



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

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7th Sunday of Easter—12th May 2024—He truly Ascended into Heaven

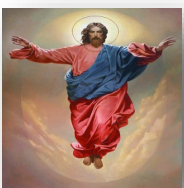
Date	Weekday	Where	Time	Proper	Intentions-Prayers
12.05.24	Sunday	St Bernard's St Michael's	9am	Sunday Mass	People of the Parish—7th Sunday of Easter
			11am	Sunday Mass	People of the Parish—7th Sunday of Easter
13.05.24	Monday	St Bernard's	9am	Weekday	Word & Communion—Our Lady of Fathima
14.05.24	Tuesday	St Michael's	9am	Weekday	Word & Communion— St. Matthias Apostle, feast
15.05.24	Wednesday	St Bernard's	9am	Weekday	Word & Communion
17.05.24	Friday	St Bernard's	9.30am	Weekday	Word & Communion
18.05.24	Saturday	St Michael's	9.30am	Weekday	Word & Communion
19.05.24	Sunday	St Bernard's St Michael's	9am	Sunday Mass	People of the Parish—Pentecost Sunday
			11am	Sunday Mass	People of the Parish—Pentecost Sunday



Pope Francis prayer intention for the month of May: For the formation of men and women religious and for seminarians. In his video message, the Pope emphasizes the ongoing development of their vocations through grace, prayer, community, and witness to the Gospel.

Spring/Summer Clean up : Looking good for some earnest outdoor work tidying up the grounds and gardens. There is plenty of work to do for everyone tidying up flower beds, removing weeds , clearing rubbish around and tidying up the premises. Please come along and bring suitable tools with you. If you can spare just an hour to help out that would be marvellous. Please bring your own tools. Please feel at home at our two churches and see what we can do to make our premises look nicer.

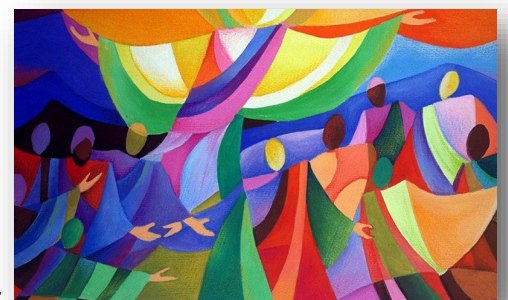
Thursday, 9th May 2024, a Holy Day of Obligation, is the feast of the Lord's Ascension, when at the end of His earthly life and mission Jesus ascended into heaven (cf. Acts 1: 1-11). The Ascension, as St. John Paul II put it, "indicates the goal to which personal and universal history is hastening", namely, to the glory of heaven. We are bound for heaven, and the Ascension of Christ reminds us to fix our gaze on Him in glory, as we labour tirelessly for Him here on earth. On Ascension Thursday, we also begin the Great Novena or Nine Days of Prayer, with Mary, Peter and the Apostles in the Upper Room, for the Coming of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the Church's mission to the world. *Adveniat regnum tuum* we pray in the Our Father: 'Thy Kingdom come.' During this Novena, Catholics are invited to join with Anglican and other Christians in the 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative. Just as in January we have the Week of Prayer for the Unity of Christians, so in this week, we join ecumenically with our brother and sister Christians in the other communities to pray for the mission of the Church and the spread of the Gospel in our land. During this novena, why not pray each day the great Prayer to the Holy Spirit for this intention:



*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,
and enkindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,
and You shall renew the face of the earth.*

Let us pray. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,

did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the gifts of the same Spirit, they may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord. men.





7th Sunday of Easter , 12th May, . Acts 1:15-17, 20-26: In his leadership role and guided by the Scriptures, Peter prompts the post-Resurrection community, 120 persons, to choose an apostle to replace Judas. He lays out the qualifications required – someone who has been with Jesus since the time of John the Baptist and has been a witness to the resurrection. The one chosen will provide a link between the earthly Jesus and the Church. The lot falls on Matthias whose feast it is tomorrow. 1 John 4:11-16: We hear again those simple words, that God is love, and that that should be the impetus for us to love one another. For, as long as we love one another, God will dwell in us. How much the Spirit must mould and shape us in our relationships with one another. That love alone can bear authentic witness to the risen Christ. John 17:11-19: We hear the priestly prayer of Jesus addressed to his heavenly Father. Jesus is praying for us in our very secular world with all its distractions. He is praying that we may be true to his name, and that we may be consecrated in truth. In these days between the Ascension and Pentecost, with the whole Church, we are praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit. In our readings we see the Spirit at work as the lot falls on Matthias. It is God's Spirit of love that will enable us to love one another and bear witness to the Christ of love. It is the prayer of Jesus that the Spirit of truth may consecrate us, and keep us true to his name. Come, Holy Spirit!

You will be my Witnesses : Dear Friends—PPC, PFC, PLG—Other Parish groups—I once again bring to your kind attention the Bishop Philip's Pastoral /Mission Plan—You will be my witnesses—Coming days and weeks are days of greater reflection and discernment as everyone is invited by our bishop to renew our lives and parishes. When we meet up—lion's share of our time to spent on greater reflection and sharing on this plan Bishop sent to us. <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/you-will-be-my-witnesses> . Please let me know if you want me to guide you. If you need a printed copy let me know ASAP . I will get a copy for you. I keep PPC, PFC and PLG meetings are on hold at the moment. Please do have a conversation with Father Innaiah on these matters.

Cooking with Fe : We will not have cooking demonstration this month of May. We will have it on 2nd Saturday of June on the 8th of June 2024. Many thanks. Fe .

Parish Finance Committee Meeting : Parish Finance committee meeting is on Tuesday 21st May 2024 at 7pm at St Michael's church. Many thanks. Please speak PFC members if there is anything you want to discuss.



Coffee/Tea/Tak/chat :

We welcome our parishioners/friends/neighbours to join for cup of coffee/tea



and for a chat on each Tuesday at St Michael's church (10am to 11am) St Bernard's church on each Wednesday 10am to 11am. These two in addition to the coffee/tea on Sundays at 10am and 12 noon at two churches.

Confession—Every Saturday St Michael's at 9.30am to 10am .

Pope Francis has declared that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme for Jubilee Year 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope", a year of hope for



a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. Preparations for the 2025 Year of Jubilee will begin in Advent 2023, which will mark the start of a year of prayer.

We will be regularly updating this page with suggestions and resources for use by parishes, priests, religious and laypeople to assist our community in preparing this most vital year in the Church calendar.

The Jubilee Logo : The logo shows four stylised figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need. There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms. It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: *Peregrinantes in Spem* (Pilgrims in hope), represented in green letters.

On Tuesday 21st May, the Vigil of St Rita, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of Mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support www.GoodCounselNetwork.com