



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

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6th Sunday of Easter—5th May 2024

Date	Weekday	Where	Time	Proper	Intentions-Prayers
05.05.24	Sunday	St Bernard's St Michael's	9am	Sunday Mass	People of the Parish
			11am	Sunday Mass	Anthony & Violette Baddour R.I.P
06.05.24	Monday	St Bernard's	9am	Weekday Mass	People of the Parish
07.05.24	Tuesday	St Michael's	9am	Weekday Mass	People of the Parish
08.05.24	Wednesday	St Bernard's	9am	Weekday Mass	People of the Parish
09.05.24	Thursday	St Michael's	9.30am	Solemnity	T HE ASCENSION OF T HE LORD
		St Bernard's	7pm	Solemnity	T HE ASCENSION OF T HE LORD
10.05.24	Friday	St Bernard's	9.30am	Weekday Mass	People of the Parish
11.05.24	Saturday	St Michael's	9.30am	Weekday Mass	People of the Parish
12.05.24	Sunday	St Bernard's St Michael's	9am	Sunday Mass	Seventh Sunday of Easter
			11am	Sunday Mass	Seventh Sunday of Easter

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 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.

Ask your MP to stop abortion up to birth being introduced. Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have tabled amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill that would make extreme changes to our abortion laws. Both amendments would make it more likely that babies are aborted at home for any reason, up to birth. Take action: To oppose the abortion up to birth amendments, email your MP via this link: www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth

Ascension is this Thursday, 9th May it is a Holy Day of Obligation, and as such we are having 2 Masses. 9.30am (ST M) and 7pm at St B .

CAFOD Emergency Appeal this weekend. Sudan is in a crisis. There's been a war in the region for a year with a prolonged drought and shortage of food. The UN says nearly 18 million people are struggling with acute hunger. UN calls it "one of the worst humanitarian crises in recent memory, with potential to trigger the world's largest hunger emergency." CAFOD has been able to donate a further £250k funds from our emergency response fund and our local partners on the ground are working right now in their communities, providing food, water and emergency cash payments to refugees and displaced people. Please join us and pray for the people of Sudan and peace for their country. If you are able to donate please do so via the collection, or head to <https://cafod.org.uk/>

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.



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 .

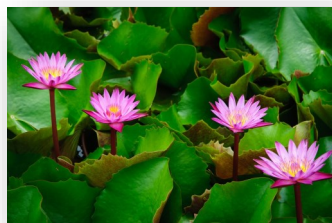
Don Bosco Boys Camp 2024 : We are delighted that this camp will be going ahead again this



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 Sunday Masses—05.05.2024

Entrance : Come on & celebrate

Gloria : Said

Offertory : A New commandment

Post Communion : Soul of my savior

Recessional: Immaculate Mary



we begin the month of May, which traditionally among Catholics is known as “Mary’s Month,” a specific month of the year when special devotions are performed in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There are many different factors that have contributed to this association. In ancient Greece and Rome, the month of May was dedicated to pagan goddesses connected to fertility and springtime. This, combined with other European rituals commemorating the new season of Spring, led many Western cultures to view May as a month of life and motherhood. In some parts of the early Church, there was a major feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated on the 15th May, but it was not until the eighteenth century that the month of May received a particular association with the Virgin Mary. According to the *Catholic Encyclopaedia*, “The May devotion in its present form originated at Rome where Fr. Latomia of the Roman College of the Society of Jesus, to counteract infidelity and immorality among the students, made a vow at the end of the eighteenth century to devote the month of May to Mary.

From Rome the practice spread to the other Jesuit colleges and thence to nearly every Catholic church of the Latin rite.” Various private devotions to Mary quickly became widespread during the month of May. In 1945, Pope Pius XII solidified May as a Marian month when he established the feast of the Queenship of Mary on 31st May. After Vatican II, this feast was moved to 22nd August, but 31st May became instead the feast of the Visitation of Mary.