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Our Prayers for our brothers/sisters/friends in the parish community : We keep in our prayers the sick and housebound members of the parish: John Allen, Pauline Moore, Mike Slipper, Paola McCarthy and Hugh Kelly . (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 repose of the souls of the dear departed of the parish and for those whose anniversaries occur this week. Please have a look at the names of the faithful departed in the book of remembrance

2nd Collections coming up 2024

1. White Flower Appeal -14th January
2. Racial Justice- 28th January
3. CAFOD - 25th February
4. Clergy Assistance Fund - 10th March
5. Holy Places—29th March

Thank you for your generosity

Parish News

Cooking with Fe : There will be no Cooking with Fe in January. Cooking with Fe will resume on the 10th of February 10:30- 12pm

Icons of Mary : 'Icons of Mary meet on the 13th of January 10-12pm' St Bernard's Hall.

Adoration on Wednesday : Wednesday Adoration resumes on Wed 10th January.

Waterside Parish Burns Supper: Saturday, 27th January, 2024, St Bernard's Hall, Holbury, £10 per person (Scotch Broth/Haggis, Neeps and tatties/Cranachan/cheese and Oatcakes) Whisky for toasts provided, but please your own beverages to enjoy with your meal. Early indication of attendance much appreciated.

Weekday Masses at St. Bernard's : coming couple of days weekday mass will be at St. Bernard's only. I don't have a transport at the moment as my car broke down during the floods last Thursday, 4th.

Patricia Cassidy R.I.P: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Cassidy .Patricia Cassidy who sadly passed away at her home on 21st December 2023 aged 95 years. The Service has been arranged for Thursday 1st February 2024 at St Bernard's Church 1pm . Followed by a Committal at Blackfield Cemetery at 2pm .

Mike Fenn R.I.P : Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mike Fenn who passed away on Sunday 31st December. I am waiting for the funeral details.

Fr. Innaiah's visits to Parishioners : Fr. Innaiah is more than happy to be contacted on his email (imaddineni@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or 07515001645) if you need a home visit or anointing/Holy Communion. Father Innaiah will be delighted to meet up with you at the comfort of your own home.

Sacraments : Please contact Father Innaiah - Our Parish Priest directly to talk about Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, Wedding ,Funeral arrangements for your family member etc (imaddineni@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or 07515001645)

Charity is patient, is kind; charity does not envy, is not pretentious, is not puffed up, is not ambitious, is not self-seeking, is not provoked; thinks no evil, does not rejoice over wickedness, but rejoices with the truth, bears with all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
(1 Cor. 13:4-7).

Prayer to St Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen. .

O glorious prince St. Michael, chief and commander of the heavenly hosts, guardian of souls, vanquisher of rebel spirits, servant in the house of the Divine King and our admirable conductor, you who shine with excellence and superhuman virtue deliver us from all evil, who turn to you with confidence and enable us by your gracious protection to serve God more and more faithfully every day.

Act of Spiritual Communion

As I cannot this day enjoy the happiness of assisting at the Holy Mysteries, O my God, I transport myself in spirit at the foot of Your altar. I unite with the Church which by the hands of the Priest, offers You Your adorable Son in the Holy Sacrifice. I offer myself with Him, by Him and in His Name. I adore, I praise and thank You, imploring your mercy, invoking your assistance and presenting You the homage I owe You as my Creator, the love due to You as my Saviour. Apply to my soul, I beseech You, O Merciful Jesus, Your infinite merits; apply them also to those for whom I particularly wish to pray. I desire to communicate spiritually, that Your Blood may purify, Your Flesh strengthen, and Your Spirit sanctify me. May I never forget that You, my divine Redeemer, died for me; may I die to all that is not You, that hereafter I may live eternally with You. Amen.

The Memorare to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.

To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

St Bernard, pray for us.

Congratulations :

Congratulations to Kevin Michael Patrick Brophy commissioned as



Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Eucharist on Christmas Day at St Michael's church. Fr. Innaiah is very grateful to Kevin for accepting this ministry and Kevin now joined other Extra ordinary .

Many Thanks for your generosity. Parish received the following generous collections from you.

Sunday 24th December £ 332.45

Christmas Vigil £ 281.65

Christmas Day £ 860.88

Crib Collection £ 69.01

Sunday 2nd January £ 312.40

Repository £ 18.87

Scripture Readings—Epiphany of the Lord—Sunday 7th January 2024

A reading from the book of Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

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Response to the psalm: All nations shall fall, prostrate before you, O Lord

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 2 : 1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

*And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'*

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out.

And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was.

The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord/Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