

# ST. BENET'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE CAUSEWAY

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Dear Friends

I am writing to introduce myself as the new parish priest of St Benet's. You will be aware that after a long period of consultation the beautiful church at St Benet's has been saved for the future and has been transferred to the pastoral care of the Diocese.

I look forward to meeting many of you soon and really getting to know the people of this community. Please be assured of my support and my prayers.

From this weekend the main Sunday Mass at St Benet's will be at 11.00am. This Mass will bring together the whole community of St Benet's for one celebration of Mass each weekend. The future of our community depends on all of us getting involved and really enabling the parish flourish into the future. Our young families really are the future strength of the parish and community.

You might already be actively involved in the life of the parish or you may have drifted away from the practice of your faith. Whatever your situation I invite you wholeheartedly to commit yourself to St Benet's parish and help it to flourish into the future. This cannot happen without you. With the commitment to keeping the Church we have been given a wonderful opportunity for a fresh start - building on the great work of generations of good priests and people who have supported this community for the past 151 years.

Please come along with your families and friends to Mass at 11am on Sunday. As we prepare for the birth of Christ again this Christmas - let each of us renew our commitment to Him and His Church. You can be assured of a warm welcome.

Every good wish and prayer

Fr Michael