

The Messenger

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

Sun 2nd February

The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple

9.00am Mass at SB
11.00am Mass at SM

Year A, Weekdays Yr 2; Psalter week 4

Mon	3rd Feb	No Service <i>(Liturgy of the day St Blaise, Bishop & martyr)</i>
Tues	4th Feb	No service
Wed	5th Feb	No Service <i>(Liturgy of the day -St Agatha, Martyr)</i>
Thurs	6th Feb	No Service <i>(Liturgy of the day -St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs)</i>
Fri	7th Feb	Mass 10am SM
Sat	8th Feb	Mass 10am SM

(Liturgy of the day- St Jerome Emiliani, Founder)

Sacrament of Reconciliation straight after Mass

Sun 9th February

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's
11.00am Mass at St Michael's

Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 2nd February

For World Peace, Pope Francis, Archbishop Vincent Nichols, Bishop Philip, our Priests and Deacons, for those in crisis around the world, Baby Elijah (Health), Brendan Kelly (RIP Anniv), Anne Lea RIP, Roy Nicholas RIP Anniv, Gary Patrick Mitchell RIP, Tommy Parker RIP Anniv, Bridget Reeves RIP Anniv, Jim Walker RIP Anniv,

For the week beginning 9th February

For the sick, and those who care for them, Fair Trade networks in the Diocese, The people of Europe, Kathleen Cummings RIP B'day Anniv, Most Rev Derek Worlock -5th Bishop of Portsmouth -RIP Anniv

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

PASTORAL TEAM:

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New Forest East Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

St Theresa, Totton - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am

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New Forest West Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass: Lylington and New Milton at 6pm

Sunday: Milford on Sea at 9.00am, New Milton at 10 am,

New Milton 6.30pm Mass in Polish

Lylington at 10:30am, Brockenhurst at 6.00pm

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord



The History:

According to Jewish law, the firstborn male child belonged to God, and the parents had to "buy him back" on the 40th day after his birth, by offering a sacrifice of "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons" in the temple (thus the "presentation" of the child). On that same day, the mother would be ritually purified.

Mary and Joseph kept this law, even though, since Mary remained a virgin after the birth of Christ, she would not have had to go through ritual purification.

When Christ was presented in the temple, there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. When Mary and Joseph brought Christ to the temple, Simeon embraced the Child and prayed the Canticle of Simeon: "Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word in peace; because my eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples: a light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel"

By the 11th century, inspired the words of the canticle -"a light to the revelation of the Gentiles"- the custom had developed in the West of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation. The candles were then lit, and a procession took place through the darkened church while the Canticle of Simeon was sung. Because of this, the feast also became known as Candlemas. Candlemas is still an important feast in many European countries.



The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple

This is a wonderful feast with powerful readings that normally are only appreciated by weekday Mass-goers. The procession and candles offer an opportunity for parishioners to take part actively and so be more receptive to the theme of the feast- Christ who is the light who comes to enlighten the Gentiles, comes into the Temple, and is recognised as the salvation of Israel. This is really another epiphany- a revelation of Christ to his people. It is significant that those to whom he is revealed- Simeon and Anna- are both very old and have been faithfully waiting. Their years of waiting and prayer make them able to recognise who it is who comes to them. That is an encouragement to many who spend time faithfully at prayer, especially those who are in their later years; and note that Simeon proclaims presence this loudly, while Anna 'spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Israel.' Their prayer bears fruit in the revelation of the Christ and their reaction is to proclaim the Good News to others- they become evangelists.

It is worth noting how careful Luke is to mention that Jesus' parents are fulfilling the Law- it is mentioned three times in today's gospel. Luke wants his Jewish hearers to know that Jesus is in continuity with the traditions of Israel, and his Roman hearers to know that this person is no radical law breaker. Luke is always at pains to ensure that no one gets a distorted impression of Jesus, writing as he was at a time of great political upheaval.

(The Pastoral Review- Robert Draper)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Baby Elijah, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Peter Gray, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge, baby Elijah & baby Dylan, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, George Raffray, Anthony Richards, Lilly Ricketts, Norma Rudd, Pauline Sharpley, Susan Soutter, Ronald Stevens, Neil Tisdale.

