



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

St Bernard's church
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Corpus Christi—02.06.2024—Precious Body & Blood of Christ. Amen.

Date	Weekday	Where	Time	Proper	Intentions-Prayers
02.06.24	Sunday	St Bernard's St Michael's	9am 11am	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass	Georges Raffaray R.I.P Dr.Matt Murphy R.I.P
03.06.24	Monday	St Bernard's	9am	Weekday	Julia O'Mahony R.I.P
04.06.24	Tuesday	St Michael's	9am	Weekday	Celebration of Word & Communion
05.06.24	Wednesday	St Bernard's	9am	Weekday	Celebration of Word & Communion
07.06.24	Friday	St Bernard's	9.30am	Weekday	Celebration of Word & Communion
08.06.24	Saturday	St Michael's	9.30am	Weekday	Holy Mass—Tony Carey R.I.P
09.06.24	Sunday	St Bernard's St Michael's	9am 11am	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass	Phil Carey R.I.P Ann Marie Murphy R.I.P

Pope Francis prayer intention for the month of June : 'For those fleeing their own countries'

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.

I hope that everyone is aware of the 10-Year Plan by now for our Diocese of Portsmouth You Will Be My Witnesses. The Plan prioritises improving liturgy, formation, and evangelisation leading missionary communities serving all, particularly the young and the poor. It reminds us that we are to be prudent stewards of Christ's Church where structures will need to be reshaped with prudent steward-

Sacrament of Reconciliation —Every Saturday St Michael's at 9.30am to 10am .

ship of resources and investment in the future. The 87 parishes of the Diocese will become 24 larger parishes working together, sharing resources, and working to an agreed plan for the mission entrusted to us of introducing more people to faith in Jesus Christ. The implementation of the Plan is underway in many places. Clergy and laity have begun work on a Mission Plan and a first draft has been submitted to the Bishop. We have been working on a common approach to First Holy Communion preparation .

The clergy continue to meet often providing an opportunity for mutual support and collaborative working. <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. Please do have a conversation with Father Innaiah on these matters. Please share your thoughts.

“Title: Deacon Ian's 25th Anniversary of Ordination BBQ Celebration, Saturday 15 June 2024, at 12 Noon. A celebration will be held at St Bernards Parish Hall, all are invited and welcome. There are no tickets or suggested donations. Those who are able and will are able to sign up to bring items towards the event on the day. A list is available . Those who wish to bring additional items are welcome to bring them to the BBQ. Any questions feel free to ask James or Fe.” Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Fe or James.

Cooking with Fe : We will have it on the 8th of June 2024. Demonstration on chicken satay... Many thanks. Fe .

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. Welcome.

Canon Dominic writes ...Corpus Christi.... Which is better: to receive Holy Communion on the tongue or in the hand? While it used only to be given on the tongue, it has for the last forty or so years been permissible to receive Holy Communion in the hand. And canon law is clear that the consecrated host may be received either way, the communicant being the one to decide. I had on occasion to remind a few priests about this in the years I was vicar general to our Bishop. In being sent to 'speak to them', it was easy to sympathise as they shared their dismay at the irreverent ways in which they felt some people received Holy Communion but, the law is the law, and it clearly gives the communicant not the priest the right to decide. After doing my best to calm troubled waters, I would encourage the priest to counsel his parishioners in how to prepare themselves for Holy Communion. This Sunday's solemnity provides me with an opportunity to offer you, my own parishioners, a few thoughts on this. When joining the procession to receive the Eucharist, it can focus the mind to join one's hands together. Some cultures suggest quietly clapping our hands in reverence just before receiving the consecrated host. Others favour a bow of the head. We must try and remember to say 'Amen' before receiving the host which is always to be consumed immediately. Then with reverence we should return to our place for a moment of personal prayer. By such gestures we can as St John Paul II memorably put it, 'grow in Eucharistic amazement.'

