



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

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PENTECOST SUNDAY—Holy Spirit Descended Upon Them—19.5.2024

Date	Weekday	Where	Time	Proper	Intentions—Prayers
19.05.24	Sunday	St Bernard's	9am	Sunday Mass	Terry Ketley R.I.P —Pentecost
		St Michael's	11am	Sunday Mass	People of the Parish—Pentecost
20.05.24	Monday	St Bernard's	9am	Weekday	ORDINARY TIME RESUMES (Week 7) The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, memorial
21.05.24	Tuesday	St Michael's	9am	Weekday	St Christopher Magallanes & Companions, Priests, Martyrs
22.05.24	Wednesday	St Bernard's	9am	Weekday	St Rita of Cascia, Religious,
24.05.24	Friday	St Bernard's	9.30am	Weekday	All the Sick—Healing
25.05.24	Saturday	St Michael's	9.30am	Weekday	St Bede the Venerable, Religious,
26.05.24	Sunday	St Bernard's	9am	Sunday Mass	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, solemnity People of the Parish
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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.

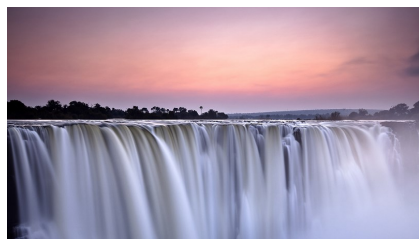
Spring/Summer Clean up : Looking good for some earnest outdoor work tidying up the grounds and gardens. There is plenty of work to do for everyone tidying up flower beds, removing weeds , clearing rubbish around and tidying up the premises. Please come along and bring suitable tools with you. If you 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.

Bishop Philip warmly invite you to join him and fellow pilgrims on our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, one of the most significant pastoral events in the Diocesan calendar. This year's pilgrimage is from Monday 22nd – Friday 26th July...Pope Francis has dedicated 2024 to being a Year of Prayer. Pilgrimage is a very particular form of prayer, a time when we don't only speak words to God, but act with our bodies to come to a particular place. Lourdes has been a place of special prayer for over 160 years since Our Lady appeared to Saint Bernadette in 1858. Lourdes holds a special affection in the hearts of many across the Diocese and these trips are wonderful opportunities to experience faith, fun and friendship. I very much hope that you will consider joining me and fellow pilgrims when we depart from London Gatwick Airport on Monday 22nd July. We will be staying close to the Sanctuary at the four-star Hotel La Solitude which enjoys panoramic views of the upper town and the Pyrenees. The hotel boasts en-suite rooms with tea and coffee-making facilities and a comfortable restaurant with a varied and plentiful menu. We have an itinerary which takes full advantage of all that Lourdes has to offer, which includes participation in all the usual Pilgrimage activities. Pilgrims visit many places that were important to St Bernadette during her lifetime as well as offering the opportunity to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. During our pilgrimage there will be moments of quiet reflection and peace, as well as times when we will be able to hear the chanting and singing of hundreds of voices.



WELCOME REV FATHER KEVIN BIDGOOD : I warmly welcome Rev Fr Kevin Bidgood on this Pentecost Sunday . Father Kevin will celebrate 9am & 11am Masses and preach . We are grateful to Fr Kevin for visiting our Waterside Parish and offer Masses.

Congrats : Winners—100 Club May 2024 : 1st prize Sandra Thompson £110 , 2nd prize Francesca Wells £66 , 3rd prize Yvonne Mulvenney £44.



Sunday 19th May is Pentecost Sunday, 50 days after Easter, when we celebrate the descent of the Advocate Christ promised, the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity - Who hovered over the waters at the world's creation, Who spoke

through the prophets of old, Who overshadowed the womb of the Blessed Virgin and Who filled and animated the Heart of Christ. The Spirit blows where He wills but at Pentecost that Spirit descended upon Our Lady, St. Peter and the Apostles to begin the re-creation of the world and to initiate the life and mission of the Church. At Pentecost we celebrate the Church's birthday. Next Sunday, and all this week, let us thank God that we belong to Christ's one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. The Church exists across space-time as a Sacrament, that is, a sign and an instrument to gather the world into unity with one another and with God, to give people the gifts of eternal life in Jesus Christ and to send them out to build the Kingdom especially serving the poor and needy. Unlike with the Father and the Son, it is not easy to 'picture' the Holy Spirit. The Bible uses symbols, like fire, wind, water. I like to think of the Holy Spirit as living water poured into our hearts.

He dwells within us, sharing our life, our experiences, our hopes and fears. But rather than trying to picture Him, it's easier to sense His impact. He woos us to Christ and to His Truth, Goodness and Love. This can be seen in the seven-fold gifts the Holy Spirit gives in our lives such as boldness, wisdom and devotion, seen too in the twelve fruits the Spirit forms in someone's character, like joy, charity and generosity. If we want to 'see' the Holy Spirit, we should look at the impact in the lives of holy men and women. It's fascinating how so many of the saints show the same characteristics: joy, care for the poor, an intense love for Jesus in the Eucharist, a communion of friends, a commitment to poverty. In their lives, you can see how the Spirit renews the face of the earth. The world we live in today badly needs the water, the fire, the wind, the balm of the Holy Spirit.

St. Irenaeus once said, just as dry flour cannot become dough without water, so too we cannot become holy without the Water from heaven. This week, let's ask the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Let's ask Him to refill the whole Church with His gifts. Let's ask Him to renew our hearts, to pour into them His living water and to set us on fire with love.

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. Many Thanks to you for your support.



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 stabilize 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