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For St Bernard &
St Michael's churches

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PARISH SERVICES

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sun	7	9 am	SB	Mass: Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
		11 am	SM	Mass: Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Tue	9		SM	No Service Today
Wed	10	7.30 pm	SM	Evening Prayer & Mass: St Scholastica
Thu	11	10 am	LT	Mass at Lyndhurst: Our Lady of Lourdes
Fri	12	1 pm	SM	Requiem Mass: Mary Crisp RIP
Sat	13		SM	No Services Today

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sun	14	9 am	SB	Mass: Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
		11 am	SM	Mass: Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Called by the Holy One

The 16th century Spanish contemplative, St Teresa of Jesus in writing of our prayer relationship with God says the following: "you will be able to endure the embarrassment of being with One who is so different from you when you realise how much God loves you".

The experience of the Holy is personal to each individual and yet it is always an experience of otherness & uniqueness that can be soul melting, awe-inspiring, enrapturing, humbling and terrifying. It can be any one of those and all those together too. It completely dismantles all the ego defences, securities, survival strategies and deceptions. The false self is exposed and can only seek to hide or flee. "Woe is me" Isaiah says; "Depart from me for I am a sinful man," is Peter's reaction. The only way our little egos can survive is to remain separate from the Holy One! But then what future is there in being separate from God?

God knows us through and through warts and all. Jesus knows us. He says: "If you who are evil know how to give good things to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him". Our sins and weaknesses are not a problem for God. They are a problem for us and others of course and by God's grace and without guilt or anxiety we must struggle to be free. However as long as we are willing to go along with God, God is more than happy to befriend us and give us important work to do: "I will make you fishers of people".

Jesus chose women disciples from all walks of life, he chose fishermen, tax collectors, freedom fighters (or terrorists depending on your point of view). They were uneducated, working people – no theological training – people who were despised by the religious elite and the temple authorities. We definitely know that Peter was married and probably many of the other apostles too. Paul, in a letter to the Christians in Corinth wrote: "Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? (1 Cor 9:2)"

The Pharisees prided themselves on separation from sinners. The shocking revelation of Jesus was that far from wanting to be separated from sinners God wants to be involved with sinners and calls them to work with him. Jesus sought out their company and ate and drank with them. It was scandalous behaviour.

So when in the circumstances of our lives we hear a call to prayer or action of some kind, a call to get involved with God's work, its no use saying to God "I'm not worthy". First because God knows that long before we do. Secondly because our unworthiness its not an issue for God.

When we are ready to follow Jesus we begin to discover that God's holiness is everywhere and everything reflects God's goodness and holiness in a unique way. As we grow stronger in our conviction that we are loved unconditionally then without fear, guilt or anxiety we work to bring our behaviour, attitudes and relationships more and more into harmony with the love that has been lavished on us. This is the Good News! (DMA)

Total Roof Fund collected to date
£8,872.45
(Target - £13,500)
Thank you all, for your generosity

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Pat Gallanagh, Amanda Gudge, Joan Olden, Leslie Palmer, Bridget Reeves, Eileen Shanley (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 31ST JANUARY - £138.67 - Thank you to those who supported this collection.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER & PANCAKES: on Shrove Tuesday, 16th February at 7.30pm in St Bernard's Hall. Enjoy pancakes and a glass of wine or soft drink with fellow Christians; burn palms ready for Ash Wednesday and sing a few songs. Everyone welcome.

NO SERVICES NEXT TUESDAY AND SATURDAY: Fr David has to attend a Council of Priests meeting at Bishop's House on Tuesday 9th Feb, and also has to attend the Diocesan Pastoral Council meeting at Park Place, from Friday evening until Saturday afternoon (12th—13th February)

LOTTO - Winnings to date—£414.

SUNDAY EVENING MASS: Over the past year I received a number of requests for a re-instatement of the Sunday evening Mass. After discussing this with the Pastoral Council I have decided to re-commence the Sunday evening Mass beginning on the First Sunday of Lent (21st February). With the exception of Easter Sunday, I will continue this Mass to the end of the Summer after which we can assess whether it should become a permanent arrangement. I would like this Mass to offer more opportunities for silent prayer and I would recommend the use of simple repetitive chants (e.g. Taize) as was before. In the homilies I hope to give more attention to the development of our prayer relationship with God with particular focus on how to use times of silence. I will expect those attending the Mass to be willing to take responsibility for all the ministries that we normally expect: welcomers, servers, readers, ministers of Holy Communion & collectors. I would like to encourage a relaxed and reverent atmosphere where everyone feels welcome.

CAFOD - Used Stamps, old Mobile Phones, and Foreign Coins can be left in the flip-top bins at both churches. Please include the postmarks for stamps and remove SIM-cards from phones. Thank you for your past contributions, which go to help raise funds and provide practical help for CAFOD.

FR PETER WILKIE'S 80th BIRTHDAY: We will have a collection before 28th Feb when we have invited Fr Peter to be with us so that we can celebrate his 80th Birthday. We would like to have the gift ready in time.



WHO DO YOU SAY I AM? You are invited to consider different portraits of Jesus. These will be on display in St Bernard's for one more week & then in St Michael's for two weeks. Which portraits are you drawn to, which ones do you find less appealing? There are no right or wrong answers. You will have an opportunity to feedback your choices.

During Lent we will have a spiritual reflection and sharing experience on how we see Jesus and how that can help us on our faith journey.



EMERGENCY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

If anybody has a folding wheelchair which they no longer require and would be happy to donate it to Waterside Catholic Parish, please contact the Parish Office. We require two wheelchairs in case of emergency, one at each of our churches.

FISH & CHIPS & BINGO—HOORAH!!:

This will take place at St Bernard's Hall on Saturday, 27th February at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7.50p, a family ticket: 2 adults plus 2 children under 11yrs—£20.00. It will be a great evening, all welcome. Sign up for tickets as you leave church the cut off day is 21st Feb. **Any donations of raffle prizes would be most welcome.** Thanks again—in anticipation!! - to the Martha Group for this event. (We also hope to have a Quiz Night with American Supper on April 24th!)

Average Income & Expenditure for November & December 2009

Income: Average per Month

SOs & Envelopes:	£2245
Loose	£771
Rent	£703
FHC Shop	£500
Other incl Fund Raising	£762

Total Av Mnthly Income £4981
(Down on Sept/Oct by £746)

Expenditure: Average per Month
(figures based on 2008/2009 with a provision for exceptional costs)

Ordinary Expenditure	£5800
Exceptional Cost Provsn	£600
Total Av Monthly Exp.	£6400

Giving to Other Charities Through the Parish:

Average per Month: £1577
(up on Sept/Oct by £602; includes Christmas Offering)

THE DIOCESAN FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN - "LIVING OUR FAITH":

This campaign is to raise funds so that the Diocese can continue: 1) vocations work for priesthood & diaconate; 2) the training of students for the priesthood; 3) the work of adult formation and training for lay ministry; 4) the provision of financial support for parishes in need. The campaign has already been running very successfully in other parishes. We will be part of the third and final phase of the campaign. During the first part of this process Fr David will be gathering a campaign team together.