



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

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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15th June 2024—Month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Date	Weekday	Where	Time	Proper	Intentions-Prayers
16.6.2024	Sunday	St Bernard's St Michael's	9am 11am	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass	Irene O'Connell R.I.P.—11th Sunday in Ordinary Time People of the Parish-11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
17.6.2024	Monday	St Bernard's	9am	Weekday	Pat Casey R.I.P.—Daily Mass
18.6.2024	Tuesday	St Michael's	9am	Weekday	Charles Hurley R.I.P.—Daily Mass
19.6.2024	Wednesday	St Bernard's	9am	Weekday	Eileen Cronin R.I.P.—Saint Romuld
21.6.2024	Friday	St Bernard's	9.30am	Weekday	Marie O'Leary R.I.P.—Saint Aloysius Gonzaga
22.6.2024	Saturday	St Michael's	9.30am	Weekday	Dr.Matt Murphy R.I.P.—Saints John Fisher & Thomas More
23.6.2024	Sunday	St Bernard's St Michael's	9am 11am	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass	Ella O'Neill R.I.P.—12th Sunday in Ordinary Time J J Josephine Darragh R.I.P. & Aoife & Kitty O'Neill R.I.P.—12th Sunday

Pope Francis prayer intention for the month of June : Pope's Prayer Intention for March: For Migrants Fleeing their Homes "We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

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. Your support and help to your churches greatly appreciated.

You Will Be My Witnesses : 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 stewardship 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.

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. You are also welcome to Presbytery to meet up with me on Mon, Wed and Fri 10am to 12 noon.

Day for Life : Day for Life Sunday 16th June :This year's theme is The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death and that we are called to care for others at the end of their lives. For more information please visit <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/day-for-life-second-collection-2024>

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

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

Faithfulness It seems that God favours small and humble beginnings. Think of the worldwide mission of the Church that began with twelve disciples from Galilee. The readings this Sunday teach us to trust in God's plan, even if it starts small. We might feel terribly insignificant or think our actions do not matter but God can use our small efforts to create something wonderful. Just like the small shoot in Ezekiel and the mustard seed in the Gospel, our small acts of faith can have a big impact. This was true in the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis. He was born in London on 3rd May 1991 of Italian parents and moved to Italy shortly afterwards. He was known for his cheerfulness, computer skills and devotion to the Eucharist. His motto was a simple one, "To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan." He died from leukaemia in 2006 aged 15. He was beatified by Pope Francis on 10th October 2020 and on 23rd May 2024, Pope Francis recognised a second miracle attributed to his intercession, clearing the way for the first canonisation of a millennial. In our daily lives, we often face challenges and uncertainties. We might not see the results of our efforts immediately, but we are reminded this Sunday to have faith and trust that God is working through us. Our job is to be faithful and do our best, leaving the rest to God. St. Theresa of Calcutta apparently liked to say, "Our task is not to be successful, but to be faithful." **Father Michael Dennehy**

On Saturday 22nd June, the Eve of the Vigil of the Feast of St John the Baptist, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1037436687798327/>

The Southampton Council of Faiths Peace Walk will take place on Sunday 23rd June starting at 12.30 at the Peace Fountain from 12.30pm - 5pm. For more information please visit: www.southamptonfaiths.org/events

The 350th anniversary of the birth of Isaac Watts the first composer of English hymns, will be celebrated by his statue in Watts Park (opposite the Library) on 25th June at 11.15 to 12.05.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024: Dates announced: The dates for the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes have been confirmed as 22nd – 26th July 2024. For more information please contact Father Innaiah

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. 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/>

Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass: Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 7th September at 2pm. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to request a form for you to complete and return. Please note this address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact your own Parish priest, who will have the form you need to complete. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a COPY of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you return the form. Again, if you have no access to the internet, you can post a COPY along with completed form by post to the following address: **St Bede's Parish Office Popley Way Basingstoke RG24 9DX**
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR FATHERS—GRANDFATHERS
Sunday 16th June 2024

General Election 2024 : The election campaign is well underway, and the Bishops of England and Wales encourage us to consider the issues carefully and to vote. They remind us that Gospel values inform how we look at the world as Christians. These values can also offer a different way of looking at politics, a way that puts the common good before self-interest. Throughout this election season we will be seeking answers which will help the poor, the marginalized, and the vulnerable. We seek a society in which all families can flourish and where we care for our common home, where we offer a welcoming hand to strangers in need, where we look out for those struggling to get on. Families are the heart of our communities and society. We seek, therefore, political leaders who can reflect and share these values. But this is not just about leaders, it is about us. We are not merely the passive recipients of politics but active citizens. An election is the best time for us as Christians to speak out, to get involved, and to lead. It is important that we vote and use our vote wisely. Issues There are many issues of interest to Catholic voters. Criminal justice, domestic poverty, family life and taxation, education, environment, international relations, human rights and peace building, life issues and migration. For more information visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk> Registering to vote If you haven't registered to vote in the general election, you must do so by 23:59 on Tuesday, 18 June 2024 .**Father Michael Dennehy**

Day for Life Every third Sunday of June, our Bishops ask us to reflect on and pray about the sanctity of life. This year they suggest we focus on end-of-life care – of particular relevance given the recent decision of the States of Jersey to legislate for assisted suicide. The prospect of death can evoke a variety of thoughts and feelings among those who are dying and their loved ones. Our faith directs us towards a life that extends beyond death and encourages us to see the end of life as an opportunity for love. The Church reminds us that "despite our best efforts, it is hard to recognize the profound value of human life when we see it in its weakness and fragility." (Samaritanus Bonus, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2020) This challenging reality shapes the way that many in society think about those who are suffering towards the end of their lives.

As Christians, we have the perfect model of how to cope with suffering in the example of the Lord Jesus. It is a model that can inspire those who are facing death as well as those who surround them on their last journey. As disciples of Christ, we need to see our lives as being a continuing response to the call to follow him, including the times when we need to take up the crosses which we have been given to carry. We need to know that the call to follow will mean climbing our own Calvary at some stage.

Among the resources given on their website cbcew.org.uk the bishops offer a reflection from 'Fr George' a hospital chaplain. It's too long to print here but this extract might persuade you to go and read the full version: As a hospital chaplain, my role is especially to remind people that the Lord is always calling us from beyond Calvary: "Come you blessed of my Father...inherit the kingdom prepared for you" ... Caring for people at the end of their lives is a beautiful vocation. It is a vocation lived out by hospital chaplains, doctors, nurses, social carers, family, friends, extraordinary ministers of the eucharist and members of parish groups, such as the SVP. Indeed, we all respond to our calling to care each week at Mass when we pray for the sick. Perhaps if we can renew our vocation to care for others at the end of life, it will help change our culture so that more people come to view the end of life differently and see it as a time for spiritual growth which can be filled with grace and love.

Father Dominic—Catholic Church in Jersey.



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.

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 on to 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, symbolizing 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.