

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

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5th Sunday of Easter—28th April 2024

Date	Weekday	Where	Time	Proper	Intentions-Prayers
28.04.24	Sunday	St Bernard`s St Michael`s	9am	Sunday Mass	People of the Community
			11am	Sunday Mass	Private Intentions
29.04.24	Monday	St Bernard`s	9am	Weekday Mass	Sick & Needy of Our Parish
30.04.24	Tuesday	St Michael`s	9am	Weekday Mass	Bishop Philip & Clergy
01.05.24	Wednesday	St Bernard`s	9am	Weekday Mass	All Laity in our Diocese
03.05.24	Friday	St Bernard`s	9.30am	Weekday Mass	All Souls
04.05.24	Saturday	St Michael`s	9.30am	Weekday Mass	All Souls
05.05.26	Sunday St Bernard`s St Michael`s	9am	Sunday Mass	People of the Community	
		or Michael 8	11am	Sunday Mass	People of the Community
06.05.24	Monday	St Bernard`s	9am	Weekday Mass	All Souls

Pope Francis General Intention April 2024: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world. Alleluia Alleluia

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

A day for Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion is being held on Saturday 4th May at St Bede's, Basingstoke. For more information and to reserve a place contact liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

REGINA CAELI, it is tradition that during Eastertide the Regina Caeli replaces the Angelus. V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia! R. For he whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia! V. Has risen, as He said, Alleluia! R. Pray for us to God, Alleluia! V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia! R. For the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia!

Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen.



Spring/Summer Clean up: Looking good for some earnest outdoor work tidying up the grounds and gardens. There is plenty of work to do 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.



Saint George was a man who abandoned one army for another: he gave up the rank of tribune to enlist as a soldier for Christ. Eager to encounter the enemy, he first stripped away his worldly wealth by giving all he had to the poor. Then, free and unencumbered, bearing the shield of faith, he plunged into the thick of the battle, an ardent soldier for Christ." (St Peter Damian). We celebrated the feast of St George on last Tuesday 23rd April.

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. Scheduled PPC meeting on Thursday 2nd May at 7.30pm is postponed and speak to Father Innaiah if you think we have any priorities at this time. Please watch the space.



Don Bosco Boys Camp
2024: We are delighted
that this camp will be
going ahead again this
summer for boys of

secondary school age (leaving Yr6 to leaving Yr11) at St.

Cassian's, Kintbury. There will be plenty of sport, outings, competitions and games to ensure that boys will have a fantastic week. This will continue to take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic Faith, including daily Mass and morning prayer. The cost of the camp is £230 (part bursaries may be available on application). For more information please speak to Father. The camp will run from Sunday 28th July to Saturday 3rd August 2024. I am



hoping to visit on Thursday evening when there is a Reconciliation service and a BBQ and Camp fire.

Plant and Cake Sale St.

Bernard's Church
Southbourne Avenue Holbury

Saturday 11th May 10.00 – 12.00 Teas and coffees Books and Puzzles Table top sales Raffle....Please come and bring your friends and Family.

Hymns at St Michael's—28.04.2024

Entrance: Jesus my Lord My God My All: 913
Offertory: In bread we bring you Lord: 609
Post Communion: Oh Bread of Heaven: 662
Recessional: Christ be beside me: 910

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.



5th Sunday of Easter: "Once a mother asked me about having her child baptised. I inquired why she wanted this, given that she never came to Mass herself. She explained that she could not face church. It was full of fibbers, gossips and hypocrites. I agreed with her. She was taken aback. But I did say that it seemed a little like waiting in a doctor's surgery complaining that everybody else there was ill. The world generally has fibbers, gossips and hypocrites.

At Mass we admit our faults but we claim no monopoly on fibbing, gossiping or hypocrisy. We try to do something about our sins, even if we fail as often as not, and maybe more so. Among the first words of Mass we confess that we are sinners. Before we approach the Lord in communion we admit Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof; but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Like the doctor's patients we are here because we need to be healed: made whole again. Unlike the patients, we don't claim any right to be here. We never claim that we are worthy to be here. We need help together. Together we offer each other prayerful help. We draw together on the help and the grace of God. Jesus catches the image of our being together, of our interconnectedness: I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. We are all together in our faith. Our faith is real and active, not just words or mere talk. We build each other up, despite our weakness and unworthiness. We remain alert to the dangers of fibbing and gossip and hypocrisy. We need humility and perseverance to confront our weakness, to resist it and to repent it every time it makes us fail. But we should never let our weakness become an excuse to give up trying. Even when we keep in mind that we believe in the name of God's Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to, we don't become perfect. That is for eternal life.

But, loving one another, we find it ever harder to lie and gossip about each other or about anyone. We find it ever harder to pretend that we are what we are not. If we prune those failings in our lives we make way for greater and stronger growth in what is good. We grasp Jesus' promise that; If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it

". Father Gerard Flynn