

The Messenger

St Michaels Church, (SM) Langdown Lawn, Hythe SO45 5GR
St Bernard's Church, (SB) Southbourne Ave, Holbury, SO45 2NT

1st April 2012

Palm Sunday - Divine Office: Wk 2 & Proper

Sun 1 st	9.00am Mass at St Bernards <i>10.00am Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst</i> <i>(courtesy of Mgr Jeremy Garrett)</i> 11.00am Mass at St Michaels
Mon 2 nd	No Service (<i>Liturgy: of Holy Week</i>)
Tues 3 rd	11.00am Portsmouth Cathedral - Chrism Mass <i>(Liturgy: of Holy Week)</i> 7.00pm SM Service of Reconciliation
Wed 4 th	<i>10.00am - St Anne's, Brockenhurst</i> <i>(Liturgy: of Holy Week)</i>
Thurs 5 th	8.00pm SM - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>(Vigil at Altar of repose until 10.30pm)</i>
Fri 6 th	Good Friday - For details of the morning Ecumenical Services - see overleaf 3.00pm SM Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7.30pm SM Stations of the Cross
Sat 7 th	Holy Saturday 10.00 - 11.00am SM Sacrament of Reconciliation 9.00pm SB - Easter Vigil
Sun 8 th	Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection 9.00am Mass at St Bernards <i>10.00am Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst</i> <i>(courtesy of Mgr Jeremy Garrett)</i> 11.00am Mass at St Michaels

Mass Intentions: For this week: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Bishop Crispian (Health), Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Maria Lys de Varos RIP, Diane Echelbarger RIP, Lewis Hull RIP, John Reidy RIP.

For the week beginning 8th April: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Bishop Crispian (Health), Guidance for choice of new Bishop.

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

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New Forest East Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

St Theresa, Totton - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am
Geo House (Ashurst) - Sun 9am
Our Lady & St Edward, Lyndhurst - Sun 9am, (Holy Day Vigil 7pm)

New Forest Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass: Lymington and New Milton at 6pm
Sunday: Milford on Sea at 8:30am, New Milton at 10am,
Lymington at 11:30am, Brockenhurst at 6pm

FOR JESUS THERE IS NO RUNNING AWAY

We gather to remember the passion of Jesus, to enter its mystery. We gather to hold holy the love that opposed violence and the love that endured violence, the love that made its way with a cross on its back. We gather to profess our gratitude for that love and to stand in solidarity with all those people whose courageous love makes them victims of violence. The cross of Jesus has not been dismantled, the suffering he experienced has not, ceased. The cross stands in the midst of life - not as ritual decoration, but as a reminder that this is the price the world exacts from those who confront its ways with the values of the Gospel. Could Jesus have avoided the cross? Could he have made a detour round Calvary and continued on his way? Could he not have evaded assassination and settled for a quiet existence in his own region of Galilee? Did his forgiving love require the cross?

It was not Jesus who looked for the cross; it was the world that looked to the cross as the way to eliminate him. The cross was not the idea of the Father; it was the final solution thought up by a world opposed to Jesus' Way. God the Father is not a sadist who planned the destruction of his beloved Son; in letting go of his Son the Father had to be vulnerable to what would happen to his Son at the hands of others. All parents have to take that risk. God the Father, no less, did likewise. Love does not demand the cross, but in the life of Jesus love ends up on the cross. That is what actually happened. That is what continues to happen to self-forgetful love. Love chooses not to avoid the suffering that emerges from its commitment. The avoidance of suffering is not love's governing passion. It cannot be.

Jesus could have avoided going to Jerusalem; he could have taken the advice of the disciples who warned him about the fate that would surely befall him there. But instead of avoiding Jerusalem, Jesus enters it publicly and loudly. He does not disguise himself and slip in through a quiet gate; he heads a parade. He decides to confront the power that is set against him. And when he chooses to do that, like all people who confront oppression, he makes suffering visible. As Theodor Adorno noted: It is part of the mechanism of domination to forbid recognition of the suffering it produces.

Jesus brings suffering to the forefront. For Jesus to have avoided suffering, he would have had to avoid confrontation with the authorities. He would have had to suppress the real suffering of people and settle for the conspiracy of silence. That he refuses to do. His love makes itself vulnerable to suffering. He could only have removed himself from suffering by keeping himself untouched by other people's pain, by making himself invulnerable, by removing himself from human relationships. But that was not why he had come. He had not come to be a mobile monument in stone; he was God's love in fragile human flesh and bone. He was God's passion, God's overwhelming love, God's risky adventure.

