



Waterside Catholic Parish St Bernard's & St Michael's



**Parish Diary week commencing Sunday 5th November 2023,
Week 31 in Ordinary Time.**

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Date	Weekday	Mass Time	Where	Days	Proper
05-11-23	Sunday	9am	St Bernard's	Sunday	Mass Proper
05-11-23	Sunday	11am	St Michael's	Sunday	Mass Proper
06-11-23	Monday	9am	St Bernard's	Weekday	Feria
07-11-23	Tuesday	9am	St Michael's	Weekday	Feria
08-11-23	Wednesday	9am	St Bernard's	Weekday	Feria
09-11-23	Thursday	9am	St Michael's	Weekday	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
10-11-23	Friday	No Mass	Churches open	Private Prayers	Parishes, Communities & Schools in the New Forest Pastoral Area
11-11-23	Saturday	9am	St Michael's	Weekday	St Martin of Tours
12-11-23	Sunday	9am	St Bernard's	Sunday	Remembrance Sunday
12-11-23	Sunday	11am	St Michaels	Sunday	Remembrance Sunday

The funeral mass for the late Barbara Brown will be held at St Bernard's on Friday 10th November at 1pm. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

We (Angela and Andrea) would like to thank you all for your patience and support these past two months. It has been very much appreciated. We are delighted to say that the parish office will be open every Tuesday and Thursday between 10.30am—12.30pm from Tuesday 14th November.

Last weeks Collections

St Bernard's £85.90

St Michael's £114.26

Envelopes £84.00

Direct Transfers for October £1,614.80

A warm welcome :

We warmly welcome all our parishioners & visitors to St Bernard's & St Michael's .

Please join us for some refreshments after 9am Mass on Sunday at St Bernard's, after 9am Mass on Tuesday at St Michael's & after Rosary on Wednesdays at St Bernard's.

Adoration, Rosary and Grandparents group will be after Mass on Wednesday and Confession will be after Saturday Mass

Refreshments after Mass on Sunday are kindly provided with the assistance of our wonderful volunteers, whom we cannot thank enough.

WATERSIDE PARISH GRAND DRAW

DECEMBER 2023

This is a major fundraising event of the year to support our Parish Funds and

we need your help.

Do you have anything you could donate as a prize for the draw?

For example:

Surplus presents, Chocolates and biscuits

Do you have a friend or acquaintance who could ask their work for a voucher or experience prize

Please leave any donations at the back of the church

ICONS OF MARY

HOME MADE AFTERNOON TEA

1.30PM SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

ST BERNARD'S CHURCH HALL

TICKETS £5.00 AVAILABLE NOW

SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

What a busy day we will be having at St Bernard's!!

10.30am COOKING WITH FE

This week Fe will be treating you to Thai fish cakes! Fantastic value at only £5.00 per person, and a scrumptious morning with foodie friends. In fact bring a friend too!!

7.30pm AMERICAN SUPPER AND QUIZ

Great company, conversation, good food and a warm welcome on a chilly day, top that off with a friendly little quiz and you have the recipe for a perfect winters' evening. Quizmaster Kevin, the Moriarty of Quizmasters will be exercising your "little grey cells". Food is kindly provided by your good selves and do bring a bottle if you wish.

Tickets are £5.00 and are available after Mass

THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

The Archbasilica Cathedral of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran is the Catholic cathedral church of the Diocese of Rome in the city of Rome, and serves as the seat of the bishop of Rome, the pope.



The church is the oldest and highest ranking of the four major papal basilicas as well as one of the Seven Pilgrim Churches of Rome, holding the unique title of "archbasilica". Founded in 324, it is the oldest public church in the city of Rome, and the oldest basilica of the Western world. It houses the *cathedra* of the Roman bishop, and has the title of ecumenical mother church of the Catholic faithful. Pope Sylvester I presided over the official dedication of the archbasilica and the adjacent Lateran Palace in 324, changing the name from *Domus Fausta* to *Domus Dei* ("House of God"), with a dedication to Christ the Savior (*Christo Salvatori*). The archbasilica and Lateran Palace were re-dedicated twice. Pope Sergius III dedicated them to Saint John the Baptist in the 10th century in honor of the newly consecrated baptistry of the archbasilica. Pope Lucius II dedicated them to John the Evangelist in the 12th century. Thus, Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist became co-patrons of the archbasilica, while the primary Patron is still Christ the Savior, and its titular feast day is 6 August, the Transfiguration of Christ. As the cathedral of the pope as bishop of Rome, it ranks superior to all other churches of the Catholic Church, including Saint Peter's Basilica.

