



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



**Parish Diary week commencing Sunday 12th November 2023,  
Week 32 in Ordinary Time.**

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Date	Weekday	Mass Time	Where	Days	Proper
12-11-23	Sunday	9am	St Bernard's	Sunday	Remembrance Sunday
12-11-23	Sunday	11am	St Michael's	Sunday	Remembrance Sunday
13-11-23	Monday	9am	St Bernard's	Weekday	Feria
14-11-23	Tuesday	9am	St Michael's	Weekday	Feria
15-11-23	Wednesday	9am	St Bernard's	Weekday	St Albert the Great
16-11-23	Thursday	7pm	St Michael's	Weekday	St Edmund of Abingdon
17-11-23	Friday	No Mass	Churches open	Private Prayers	St Elizabeth of Hungary
18-11-23	Saturday	9am	St Michael's	Weekday	Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul, Rome
19-11-23	Sunday	9am	St Bernard's	Sunday	Mass Proper
19-11-23	Sunday	11am	St Michaels	Sunday	Mass Proper

Our thoughts and prayers go to Christine Olden and her family. Christine's mother Kathleen Ketley passed away this week, her funeral will be held at St Michael's.

Eternal rest Grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

The parish office is now open every Tuesday and Thursday between 10.30am—12.30pm.

Andrea or Angela will be there and delighted to see you if you want to pop in during that time.

### Last weeks Collections

Bamenda Collection

St Bernard's £44.00

St Bernard's £47.00

St Michael's £96.00

St Michael's £71.46

Envelopes £198.00

Envelopes £120.95

Direct to bank 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 Wednesday at St Bernard's.

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

**\*\*\*\* SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER \*\*\*\***

**WATERSIDE PARISH GRAND DRAW**

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**

It's not too late to get your tickets!

HOME MADE AFTERNOON TEA

**1.30PM SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER**

ST BERNARD'S CHURCH HALL

**TICKETS £5.00**

In our increasingly cashless society we recognise that online giving is becoming more popular. Forms for a monthly standing order are available from the back of the churches or if you prefer the flexibility of donating weekly please do feel welcome to donate directly into the Parish account.

Sort Code: 30-93-04      Account no: 00880001

Account name: CDP Waterside St Michael & St Bernard.

Do you have any old bed sheets that you want to rehome?

The Ukraine aid hub in Lymington turns old sheets into bandages.

If you would like more information on this please do let us know in the office.

**Congratulations** to the following winners of October's 100 Club.

1st Prize    Ed & Sandra Deering    £105.00

2nd Prize    Sandra Johnson            £63.00

3rd Prize    Charles & Val Harkins    £42.00

The 100 Club has now been running for 1 year and has raised £2,310.00 for the parish.

Thank you to all those who take part each month.

You can join at any time; forms are available at the back of both churches, or you can contact the parish office for details.

The next draw will take place on the same day as the Grand Christmas Draw, Saturday 2nd December, in St Bernard's church hall.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

STARTING TUESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

**ADVENT PRAYER GROUP**

A weekly gathering throughout Advent at St Bernard's church hall.

**7.30pm**

Everyone welcome (we have tea & coffee too)

**@ Pontifax**

To be holy means to be conformed to Jesus, allowing our hearts to pulsate with his own sentiments. Only when we strive to love as Jesus loved, do we make God visible and fulfil our vocation to holiness.

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

John Allen,

Pauline Moore, 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](#)

### IN MEMORIAM

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

12th *Mary O'Brien (1995), Clarence Blazey (1999), Kenga Rose (2000), Jan Dethick (2010)*  
13th *Martin Crotty (2017)*  
14th *Dorothea Roese (1979), Paul Mario Tona (2021)*  
15th *Cecilia Oakey (1967), Otto Lindner (1974), Christopher Hancock (1977), Harry Giles (1980),  
Gabor Marek (1986), Peter Grimes (1999)*  
17th *Thomas Murphy (1971), Josephine Barrow (1986), Richard Beckham (1987),  
Anne Kragel-Chowins (2003)*

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."

Thank you to everyone who helped with the beautiful Poppy displays at our churches.

Everyone who collected empty bottles, painted and assembled them, and those who "planted" them. Thank you so much!



### Hire of St Bernard's Church Hall

Please do think of the hall for any events you may want to host that are too big for hosting at home, but are perhaps not big enough for larger premises. We even have ample convenient parking.

Full details of hiring the hall are available from the office.

*Pope Francis preached the following Homily at the Mass in St Peter's Basilica for the Conclusion of the Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on Sunday 29th October, the Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time...*

A doctor of the Law comes to Jesus under a pretext, in order to test him. The question he asks, however, is an important and enduring one that, at times, arises in our own hearts and in the life of the Church: "Which commandment in the law is the greatest?" (Mt 22:36). We too, immersed in the living stream of Tradition, can ask: "What is the most important thing? What is the driving force?" What matters so much as to be the guiding principle of everything? Jesus' answer is clear: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt 22:37-39).

Brother Cardinals, Bishops and priests, men and women Religious, dear brothers and sisters, at the conclusion of this stage of our journey, it is important to look at the "principle and foundation" from which everything begins ever anew: by loving. Loving God with our whole life and loving our neighbour as ourselves. Not our strategies, our human calculations, the ways of the world, but love of God and neighbour: that is the heart of everything. And how do we channel this momentum of love? I would propose two verbs, two movements of the heart, on which I would like to reflect: *to adore* and *to serve*. We love God through adoration and service.

## MASS READINGS FOR THE 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **First Reading: Wisdom 6: 12-16**

*Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.*

Responsorial Psalm: **Psalm 62(63):2-8** *For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.*

### **Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18**

*We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.*

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!** *Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!*

### **Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13**

*Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'*

**Communion Antiphon:** *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. In green pastures he gives me rest, he leads me beside the waters of peace.*