Today we recall the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and we prepare to remember the story of the passion on Good Friday. But why should we remember the passion of Jesus? Why keep alive the memory of such anguish and pain? Aren't we supposed to forget about past pain and hurts, and let them disappear if they can? As Christians we are committed to be a people who remember the passion of Jesus: "Whenever you do this, do it in memory of me." When a community chooses to remember suffering, their memory becomes a protest. Remembrance of pain demands a future that is more than a repetition of the past. That is why the memory of suffering is dangerous: in recalling the suffering of the victim there is a protest that this should not be repeated again. There should be no innocent victims. That memory also serves to make us aware of the crosses that are in our midst. The memory of Jesus' passion educates us to pay attention to the suffering of others. The cross demands that attention should be paid. So today we pay attention to the suffering of Jesus and the suffering of all who are victims of hate and violence. (from Denis McBride: *Seasons of the Word*)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Pat Bolton, Molly Booth, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Marion Butler, Bishop Crispian, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Magdalen Forshaw, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, George Hutcheson, Lyndsey Keggin, Gillian Plummer, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Jason Singleton, Ronald Stevens, Ann Wilton, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

PRAYER POTTERY: Prayer Pottery will revert to the normal monthly pattern after Easter with the next meeting being on Tuesday, 24th April. The prayer time is led by Christine Olden & all are welcome.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: This Sunday (Palm Sunday), there will be a collection for Easter flowers at both churches. Your donations to the Clergy Assistance Fund (for sick & retired clergy) amounted to £239.26. Thank you very much for your generosity.

JUBILEE MASS: After further discussion and in view comments from parishioners it has been decided by the PPC that there will be **only one Parish Mass on Sunday 3rd June at 10.00am at St Bernard's** but there will **not** be any picnic afterwards.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS & SERVICES

Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at St Michael's at 7.30pm

FEET NEEDED!!! - Please sign up for free foot washing on Maunday Thursday. Sign up sheets in the church porches.

EASTER CARDS: available in the Church porches priced 25p and 75p each; money to Repository box please.

CHILDRENS LITURGY:

Good Friday and Easter Sunday

1. We are planning a children's **Good Friday Liturgy** this year to run at the same time as the adult service at 3pm at **St. Michael's**. It will be an interactive liturgy re-acting the Last Supper, and the journey to the cross. You would bring the children to the meeting room (at St. Michael's) before you go into the church for your service and then collect them from the meeting room after the service. It would be suitable for primary school-aged children. 3-4 year olds are welcome but due to Child Protection guidelines, will need to be accompanied by a parent or an adult friend or relative over 18 yrs. of age. It is not suitable for under 3's. If you plan to bring your children to this service, or you have family or friends visiting and you think their children would like to attend, please sign-up after Mass today or let Becky or Clare know ASAP. There will be a sign-up sheet at both parishes today.

2. **On Easter Sunday, 8th April**, we are planning a Children's Mass at St. Bernard's at the 9am Mass and hope to act out the Gospel story. If you plan to bring your children to this service or have family or friends visiting who would like to attend, please let Becky or Clare know so we can make sure they are involved. We will be rehearsing after the 9am Mass today, Palm Sunday, at St. Bernard's.

STREET PASTORS: Prayers are requested for this initiative in the New Forest as the organisers seek: a) a volunteer administrator, b) more members for the co-ordinating committee and c) to organise the training of street pastors.

CAFOD CAMPAIGN: GIVE IT UP DURING LENT FOR CLEAN WATER

FAST DAY COLLECTION: It has been a great effort so far and money is still coming in so we will announce the final total soon.

CAFOD SOUP LUNCH raised **£405!** Many thanks to all who supported it by cooking, serving and attending and spending money. This will provide **£810** for CAFOD to spend on clean water and sanitation. Thanks also for some very generous donations!

CAFOD COFFEE MORNING was a great success & thanks to some generous donations raised an amazing **£250**. Thanks to Theresa Anderson and Louise Croll & everyone who attended.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Chrism Mass: 11am, Tues, 3rd Apr at Portsmouth Cathedral

Reconciliation Services:

Monday, 2nd April at **7.00pm** in St Theresa's, Totton;
Tuesday, 3rd April at **7.00pm** in St Michael's, Hythe

Maundy Thursday: 8pm, Thurs, 5th April
Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Michaels.

Good Friday: Ecumenical Walk of Witness (Holbury) 10.00am, starts at New Hope Church, Hardley roundabout to Blackfield Baptist Church for service at 11.00am.
Ecumenical Service (Hythe), 10.45am for 11.00am, outside Waitrose.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion:

3pm, Fri, 6th. April at St Michaels.
7.30pm, Stations of the Cross at St Michaels

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil, 9pm, on Sat. 7th Apr at St Bernards.

Easter Sunday: 9am Mass at St Bernards (Childrens Mass)
11am Mass at St Michaels

NEXT ST MARTHA GROUP EVENT: This will be a Quiz Night and American Supper and will take place at 7pm on 16th June in St Bernard's Hall.



PLANT SALE/SPRING FAIR; SATURDAY 19 MAY

10am-12noon The annual Plant Sale (St Bernards) is being widened this year into a Spring Fair which will include the traditional plants but also offer giftware, jewellery, crafts as well as home made cakes and a grand raffle. Gardeners, please get planting and craft experts please get crafty! Raffle prizes welcome. Info on plants from Veronica (80897458, other items Tina at Faith Hope and Charity (80207882) and publicity Louise (80898213)

MEAT RAFFLE: Tickets will be back on sale on 15th April. The draw will take place after 11am Mass on 6th May.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES are now available at the back of the churches. Please note Special Collection envelopes are now all together at the back of the 1st collection envelopes. You may want to put them all in date order.

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