100 CLUB

It's that time again! The monthly draw will take place after Mass at St Bernard's today.

To borrow a phrase "You've got to be in it to win it"

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[#Holiness](#) is a gift from God which we have received with Baptism: if we let it grow, it can completely change our life, enlightening it with the joy of the Gospel. Holiness is a gift offered to everyone for a happy life. [#All-Saints](#)

Bamenda Sunday

We shall be celebrating Bamenda Sunday in the Diocese on 5 November, when we shall be giving thanks for our link with the Archdiocese of Bamenda and for the ministry of their five priests serving in our Diocese; praying for our brothers and sisters in Bamenda and for the restoration of peace and justice in the region; and giving to our annual appeal to support projects in Bamenda in 2024, the 50th anniversary of the formation of the link! Donations can be made via the parish second collection or online securely at: <https://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/donate.php>

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

5th *William Powell (1987), Michael Russell (1992)*
6th *George Davies (1995), Stanley Leonard (1997), Philip Pick (2006), Peter Mulvenney (2007),
Eva Joan Bateman (2012)*
7th *Frances Allen (2007), Florence Eileen Johnson (2009)*
8th *M Argles (1978)*
10th *James McHenry (1966)*
11th *Anthony O'Donovan (1962), Madge Couling (1974), Frank Wichard (1986),
Peter Williamson (2001), Ursula Wiggins (2005)*
12th *Mary O'Brien (1995), Clarence Blazey (1999), Kenga Rose (2000), Jan Dethick (2010)*

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."

At the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month – we will remember them.

Armistice Day, observed each year on November 11 commemorates the end of World War I. The armistice was signed at 5:45 AM on November 11, 1918, at Compiègne, in the region of Picardy, France. The agreement took effect at 11:00 AM, thus officially ending the war on the Western Front "on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month."

From the beginning, countries around the world marked the peace's anniversary. In Great Britain the royal family hosted the first official Armistice Day events at Buckingham Palace.

Many countries that observe Armistice Day have common rituals or memorials. For example, since 1919 services around the world have included a short silence starting at 11:00 AM. The idea for this silence is credited to an Australian resident of London named Edward George Honey. A veteran of the war himself, Honey strongly felt that the sacrifices made by his fellow soldiers deserved more sombre recognition than what he had seen in the streets on November 11, 1918. Honey wrote to the *London Evening News* on May 8, 1919, suggesting that each year's events include five minutes of silence. Two minutes was decided upon, but he received an invitation to the ceremony at Buckingham Palace.

Participants in Armistice Day events have almost always worn or displayed flowers—red poppies in English-speaking countries and territories and cornflowers in France and Belgium. The poppy became associated with the holiday because of the popularity of the poem "In Flanders Fields," written in 1915 by Canadian soldier Lt. Col. John McCrae. In the United States a professor at the University of Georgia named Moina Belle Michael was so moved by the piece that she campaigned to make the poppy a national symbol of remembrance. By September 1920 the American Legion had come to agree with her, and the organization used the poppy as an official emblem at its convention in Cleveland. The idea spread overseas thanks to the efforts of a Frenchwoman named Anna Guérin, who had a still-greater vision of the poppy as an international symbol. She succeeded by convincing the newly founded British Legion to put the flower at the centre of its first charity drive. The resulting "Poppy Appeal," wherein volunteers for the organization exchanged artificial poppies for donations, was so well received that it did indeed create a connection, that continues to this day.



For the Fallen by Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943), was written in mid September 1914, a few weeks after the outbreak of the First World War. During these weeks the British Expeditionary Force had suffered casualties following its first encounter with the Imperial German Army at the Battle of Mons on 23 August, its rearguard action during the retreat from Mons in late August and the Battle of Le Cateau on 26 August, and its participation with the French Army in holding up the Imperial German Army at the First Battle of the Marne between 5 and 9 September 1914. The poem was published in *The Times* newspaper on 21 September 1914. Laurence said in 1939 that the four lines of the fourth stanza came to him first. These words have become especially familiar and famous, having been adopted by the Royal British Legion as an exhortation for ceremonies of Remembrance to commemorate fallen Servicemen and women.

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.**



MASS READINGS FOR THE 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

I am a great king, says the Lord of Hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of Hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. But you, you have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of Hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration. Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

Responsorial Psalm: **Psalm 130(131)** *Keep my soul in peace before you O Lord; before you O Lord.*

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-7, 13

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you. Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

Gospel Acclamation:

***Alleluia, Alleluia!** Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.*

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 23: 1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, "The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Communion Antiphon: *Lord, you will show me the path of life and fill me with joy in your presence.*