Stella Maris is grateful for our prayers and financial support. It invites all our parishioners to join an online update and thank you webinar on Tuesday 28th May from 7:30pm to 9:00pm.
www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion 2025 The application process for our parish First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Process for 2024/2025 will be opened from Monday 27th May until Saturday September 14th 2024. Please note the following information: Your child or children will need to be in Yr. 4 or above from September 2024. You need to live in our parish and /must be registered parishioners. You need to attend Mass regularly.

LIS DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH on ZOOM - 7 Sessions starting on Thursday evenings, from 6th June to 18th July 2024 from 7.30pm until 9pm Live Holy Spirit Day for course participants at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Saturday 29th June starting 9.30am with Mass until 1pm. Adoration at 8.30am optional! Please use this link to register <https://uso6web.zoom.us/join/register/tZlF--trD-wjGNAuzyTiLVcw7lzHwq87dG> Free to all - Crowdfunding to cover costs - <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/CHARISPorts-mouth-LIFEINTHESPIRITcourse>

You are invited to join CAFOD's Director Christine Allen to explore the power of leaving a gift in your Will to make a lasting impact in the world, at Our Lady of Sorrows & St Philip Benizi in Fordingbridge SP6 1EG on Tue 18 June, 10.45am to 12:25pm. To find out more and to book your place please go to cafod.org.uk/legacyevent

Caritas Portsmouth is looking for a self-motivated, compassionate individual to join their team as a Project Development Officer. Based in the Southampton and Havant region of the Diocese, this role is central to the development of predominantly parish-based social and environmental projects that support those in need in our local communities. For more information email recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or visit <https://tinyurl.com/mrd5wazx>

Amen" Today we celebrate the great feast of Corpus Christi which, officially started around the 13th century. It is a time where we reflect on the great mystery where bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Although they still look like bread and wine, it is transformed into the Body of Blood Christ by the Father through the Holy Spirit. Because of this, when we receive Holy Communion, we believe that we too are transformed. There is one Hebrew word that we say when we receive Holy communion, "Amen!" When the priest holds the Body of Christ in front of us and says, "The Body of Christ", each of us responds with "Amen". This word means, so be it, or I believe. When we receive communion, or when we wait in the line to receive Jesus, really meditate on this word "Amen" and know that when we say it, we are saying, "I believe this is truly Jesus Christ, transformed from bread and wine and he is going to transform me into him". This is the most precious gift that God the Father has ever given us. Let's approach this sacrament with reverence and with the word "Amen" on our lips and in our hearts.

God bless, **Fr. David Bateman**

The Annual Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests All Our Parishes part of the relay will take place on Friday, June 7th at 7:00 P.M. You are invited to join us by praying the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary on that date and time. For more information please visit www.worldpriest.com.

The Revised Lectionary Our Bishops have mandated a new translation of the Lectionary - that's the book we use at Mass to read from our Sacred Scriptures. The new translation will be in use from the First Sunday of Advent 2024. That means we will not be then using the 'Parish Mass Books' and also obsolete will be your current Sunday Missals. The Catholic Truth Society will soon be making available for sale new editions of the Sunday Missal. For more info: ctsbooks.org/highlights/lectionary.

Next weekend there will be a second collection to mark the Church's **annual Day for Life** .

MISSIO/APF - RED BOXES: A gentle reminder to return your Missio/APF Red Boxes back to Church as soon as you can, we have not had many handed back to us this year.

50% Cap on admissions to faith schools: The Government has opened a consultation on lifting the cap that for the last 14 years has limited the number of Catholic children that can be admitted into any new Catholic school. Please open the link and respond to the consultation (only name and email address are required). Responses are crucial if Catholic families throughout the country are not to continue to be deprived of a Catholic education. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lifting-the-faith-schools-cap/>

"May we never look at the screen of our cellphone more than the eyes of our brothers or sisters, or focus more on our software than on the Lord. For whenever we put our own projects, methods and organization at the centre, consecrated life stops being attractive; it no longer speaks to others; it no longer flourishes because it forgets its very foundations, its very roots."(Pope Francis, Homily for The Presentation Of The Lord, 2nd February 2018.)