

The Messenger

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

1st July 2012

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time *Psalter Wk.1)*

Sun	1 st	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst
Mon	2 nd	No Service (<i>Liturgy: 13th Week of Ordinary Time</i>)
Tues	3 rd	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (<i>Liturgy: Feast, St Thomas, Apostle</i>)
Wed	4 th	No Service at St Anne's, Brockenhurst (<i>Council of Priests - Bishop's House, Portsmouth</i>)
Thurs	5 th	10.00am - Mass at Our Ladys, Lyndhurst (<i>Liturgy: 13th Week of Ordinary Time or St Anthony Zaccaria</i>)
Fri	6 th	No Service (<i>Liturgy: 13th Week of Ordinary Time</i>)
Sat	7 th	10.00am SM Mass followed by Reconciliation until 11.00am (<i>Liturgy: 13th Week of Ordinary Time</i>)
Sun	8 th	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

Mass Intentions: For this week: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Linda Guilding (60th B'day), For members of the St Martha Group, Sue Norris F/M, Connie McGrath RIP, Martin Rowan RIP, Gloria Lorimer RIP Anniv F/M, ,

For the week beginning 8th July: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Guidance for choice of new Bishop, For all who work at Sea & the Apostleship of the Sea, Herbert Sans RIP Anniv, Eric Evans RIP Anniv F/M, ,

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 9.00am, New Milton at 11.30am,
Lymington at 10:30am, Brockenhurst at 6.00pm

HEALING SOCIETY FROM THE BOTTOM UP

The crowd gathered around Jesus, by the sea, is comprised mostly of the poor class of the day. The two main characters in this saga are from opposite classes. Shame and honour codes require different treatment of both. Jairus, a ruling class personage, approached Jesus as an equal. Contrast Jairus with the woman, an unclean, lower class personage. The woman is nameless she has no status. No one comes forward to defend her. Mark makes no bones about the serious nature of her poverty and illness. She has been treated poorly by doctors and has spent all her income trying to get well, but to no avail. She is an outcast's outcast.

The restoration of the woman is dramatic. According to the levirate law, she was permanently segregated from the community. Her blood disorder demanded it. She was not permitted to contaminate the community. Adding insult to injury, she was further abused by the very system that should have helped her-the medical community. In antiquity the poor who were in dire need of medical attention were often taken advantage of. The woman had spent everything she had, and had nothing to show for her efforts. Jesus, the Great Physician, will cure her and charge her nothing. Jesus violates the purity code and his own purity by touching her, just as he did in the healing of the leper. Her healing signified restoration to physical wholeness as well as social wholeness. The healing restored her to the community.

Jairus came to Jesus out of a privileged social class that rejected him-not as a member of that class, but as an individual in great need. Jairus's plea was interrupted by an outcast woman who touched Jesus and subsequently fell at Jesus' knees to pay him homage. According to the culture, the official deserved greater attention and higher priority. 'From the bottom of the honour scale she intrudes upon the daughter of someone on the top of the honour scale-but by the story's conclusion, she herself has become the 'daughter' at the centre of the story. " Jesus elevated the woman to a status greater than Jesus' male disciples because she had faith greater than theirs. Jesus continues on his first mission-to heal Jairus's daughter. The official mourning had already commenced. Mark highlights their disbelief. Jesus throws everyone out of the house. Jesus dismisses everyone but the parents of the girl and the disciples. He completes his mission, takes the girl by the hand, and restores her to life. The erudite symbolism of the moment is irresistible. The number twelve is of great significance.

The girl represents the twelve tribes of Israel. Mark's Jesus believes he is presiding at the collapse of the social order determined by Jairus's Judaism. The twelve-year-old daughter of privilege was dead. The woman with no privilege suffered for twelve years not only with the physical ailment, but with the effects of exclusive purity codes. She took the initiative to restore her status. She reached out to gain access. She sought freedom. Jesus responded to her initiative. Israel need only embrace the reign of God in their midst, thereby tearing down the walls of social and religious status. In the reign of God, all are welcome.

'This alone will liberate the lowly outcast and snatch the 'noble' from death. Mark's narrative of symbolic action thus achieves the same effect as Matthew's blunt announcement to the Jewish leaders that 'tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you' (Mt 21:3 1)-and with equal shock value"! (*source unknown*)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Amanda Bowden, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Sheila Godwin, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Lyndsey Keggins, Gillian Plummer, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Jason Singleton, Ronald Stevens, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

PRAYER POTTERY: the next meeting will be on Tuesday, 31st July at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Michael's. The prayer time is led by Christine Olden and comprises of music, quiet time & readings. All are welcome

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: We now have three children being prepared for their 1st Holy Communion. They are Laura Libakaite, George Lovelock & Rebecca Mitchell. They are being prepared by their parents. The 1st Holy Communion celebration will take place at St Bernard's on Sunday, 29th July at 9.00am. We will keep them & their parents in our prayers over the next few weeks.

