



WATERSIDE PARISH OF ST BERNARD'S & ST MICHAEL'S

St Bernard's church

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—14th January 2024—Year B

Date	Weekday	Mass/Where	Time	Proper	Mass Intention
14.01.24	Sunday	St Bernard's	9am	Sunday Mass	Peace in the World—General Intention People of the Parish Keith Ellison R.I.P
		St Michael's	11am	Sunday Mass	
15.01.24	Monday	St Bernard's	9am	Weekday Mass	For the intentions of Bishop Philip
16.01.24	Tuesday	St Bernard's	9am	Weekday Mass	Good health of Valerie O'Donnell
17.01.24	Wednesday	St Bernard's	9am	St Anthony of Egypt	For the People of our Diocese
18.01.24	Thursday	St Bernard's	9am	Weekday Mass	Sick & various needs
20.01.24	Saturday	St Bernard's	9am	Weekday Mass	Diocesan Prayer : Anglican Communion
21.01.24	Sunday	St Bernard's	9am	Sunday Mass	For Children & young People
		St Michael's	11am	Sunday Mass	People of the Parish

THANK YOU, EVERYONE FOR SUCH KIND AND GENEROUS GIFTS AND CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS: Dear Friends, Many thanks for generous greetings, gifts you shared with me at Christmas & New Year 2024. It was wonderful to see many of you at Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and on 1st January 2024— Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. Please share your dreams and aspirations in the New Year 2024 . May God bless you. We are all pilgrims .

Please join Pope Francis:

Pope Francis General Intention for January 2024: For the Gift of Diversity in the Church : In January,

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of the different rites within the Catholic Church.

There are many different gifts, but it is always the same Spirit; there are many different ways of serving, but it is always the same Lord. There are many different forms of activity, but in everybody it is the same God who is at work in them all. 1 Corinthians 12: 4-6.

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).

"Let us go forward with the Lord for the good of the Church and the World." (Pope Benedict XVI)



St Anthony of Egypt—Saint of the Week—January 17th:

(Father of Christian Monasticism) : St Anthony lived in the solitude of the Egyptian desert for many years. St Athanasius , who knew Anthony personally, recorded his life in what became a best-selling biography for the time. Anthony considered all beings—humans and angels , fallen or not—to be creatures of God. Only sin, Anthony taught, gives the devil power over soul. Anthony's strict life of prayer and fasting produced a gentle and patient wisdom, reflected in the sayings of the Desert Fathers. The fellow hermits who came to live with him formed the beginnings of Christian monasticism . Anthony died in 356 .



Prayer : O God, as you by your Holy Spirit enabled your servant Anthony to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; so give us grace to follow you with pure hearts and minds, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Week of Christian Unity : We will begin Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity—18th to 25th January 2024. Please join us to pray at our masses and gatherings for all our fellow Christians in our country and beyond. May the light of Christ shine on us. May Christ's disciples grow each day.

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. Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Mother Church of the Diocese of Portsmouth—21st 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

Society for Protection of Unborn children (SPUC): White flower appeal : The success of the **White Flower Appeal** is founded on the compassion and generosity of faithful churchgoers in parishes across the UK. **SPUC** is grateful for the unapologetic defence of unborn babies and vulnerable people that the teaching of the Catholic Church provides . Please give generously . Keith is around to have a word with you if you have any doubts.

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.

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.**

Newsletter items : Please send all News Letter items by Thursday 6pm every week. office@watersideparish.org.uk.
Parish office hours : Mon to Thu 10am to 4pm

Parish Finance Committee : We are in the process of reestablishing Parish Finance committee. We are looking for 2 more people (Total 5). If you have skills /experience around fundraising, income generation, financial matters please speak to Father Innaiah. Parish Finance Committee is an obligatory committee according to 1983 code of canon law. Thank you.



Waterside 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 to 12.pm .

Adoration on Wednesdays : We have resumed Adoration on every Wednesday, 9.30am to 3pm. New members greatly welcome . Please sign up on Mon & Tue each week for Wed adoration .

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 bring your own beverages to enjoy with your meal. Early indication of attendance much appreciated. Please contact Colin for more details : 07769693473

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 Jan.

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.

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—contact: 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)

Many thanks for your generosity. Parish received the following collections recently.

