



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



**Parish Diary week commencing Sunday 3rd December 2023,
FIRST Week in ADVENT.**

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Date	Weekday	Mass Time	Where	Days	Proper
3-12-23	Sunday	9am	St Bernard's	Sunday	Mass Proper
3-12-23	Sunday	11am	St Michael's	Sunday	Mass Proper
4-12-23	Monday	9am	St Bernard's	Weekday	No Mass. Word & Communion
5-12-23	Tuesday	9am	St Michael's	Weekday	No Mass. Word & Communion
6-12-23	Wednesday	9am	St Bernard's	Weekday	No Mass. Word & Communion
7-12-23	Thursday	9am	St Michael's	Weekday	St Ambrose
8-12-23	Friday	9am	St Michael's	Weekday HDO	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
8-12-23	Friday	7pm	St Bernard's	Weekday HDO	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
9-12-23	Saturday	9am	St Michael's	Weekday	Of the FIRST week of Advent
10-12-23	Sunday	9am	St Bernard's	Sunday	Mass Proper
10-12-23	Sunday	11am	St Michaels	Sunday	Mass Proper

The Funeral of Kathleen Ketley will take place on Tuesday 5th December at St Michael's Church at 10.30am

Our prayers go to Christine Olden and all her family at this time.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and may perpetual Light shine upon her. Amen

CORRECTION

Tuesday 19th December 7pm—8pm

St Bernard's Church

Confessions

Heard by Fr Innaiah and Fr David Adams.

Advent Prayer group will be holding their 3rd meeting from 7.30pm in St Bernard's Church Hall, you'd be most welcome stay and join in.

Please accept my sincere apologies for any confusion caused by last week's error. *Andrea*

Last weeks Collections

St Bernard's	£84.10	St Michael's	£56.94
Envelopes	£162.00	CAFOD	£20.00

Welcome to Father Noah MHM. Today we welcome Father Noah Monday MHM to our parish to celebrate Mass for us and tell us about his work as a missionary. Father Noah is a Mill Hill Missionary based in Maidenhead.

Fr Noah will also be making an appeal on behalf of **Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission.** Missio ignites God's love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, we can play a vital part in creating a vibrant Catholic Church for the future, and supporting the Church around the world where it is young or in need.

We can help make the mission possible by volunteering, raising or donating funds, and by praying for the mission. By working together, we would be enriching today's global Catholic community, helping to train tomorrow's generation of Priests and Sisters, and giving hope to the world's poorest children.

There will not be a second collection as the appeal is for membership to the Red Box Scheme. Many of us already donate to Missio either through the Red Boxes or by donating online. If there is anyone who would like to start contributing regularly to Missio, there are some Missio Red Boxes at the back of the churches. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Angela through the parish office (023 80891866 or email office@watersideparish.org.uk). Find out more about mission at www.missio.org.uk

Please keep Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries in your prayers.

Icons of Mary at St Bernard's Church Hall

Saturday 9th December 9.30-11.30am

If you would like to find out more about this parish girls group please do come along and join in.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER

**THE 2ND MEETING OF THE
ADVENT PRAYER GROUP**

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

7.30pm

Everyone is most welcome.

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Saturday 9th December

2pm

MELODY MAKERS

Join us at St Bernard's church hall for an afternoon concert with this talented group featuring festive favourites.

This is a free parish event where all are welcome.

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.

Cooking with Fe this month is on **SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER**, when Fe will be creating an early Christmas lunch for **£10.00 per person.**

PARTICIPATION ON THIS DAY IS BY

SIGN UP SHEET ONLY.

Fe will be offering her skills to create this festive meal and a delicious twist on Christmas Pudding.

Due to the nature of the feast, Fe will need to know in advance how many participants to expect—so please use the **SIGN UP SHEET** at the back of St Bernard's and St Michael's to book your place. **£10.00 can be paid on the day.**

This is a Parish event available to all, the only requirement is that you **SIGN UP for the event by Wednesday 13th December.**

COOKING WITH FE, CHRISTMAS LUNCH £10.00

SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER 10.30AM

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: If you visit the sick, run the First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation programmes, or work as part of the Childrens Liturgy team then this course is essential.

Did you miss the Diocesan Safeguarding Training this year run by Julie Minal, a diocese safeguarding officer. Julie will be running more training days on

Saturday 13th January 2024 in Waterlooville and Saturday 20th January 2024 in Woolston

PLEASE BOOK A PLACE by emailing Julie Minal - jminal@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

A REMINDER ABOUT TRAINING FROM THE DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING OFFICE: 'The training is valid for 2 yrs so if they have completed the adult/child safeguarding training they should complete the adult safeguarding refresher training. Their training & DBS should be in date in order for them to volunteer.'

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 are available at both churches.

IN MEMORIAM

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

- 3rd *Lothar Ward (1978)*
4th *Linda Grimm (1978), Gerard Hodgson (1978), James Boulger (2002)*
5th *Esther Gilmour (1962), James Matthiesen (1982), William John Carpenter (2007)*
6th *Oliver Bracher (1983), Chantal Rizzo-Humphrey (1999), Elizabeth Dawtry (2017)*
7th *Catherine Duff (1980)*

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."

Sunday, 3rd December, is the First Sunday of Advent, when the Church enters into a short but magical season that prepares us for the Coming of Christ. Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us in Bethlehem is remembered, and as a season when that remembrance directs our minds and hearts to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period of hope, of devout and joyful expectation. The liturgical colour is violet, and not the purple of Lent and penance. At Sunday Mass, the Gospel readings each have a distinctive theme: the Lord's coming at the end of time (First Sunday of Advent), John the Baptist (Second and Third Sunday), and the events that prepared immediately for the Lord's birth (Fourth Sunday). The Old Testament readings are prophecies about the Messiah and the Messianic age, especially from the Isaiah. On weekdays, there are two series of readings: one to be used from the beginning of Advent until 16th December, the other from 17th to 24th December. In the first part of Advent there are readings from Isaiah, distributed in accord with the sequence of the book itself and including those texts that are also read on the Sundays. In "late Advent," the last week before Christmas, the events that immediately prepared for the Lord's birth are presented from Matthew and Luke. (Taken from the Bishops e-news)

Did you know that 800 years ago St. Francis of Assisi set up the very first Nativity scene? Today almost every Catholic household has one. We would love to see yours!



Send (or bring) in a picture of your nativity scene to put on the notice boards at both churches.

Heating St Michael's Church during this cold weather is an enormous task for its aging heating system, the heating is now on for extended hours daily in an effort to retain heat. Your patience and fortitude is greatly appreciated and we ask that you please dress warmly for Mass for your comfort and health.

Please accept our regrets and sincere apologies that the church isn't as toasty warm as we would all like it to be.

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Let us ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten us so that we may be able to give an account of our faith and hope to today's world with words and, above all, with the testimony of our lives. #GeneralAudience

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.

MASS READINGS FOR THE 1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, 'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down! – at your Presence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

Communion Antiphon: *The Lord will shower his gifts, and our land will yield its fruit.*