

Waterside Catholic Parish Newsletter

St Bernard's & St Michael's

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Parish Diary for week commencing Sunday 1st October, Week 26 in Ordinary Time. Weekday Cycle I

	Sunday 1st	Monday 2nd	Tuesday 3rd	Wednesday 4th St Francis of Assisi	Thursday 5th	Friday 6th	Saturday 7th
		Holy Guardian Angels			St Faustina Kowalska		Our Lady of the Rosary
St Bernard's	9am			9am Followed by Ro- sary, Adoration and Grandparents Group			
St Michael's	11am	9am	9am		9am		9am Followed by

"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**

Parish soup lunch and raffle

A Parish soup lunch and raffle being held in St Bernard's church hall Thursday 12th October at 12.30. Tickets are £6.00 each and are on sale now.

Father Innaiah invites you to join him for coffee and a chat in Hythe after mass on Monday at Costa (recommendations for other venues are gratefully received!) and on Wednesday at St Bernard's Hall after mass.

Last weeks Collections

St Bernard's £87.00

St Michael's £87.05, 2nd collection £30.47

Envelopes £165.00

Direct transfer to bank figures for August
£1,687.00

Stay a while after Sunday Mass at St Bernard's for a cuppa and a chat.

We could not offer this friendly gathering without the generous help and support of our fabulous volunteers!

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.

100 Club Draw

**After Mass today
at St Bernards!!!**



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](#)

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

In October we pray the Mission Rosary. It has 5 colours. Green for Africa, Red for the Americas, white for Europe, Blue for Oceania and other islands and Yellow for Asia.



With a Mission Rosary, we pray for the whole world. Join and pray for the world missions this month.

Prayer to the Holy Guardian Angels (October 2nd)

*O Angel of God, my guardian dear
To whom God’s love commits me here,
Ever this day (night) be at my side,
to light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen.*



Cooking with Fe

What delicious dish will we be treated to next week???

Fe’s second class at the new time of 10.30am in St Bernard’s Hall is next Saturday 14th October.

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.

Wednesdays from 4th—1st November

Forthcoming webinars specifically designed for parish readers (but all parishioners are welcome) are being hosted online every Wednesday by the Liturgy Formation Team. Details of the sessions are at the back of both churches.

Please email the parish office or see the latest edition of the Bishops e-news letter for links to register

@Pontifax:

The #WordofGod invites us not to hide behind the complexity of problems, behind “nothing can be done about it.” It urges us to unite worship of God and care for the human person. For Sacred Scripture has been given to us to go forth and meet others, drawing near to their wounds.

@Pontifax

Gods justice does not measure love on the scales of our returns, our performance or our failures: God just loves us. He loves us because we are his children, and He does so with an unconditional and freely-given love. #GospeloftheDay (Mt 20:1-16. 24/09/23)

Words of wisdom from St Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938)

5th October

“Do what You will with me. O Jesus; I will adore You in everything. May Your will be done in me, O my Lord and my God, and I will praise Your infinite mercy.”

The Catholic Church canonized Kowalska as a saint on 30 April 2000. The mystic is classified in the liturgy as a virgin and is venerated within the church as the "Apostle of Divine Mercy". Her tomb is in Divine Sanctuary, Kraków-Łagiewniki, where she spent the end of her life

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

1st	Daniel Brennan (1989)
2nd	Thomas Morris-Roe (1987)
3rd	William Harris (1961), Jeanine Margiocchi (1972), Frederick Beckham (1975), Gemma Fehilly (1984), Terence Jones (2005)
4th	Arthur Baker (2007), Sue Dethick (2021), Lesley Williams (1972), Mary McConnell (1984), Joan Rosena De Haven (2016)
5th	Frederick Thomas Warrilow (1978), Urban William Paul (2010), Peter Carney (2022)
6th	William Mintram (1991)
7th	Thomas Dalton (1983), Alphonsus Donovan (1993)

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."

St Francis of Assisi 1181-1216

Feast day 4th October



Well known for his humility and poverty, and his love and care for all animals, what can I possibly say in a few sentences that would illustrate the immense importance of St Francis to the Church and us? He is perhaps the greatest embodiment of the teachings of Christ. According to Thomas of Celano, *on the feast of St. Matthias, February 24, 1208, he listened at mass to the account of the mission of Christ to the Apostles from the Gospel According to Matthew (10:7, 9-11): "And as you go, preach the message, 'The kingdom is at hand!'... Take no gold, nor silver, nor money in your belts, no bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor a staff; for the labourer deserves his food. And whatever town or villa you enter, find out who is worthy in it, and stay with him until you depart."* This, he says, was the decisive moment for Francis, who declared, "This is what I wish; this is what I am seeking. This is what I want to do from the bottom of my heart." He then removed his shoes, discarded his staff, put on a rough tunic, and began to preach repentance.

He is the founder of the Friars Minor and their sister order The Poor Clare's (with St Clare of Assisi).

Francis considered all nature as the mirror of God. He called all creatures his "brothers" and "sisters," and, in the most endearing stories about him, preached to the birds and persuaded a wolf to stop attacking the people of the town of Gubbio and their livestock if the townspeople agreed to feed the wolf.

Francis was canonized by Pope Gregory IX on 16 July 1228. He is usually depicted in a brown habit with a rope around his waist with three knots, symbolizing the three Franciscan vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

On the 13th March 2013 Jorge Mario Bergoglio became Pope Francis, citing Saint Francis of Assisi as "the man who gives us this spirit of peace, the poor man", and he added "[h]ow I would like a poor Church, and for the poor"

**Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;**

**O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen.**

MASS READINGS FOR THE 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: **Ezekiel 18:25-28**

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’

Responsorial Psalm: **Psalm 24:4-9** Remember your mercy, Lord

Second Reading: **Philippians 2:1-11**

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people’s interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! *If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!*

Gospel: **Matthew 21:28-32**

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, “My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go,” but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir,” but did not go. Which of the two did the father’s will?’ ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’

Communion Antiphon: Oh Lord, remember the words you spoke to me, your servant, which made me live in hope and consoled me when I was down cast.