



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



**Parish Diary week commencing Sunday 10th December 2023,
SECOND Week in ADVENT.**

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Date	Weekday	Mass Time	Where	Days	Proper
10-12-2023	Sunday	9am	St Bernard's	Sunday	2nd Sunday of Advent
10-12-2023	Sunday	11am	St Michael's	Sunday	2nd Sunday of Advent
11-12-2023	Monday	9am	St Bernard's	Weekday	Advent Feria
12-12-2023	Tuesday	9am	St Michael's	Weekday	Advent Feria
13-12-2023	Wednesday	9am	St Bernard's	Weekday	Saint Lucy
14-12-2023	Thursday	9am	St Michael's	Weekday	Saint John of the Cross
15-12-2023	Friday	No Mass	Churches available	Weekday	Advent Feria
16-12-2023	Saturday	9am	St Michael's	Weekday	Advent Feria
17-12-2023	Sunday	9am	St Bernard's	Sunday	3rd Sunday of Advent
17-12-2023	Sunday	11am	St Michaels	Sunday	3rd Sunday of Advent

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.

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.

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.

Last weeks Collections

St Bernard's	£89.50
St Michael's	£113.05
Envelopes	£126.50

Direct to bank figure for November is not yet available.

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.

Facing Christmas

A candlelit service recognising that Christmas

can be a difficult time for some.

For the bereaved,

for those whose family live far away,

for those who want a quiet time before Christmas

and for all those in between

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph

Catholic Church, High Street, Lymington

7pm Wednesday 13th December 2023

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.

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.'

@ Pontifex

We have entered [#Advent](#) full of hope. We fervently implore the Prince of Peace to bring comfort to our wounded hearts and to nations suffering from wars and crises of every kind, so that all may live a dignified and peaceful life.

On 3rd December the Pope wrote -Today is International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Welcoming and including those who experience this condition helps society as a whole to become more humane. Let us learn to value every person with his or her qualities and abilities, excluding no-one.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER

THE 3RD 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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Cooking with Fe this month is this **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

ST BERNARD'S CHURCH HALL

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.

Congratulations to this Months 100 Club Winners!

The draw took place on Saturday 2nd December during the Grand Christmas Raffle.

1st Prize	Holly & Emily Welsh	£105.00
2nd Prize	Valerie Insulli	£63.00
3rd Prize	Kevin Dawtry	£42.00

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

10th Kathleen Jennings (1981), Elizabeth Carne (1988), Doreen Oram (1993)

11th Patrick O'Driscoll (1988), Andy Anderson (2008)

13th Aiden Prestage (1996)

14th Patricia Frances Leaver (2012)

16th Ethel Chadwick (2005), Alfred Herbert Elmer (2008)

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 Grand Christmas draw took place last Saturday and what a lot of fantastic prizes there were!

Your generosity in donating prizes and efforts in selling tickets raised a fantastic **£1,141.20**

Congratulations to all our prize winners and a massive well done and thank you to Barbara and her team who made it all possible.

Father Paul Obada

Monday 11th December is the Anniversary of Fr Paul's Ordination in 2004.

Congratulations Father, we hope you have a blessed and joyful day, from all of us here at Waterside Catholic Parish

Advance Parish Diary for 24th and 25th December

Sunday 24th December

St Bernard's Church 9am Mass. Last Sunday in Advent

St Michael's Church 11am Mass. Last Sunday in Advent

Sunday 24th December

St Bernard's Church 7pm Carols and Readings.

7.30pm Vigil Mass. The Nativity of the Lord

Can you help the Waterside Foodbank help others in our local community by donating items such as:-

500g Sugar, Toilet Rolls, Tinned cold meat, Sponge pudding, Milk powder, Rice pouches, Christmas treats, Christmas crackers, Instant mash, Tinned fish (not tuna), Cup-a-soups, Small tinned potatoes, Large tins of Sweetcorn, 100g Coffee, Small Savoury Snacks, Washing powder, 1L Long life fruit juice, Toiletries, Cleaning sprays and wipes, Dry cat food, Dry and wet dog food, Shopping bags.

Donations can be left at the back of both churches.

Contact info@waterside.foodbank.org.uk

Registered charity number: 1136282

Father Noah Monday wishes to thank the parish for the welcome and generous response to the Red Box appeal last weekend. If you did not get a chance to collect a Red Box or Direct Debit form, please speak to your Missio volunteer or Parish Priest. You can also find more information at www.missio.org.uk

MASS READINGS FOR THE 2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God. ‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 84(85):9-14 *Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.*

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, ‘a day’ can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! *Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!*

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;

he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, ‘Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy

Communion Antiphon: *Rise up, Jerusalem, stand on the heights, and see the joy that is coming to you from God.*