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

Sunday 7th January £ 328.70

Crib Collection £ 68.00



Here is the homily Bishop Philip preached on Christmas Day at the Mass during the Night and at the noon Mass, here in the Cathedral.

When you look at the Christmas crib, at the BVM and the Christ-Child wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in the manger, what else do you see? Looking around, yes, the shepherds, the Three Kings, the ox and the ass, but who else? There in the background, prouder than anyone, is a strong, silent man – we have no recorded words of his – a man humble, decisive, just and holy: I mean Mary's husband. St. Joseph was involved in all the events of Christmas: the census in Bethlehem, the birth in a stable, the homage of the Magi, the flight into Egypt, the presentation in the Temple. This man of high principles also played a key role in the hidden years of Jesus's home life in Nazareth: His childhood, His adolescence, His human development. Joseph shared with Jesus all his love, wisdom and experience. He taught Him a trade, the value of work, how to earn a living. He socialised Jesus into the cultural and religious mores of the day. More, he gave Jesus an example of being male, a boy, a youth, an adult. Although not His biological father, in this profoundly good Foster-Father, Jesus would surely have recognised a brilliant and faithful icon of His heavenly Father. But Joseph also had one quality all of us need to learn from.

Let me come back to this in a moment.

For this Christmas, there's no shortage of grey skies, weariness, doom and gloom. There are many intentions we need to pray for: peace in the Holy Land and the release of hostages, an end to the useless war in Ukraine, better efforts to tackle climate-change, a solution to the economic crisis and the challenge of mass migration. In our own lives too, we all face many difficulties of our own. Yet as Prophet Isaiah said: *The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow, a light has shone.* Christmas is about light. It's about hope. It's about a new birth, a fresh start. It tells us: God has not abandoned us. He is with us. *A Saviour has been born to us: Christ the Lord.* Christmas reassures us that not only there is a God: He is our Father. He is on our side. He loves us, and He wants the best for us.

The thing we can learn from St. Joseph is this. We read it in the Gospel passage from St. Matthew that begins: *This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph but before they came to live together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.* Imagine what a shock it must have been to Joseph to find out that the young girl he was engaged to was pregnant; even more, imagine how bewildering it must have been to hear her explanation, that this Child had come from the Holy Spirit. Yet Joseph was highly sensitive to God. He had a dream in which God told him it was His vocation to *take Mary to his home as his wife.* For from Her would be born a Son Whom he must name Jesus, because he would be the world's Saviour. In other words, Joseph was an alert listener. He was a man of prayer listening out for God's Word. He heard it and he put it into practice. That's our task too. We need to imitate Joseph. We too need to be good listeners, attentive to what God is asking of us. We too need in prayer to listen out daily for the Word of God, speaking to us in our hearts and minds, or through the Church, or through other people and the events of life. *Today, a Saviour has been born to us: he is Christ the Lord.* In this Mass, in which we pray for our fathers and our mothers, living and dead, and for our families, let's open our hearts to welcome Jesus our Saviour. Let's resolve to be like Joseph. In 2024, let's listen every day for what God is asking of us. I wish you a happy Christmas, and a splendid year ahead.





This Sunday, 14th January, the Second Sunday of the Year, is also designated as Peace Sunday. It is a day of prayer for peace in the world and one of the Masses this weekend may be a Votive Mass for Peace. Each year, Peace Sunday gives every parish the chance to pray and reflect on the Pope's Message for the annual World Day of Peace. For his theme for the

World Day of Peace in 2024, Pope Francis has chosen 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace' ([Artificial Intelligence and Peace](#)).

Governments around the world are taking the development of AI seriously. In November, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak invited experts and world leaders to a summit, expressly to look at AI and safety.

Prior to the summit, he affirmed that, whilst we should not be alarmist, and that there are undoubtedly benefits for humanity in the development of AI, "get this wrong," he said, "and AI could make it easier to build chemical or biological weapons." In that light, Pope Francis is raising a highly contemporary theme. For many of us, the first question is: 'what exactly is 'Artificial Intelligence?' Things that humans have traditionally done by thinking and reasoning are increasingly being done by, or with the help of, AI.

We are already familiar with a number of its uses – internet search engines like Google, the ability of applications like Amazon, YouTube and Netflix to recommend something to buy, watch or listen to, based on our previous choices, software like ChatGPT which can generate articles and essays, or design software that can generate images.

