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For St Bernard &
St Michael's churches

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PARISH SERVICES

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sun	31	9 am	SB	Mass: Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
		11 am	SM	Mass: Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Tue	2	10 am	SM	Mass: The Presentation of the Lord
Wed	3	7.30 pm	SM	Evening Prayer & Mass: of the Day
Thu	4	10 am	LT	Mass at Lyndhurst: of the Day
Fri	5	11 am	SM	Funeral Service: Brendan Kelly RIP
Sat	6	10 am	SM	Mass: St Paul Miki & Companions followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation (11am - 11.30 am)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sun	7	9 am	SB	Mass: Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
		11 am	SM	Mass: Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time



AN UNWELCOME PROPHET

There are two ways of being a prophet. One is to tell the enslaved that they can be free. It is the difficult path of Moses. The second is to tell those who think they are free that they are in fact enslaved. This is the even more difficult path of Jesus. (Richard Rohr)

Luke gives us an account of Jesus' visit to the synagogue at Nazareth. He can't resist giving some recognition to the beauty & power of Jesus' words, hence: "all wondering at the gracious words that came from his lips". But there were other reactions stirring which were far from benevolent because the next minute they were trying to hustle him out of the synagogue and over the edge of a cliff.

Swimming around the individual and collective psyche are the undercurrents of personal and group negativity: envy, jealousy, fear, hatred, anger, violence, lust, greed etc. Such forces once unleashed have the power to overwhelm the unwitting individual with a rush of herd instinct. In such situations people are capable of the most sickening brutality. For this collective malady to be healed it must first be exposed and recognized for what it is. Our great resistance to this comes from our desire and need to self-justify. We can't at the same time accept our dark side and regard ourselves as better or more worthy than others. And a lot of our ego is invested in the self-esteem that comes from comparing ourselves favourably with others. This immediately makes us guilty of something Jesus said we should not do which is to judge both ourselves and others.

Jesus first of all encounters the negativity of jealousy and pride, which is the source of the old adage "familiarity breeds contempt". They don't accept him because they know him or think they do. He is one of them, how can he presume to teach! Jesus recognises this dynamic of negativity which, of course, completely blocks God's work. But instead of backing off he stirs it up even more! Jesus reminds them of God's graciousness to *foreigners* of all people. Well, that really brings the poison to the surface.

Nazareth has been described as a frontier town, or like the West Bank settlements in modern Israel/Palestine. The people were very conscious of their Jewish identity but also perhaps felt vulnerable. Certainly there was no love lost between themselves and the Samaritans to the south (who were "heretics" in their eyes) and the pagans of Syro-Phoenicia to the north-west (who were equally despised). This explains the completely irrational reaction of the people in the synagogue.

How do we feel and react when someone exposes our antipathies and prejudices? If someone challenges us on our greed or malice, do we accept the truth with humility and gentleness or do we react angrily? Its always good to explore our reactions to people, situations and things during our prayer time. Jesus won't condone our sinful attitudes but neither will he condemn us. He will show us how to become free and loving. But before we can be set free we have to know what or who is holding us captive. (DMA)

Total Roof Fund collected to date
£8,871.82
(Target - £13,500)
Thank you all, for your generosity

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

EARTHQUAKE DISASTER IN HAITI: Many thanks to all those who donated money for this cause. The collections amounted to the following:

1st Collection (18th Jan) £959.29 + Gift Aid £87.34 = £1046.63

2nd Collection (24th Jan) £584.05 + Gift Aid £97.31 = £681.36

£1543.34

£1727.99 (including Gift Aid)

CHRISTMAS - CRIB COLLECTION - This collection goes to the Christians in the Holy Land as requested by the Bishops of England and Wales. The total collected was £234.25 + £36.47 Gift Aid = £270.72

Many thanks for your donations to the above.

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.

HELPERS FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY PLEASE! Hilary & Clare would love to hear from anybody who could help us out with the sessions on a rota basis at the 9am Mass at St Bernard's. Please call Hilary on 80843173 or Clare on 80842232 or see us after Mass for a chat about what's involved.

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.



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 two weeks 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.



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. Fr David will be meeting with a member of the campaign team this week!

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 12yrs—£20.00. It will be a great evening, all welcome. Sign up for tickets as you leave church. 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!)

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.

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)