th	Tuesday 26th	Wednesday 27th	Thursday 28th	Friday 29th	Saturday 30th
			Ss Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs	St Vincent de Paul, Priest	St Wenceslas	Feast of Ss Michael & Gabriel, Raphael Archangels	St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church
St Bernard's	9am Bridie Browne RIP			Rosary, Adoration and Grandparents Group			
St Michael's	11am						

“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**

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

The club is not limited to 100 members, if you're interested in joining please come and see Angela.

CAFOD Family Fast day appeal Friday 6th October

Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast—so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Please consider donating to CAFOD so more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk.

Thank you for all your support.



Congratulations go to Deacon Ian, who spotted the deliberate mistake in last week's newsletter.

Last weeks Collections

1st collection	2nd Collection
St Bernard's £82.58	St Bernard's £28.81
St Michael's £81.60	Envelopes £11.30
Envelopes £133.00	

Direct transfer to bank figures for August £1,687.00

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NEW PARISH MOBILE NUMBER 07549 359714

@Pontifax:

The Lord Jesus has entrusted the Gospel to us so that we might bear His light into the world's darkness. Please, do not extinguish this light in you, but share it, so that fraternity might shine forth!

@VaticanNews

Pope Francis has paid a brief visit to the Basilica of St. Mary Major to entrust his Apostolic Journey to Marseille to the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

You may think it a bit early to mention anything at all Christmassy, but on September 28th have a thought for Good King Wenceslas, whose memorial day it is. Born in Bohemia in 907 he upheld the Catholic faith of his father against the reversals of his mother Dragomir and his brother Boleslaus, who assassinated him in circa 935. St Wenceslas' tomb is in St Vitus Cathedral, Prague where there is a beautifully decorated chapel dedicated to him.



Are you a parent, grandparent, carer, catechist or children's liturgy leader? Celebrate has a series of high quality, faith-filled sessions for you. Our three fantastic experienced speakers will be giving really useful tips and ideas to help you to engage the children in your life and your parish more deeply in faith. It will be accessible, practical and fun!

Each short session will run for 1 hour and be a stand-alone evening, but we would love you to come to them all. They start at 8pm. We have kept the cost of each evening to a minimum of £5 so that as many as possible can access them.

Full details and links to sign up are available on the website. www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting or follow the link [Faith Parenting — Celebrate Trust](#)

CLAIRE FERNANDES
CHRIST CENTRED FAMILIES
Thursday 28th September

BOB HARTMAN HELPING OUR CHILDREN TO
LEARN TO LOVE THE BIBLE
Thursday 5th October

RACHEL TURNER
HELPING CHILDREN HAVE A PERSONAL
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
Thursday 12th October

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.



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 4th October at 4pm

The Feast day of St Francis of Assisi: Blessing of the animals. Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph church, Lymington.

There will be scripture reading, hymns and prayers to thank God for our wonderful animals.

Fr David will give a blessing to each pet and owner present, come with your beloved pet(s) or bring a photo. All welcome!

Following at 6pm

'Unless you change...' a prayer service about global warming.

Thursday 12th October

A Parish soup lunch and raffle being held in St Bernard's church hall at 12.30. Tickets are £6.00 each and are on sale from Sunday 24th September.

Despite last Sunday's weather, there was a very warm welcome to our Parish Family Monika. Thank you Monse for these beautiful photos!



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

24th Margaret Murphy (1976), Christine Mary James (2017), Lillian Margaret Rogers (2018)

29th Carmel Macgregor (1985), Ann Smith (2003), Margaret Peasley (2003)

30th Albert Robinson (1975),

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."

The Feast of the Archangels

September 29th

There are three archangels named in the Bible: Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel.

St. Michael is known as the Prince of the Heavenly Hosts and the defender of God's people. According to the Catholic Bible Dictionary, Michael means "Who is like God?". In the **Book of Revelation**, "Michael and his angels" battle the dragon, an ancient symbol of the devil, and throw him and his followers out of heaven. Christianity honours him as a patron of the nation of Israel, God's chosen people of the Old Testament. Today, Michael is still thought of as a guardian of the Church, God's people of the New Testament.



St. Raphael is mentioned in one book of the Bible—the Book of Tobit. His name can be translated as "God will Heal." In the Book of Tobit, God sends Raphael to answer the prayers of two people: Tobit, who was blinded by bird droppings, and Sarah, who was harassed by a demon who killed any man she married. These two, on the same day, prayed to God for death. God answered their prayers by sending Raphael, who brought together Tobias, Tobit's son, and Sarah. He also banished the demon that stalked Sarah and healed Tobit's blindness in the same journey.

St. Gabriel appears once in the Old Testament and twice in the New Testament. His name means "God is my warrior" or "God is strong." First, he is sent to the prophet Daniel in the time of the great exile to interpret visions concerning the coming of the Messiah. Second, he appears to Zechariah to foretell the birth of John the Baptist. St. Gabriel is best known, however, for appearing to Mary and announcing the birth of the Messiah, Jesus.

The names of these angels tell us their missions. Michael (Who is like God?) reminds us that there is no one like our God who deserves and desires our love. Raphael (God Heals) reminds us that it is only through the power of the Divine Physician that our wounds can be healed. Gabriel (God is Strong) reminds us that it is in God and the proclamation of his Word that we find our true strength.

(Sara Stacey Catholic Apostolate Centre)

Words of wisdom from St Bernard (1090-1153)

You will find something more in woods than in books. Trees and stones will teach you that which you can never learn from masters.

MASS READINGS FOR THE 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: *Isaiah 55:6-9*

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 144:2-3,8-9,17-18* *The Lord is close to all who call him.*

Second Reading: *Philippians 1:20-24,27*

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

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! Alleluia!*

Gospel: *Matthew 20:1-16*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” “Because no one has hired us” they answered. He said to them, “You go into my vineyard too.” In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.” So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. “The men who came last” they said “have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.” He answered one of them and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’