***Pax Christi* have produced a series of resources to mark the day. What are our concerns as peacemakers in the development of AI? First there is the direct impact of AI on war and weapons. Drone Wars UK warn that AI is seen by the world's military powers as a way to revolutionise warfare and gain an advantage over enemies. Worrying military applications of AI are already being rolled out and those in development pose threats to our lives, human rights and wellbeing.**

Then there are the fundamental concerns that Pope Francis raised when he announced his theme for the World Day of Peace: the need to be vigilant that a "logic of violence and discrimination" doesn't take root in the development of AI at the expense of the most fragile and excluded; that the advancement of AI does not fuel injustice and inequality and therefore conflict, and, of course, that AI is developed so that it serves humanity and the protection of our common home. It is a theme we will need to keep returning to.

St John`s Cathedral—Portsmouth : Our Cathedral Needs Our Help Next weekend (21st January) we will have the annual second collection for the upkeep of our diocesan cathedral. It's in urgent need of our financial support, as its Dean, Fr James McAuley writes: "Last January, the 120-year-old West Window of St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth began to collapse because of deterioration in the lead work.

Its restoration was completed last December at an estimated cost of more than £100,000. So far, the Cathedral parish – one of the poorest in the diocese- has raised £38,000 towards the restoration.



This has used up virtually all the Cathedral's available funds. The heating and electrical systems are also in urgent need of upgrading.

One of the three boilers, which heat the Cathedral and Cathedral House, has been broken since spring 2022. The money allocated to replace it had to be diverted to pay for the repairs to the West Window.

The two remaining boilers both failed in November 2023, and we have been advised that all three have come to the end of their useful life, having been installed about 25 years ago.

We have no money to replace the boilers, never mind upgrade the heating system to a more energy efficient system. Last summer the quinquennial architectural survey was completed, and it outlined work required over the next five years to the roof, windows, heating, and electrical systems at an estimated cost of more than £1 million.

I fully appreciate the financial pressures being felt at this time by many people, but may I ask you to support the Second Collection for the Cathedral on 21st January. Never has this annual collection for the Mother Church of the Diocese been more critical or needed.

Fr.Innaiah Maddineni—Parish Priest

Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

The **Corporal Works of Mercy** are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs. They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life. **The seven Corporal Works of Mercy** are listed below. Here are some practical ways that families can incorporate the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy into their everyday lives year round.

Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the Hungry: Research, identify and contribute financially to organizations that serve the hungry.

Give Drink to the Thirsty: Take a neighbor who seems to thirst for a deeper faith to Mass.

Clothe the Naked: Giving good clothing to poor and needy

Visit the Sick: If you learn of an ill neighbour who would like to receive the Eucharist, let your priest know, and take some time to visit with them.

Shelter the Homeless: As a family, make a contribution to charities by giving up a big dinner out.

Visit the Imprisoned: Visit the people in the prisons if you can

Bury the Dead: Join the families to funerals and pray with them and show care and mercy

Spiritual Works of Mercy

The Spiritual Works of Mercy have long been a part of the Christian tradition, appearing in the works of theologians and spiritual writers throughout history. Just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those he ministered to, these Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to help our neighbor in their spiritual needs.

The seven Spiritual Works of Mercy are listed below. After each work of mercy there are also suggestions and words of advice for living them out in our daily lives.

Admonish the Sinner: Take the time to correct one another privately.

Instruct the Ignorant: Set a good example for younger brothers and sisters.

Counsel the Doubtful: Encourage growing teens with compliments on character.

Comfort the Sorrowful: Give lots of hugs to discouraged , parents and friends.

Bear Wrongs Patiently: Try to speak gentle words when you are frustrated.

Forgive All Injuries: Make a habit of saying "I'm sorry" sooner rather than later.

Pray for the Living and the Dead: Use mealtime grace to remember friends and family, both living and dead.

The Holy Habits Prayer :

'Endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us...'

Gracious and ever-loving God, we offer our lives to you. Help us always to be open to your Spirit in our thoughts and feelings and actions. Support us as we seek to learn more about those habits of the Christian life which, as we practise them, will form in us the character of Jesus by establishing us in the way of faith, hope and love.

Amen