PROGRAMME FOR ST JOSEPH'S, (GEO HOUSE)

ASHURST: Copies of the new programme are available in the church porches.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: Next Sunday, 8th July there an obligatory 2nd Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea. This is a contribution from the local churches to help provide port chaplains & pastoral ministry to seafarers who visit our ports.

PLANT SALE UPDATE: Veronica says that an extra £40 worth of plant sales brought the total proceeds to over £900. Well done, again & thanks for on-going efforts by Veronica.

ADVANCE NOTICE: "Celebrate" - Catholic Charismatic Conference - on 29th-30th September 2012, at St Mary's College, Bitterne, Southampton. A Faith-Filled family event with something for everyone, children especially catered for. The theme is a "Highway to Holiness". There will be teachings, worship, Mass & Reconciliation available all in a very friendly & relaxed & joyful atmosphere.

LIVING OUR FAITH: The latest newsletter from the Diocese is now available. It details how the funds are being allocated etc. A copy has been put on the church noticeboards. It is also available on the parish website.

THE YEAR OF FAITH: (Oct 2012 - Nov 2013). This was announced by Pope Benedict last year. It is an invitation to every Catholic to re-discover the riches of their faith. "The Year of Faith will have to see a concerted effort to rediscover and study the fundamental content of the faith"; "if we interpret it (the 2nd Vatican Council) guided by a right hermeneutic, it can be and can become increasingly powerful for the ever necessary renewal of the Church"; "In order to arrive at a systematic knowledge of the content of the faith, all can find in the Catechism of the Catholic Church a precious and indispensable tool" (Extracts from *Porta Fidei*) Materials and national events are being prepared by the Bishops of England and Wales.

Our own Diocese is preparing a booklet to guide us through the year and offer suggestions as to how we might respond. See also the Geo House / St Joseph's, Ashurst programme which has a number of "faith days" planned.

MESSAGE FROM CAFOD - PORTSMOUTH

Following the exceptional response of the Catholic community to our Lent Appeal I would like to thank you all. The total for the Lent Appeal is now in excess of £9 million (before we receive UK Aid Match Funding from the Government). We had been planning a £2m programme to ensure the provision of safe water for thousands of people. We are now significantly scaling up that programme which means that many thousands more people currently in dire need will be provided with sustainable water resources for the long term. This will have a huge and transforming impact on their lives. We will provide updates on progress in future issues of the Cafod magazine (Side by Side) and on our website.

CAKES FOR CAFOD: To raise funds for our parish's 'Connect2Rwanda' link, cakes will be on sale and information on display after both Masses on Sunday 15th July. We need tasty contributions - both baked and bought!

BOOKS URGENTLY NEEDED: The parish shop, *Faith, Hope & Charity* needs re-stocking with novels. So have a browse of your bookshelves and see what you can pass on. A lot of their stock was bought up by someone supplying the cruise ships

PARISHIONER ANNA HAYES is very proud of her granddaughter, Colette, chosen to be an Olympic torch bearer in Portsmouth.

Colette Hayes, aged 18, from Fawley, is thrilled to have been chosen as one of the Olympic torchbearers. She is looking forward to the momentous event, on July 15, when family and friends, former teachers and her coaches will turn out in force to cheer her on the streets of Portsmouth. Colette was delighted when she found out she was to carry the torch and says her family - parents Tom and Lisa, sisters Nikki and Katie, and many of the family's foster children - are "really proud." The former Hardley School pupil, who is now studying PE teaching at University College of Plymouth St Mark and St John, was named Young Volunteer of the Year at the British Gymnastics National Awards last year. She is now on the committee of the British Gymnastics Advisory Panel and travels across Britain to gymnastics events. Until she started university, Colette worked from the age of 14 coaching local youngsters at the Gang Warily Gymnastics Club, Hardley School gym club, Starlight Trampoline and Gymnastics Club, Horizon Team Gym Club and Waterside Gymnastics Club. She also worked at the New Forest charity, Honeypot, uk for a number of years.

FROM THE DEPT FOR PASTORAL FORMATION:

ACORN LISTENING DAYS:

Saturday 7th July – St Francis of Assisi, Coronation Road, Ascot, Berkshire. SL5 9HG,
Saturday 22nd September – Cathedral Discovery Centre, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth, Hants.

Listening for Life Wednesday 19th & Wednesday 26th September & Saturday 6th October 2012

Led by Acorn Christian Healing Foundation (Participants need to be able to attend all sessions) Booking is essential

Called to a Noble Adventure Saturday 20th October 2012
A Day for Youth Leaders to engage with the new National Vision for Youth Ministry.

For further information on any of the above please contact the Dept of Pastoral Formation on 01329-835583 or visit the Diocesan website & follow the links.

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