(If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Linda via the Parish office)



IF YOU NEED A PRIEST IN AN EMERGENCY: The telephone numbers for the clergy are in the left hand column. Please note there are only two priests in the Forest covering the parishes of Waterside, Totton, Lyndhurst, Lymington, Brockenhurst and Milford on Sea, so they may not be available when you ring. If you leave a message they will get back to you as soon as they are able to do so. Please note there is not a resident priest at St Michael's or St Bernard's. Any answerphone messages left on the office phone at St Michael's may not be picked up until Tuesday or Thursday. **If you, or your loved one, is in hospital** and you want to see a priest, please ask the nursing staff if you may see the Catholic priest from the hospital Chaplaincy team.

If you are going into hospital and would like the Sacrament of the sick beforehand please speak to Fr Vincent to arrange this.



QUIZ NIGHT 7pm Saturday 15th February. Tickets £4 on sale today after Mass. It is an American supper, so please remember to bring a plate of food to share and a drink for yourself as drinks will not be available.

PLEASE SPONSOR: Paul Flaherty's daughter, Sofie, will be running in the London Marathon supporting Pancreatic Cancer UK. If you would like to support her donations can be made online at www.justgiving.com/sofie-flaherty



FOODBANK Fr Vincent invites you all to support those in our area who are in dire need at this time and to bring tins and packages of food for the Foodbank. Please leave the items in front of the altar every Sunday.



OUR CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP:
Do you have any unwanted toys or craft materials that you could donate to the school? We are in need of wool, Lego, jigsaws, dressing up clothes, etc. Any donations would be gratefully received. Thank you.

If you have any of the above items please leave them at the back of church or bring them to the office Tues or Thurs 10-4pm and I will take them to the school on your behalf. Thank you. (Linda)



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Parents, if your child is in Year 3 at primary school and will be 8 yrs old this year, and you wish your child to make their First Holy Communion, please see Deacon Steve or Deacon Ian. At the moment we are only able to offer support for a home & parent centred programme of preparation.

AGE FREE COMMUNITY EVENT Thursday 6th February 10-12.30pm Waterside Sport & Social Club, Holbury. Come & find out how to stay safe, secure, healthy and independent in the comfort of your own home!



CAFOD Supporters meeting at Basingstoke 8th Feb. See poster for further details.

JOB ADVERT: New Forest Nightstop support worker. Salary £18,453 pro-rata £9,360 (20 hrs a week). Closing date 7 February. See poster for details.



The Pope Tweets: [Pope Francis @Pontifex](https://twitter.com/Pontifex)

"Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven."

The themes of God's loving mercy and the hope we have in Christ are central to Pope Francis' teaching and his life story. "I cannot imagine a Christian who does not know how to smile. May we joyfully witness to our faith."



DIOCESAN SPECIAL COLLECTION (Obligatory) February 15th Catholic Education Service .



DID YOU KNOW you can watch Mass live, or recorded, from Portsmouth Cathedral? Go to <http://churchservices.tv/portsmouthcathedral>



Heaven's Road FM CATHOLIC RADIO A new Catholic Internet Radio Station was launched in November from St John's Seminary, Womersley.

The Radio broadcasts 24/7 a wide range of prayers, music, poems and a range of features such as *Seventh Heaven - HGUH's own take on Desert Island Discs* and lots of other exciting topics.

The website <http://www.heavensroadfm.com> also has 200+ programmes available as podcasts for you to listen to.

The new internet radio is being run entirely by volunteers and the majority of the programmes are original and produced by the volunteers themselves. We're very keen to hear from any enthusiastic volunteers who would like to get involved with broadcasting either in as a programme maker, in a background role, or on the more technical production/broadcast side. We provide training and support so previous experience is not necessary. Further info at <http://www.heavensroadfm.com/vols/>.

WHAT'S ON AT THE WISDOM CENTER, ROMSEY

LIVING REFLECTIVELY Wisdom Centre, Romsey Saturday 15th February 10am- 3.30pm (Coffee from 9.30am) £25 to include lunch.

LENTEN QUIET DAY Saturday 22nd March & Friday 5th April 10am-4pm Wisdom Centre £25 to include lunch. See posters for booking details.

WHAT'S ON AT ST JOSEPH'S ASHURST

WARRIOR MONKS Retreat Day for men from 10am-4pm Saturday 8 February. Come and spend a day with other men learning about great men from our spiritual heritage. £21 per person, including lunch. St Joseph's Centre, Ashurst. Contact Waymark Ministries 07702 054 198 to book. By 5th February.



TAIZE MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK 7:15pm Monday 10 February at St Joseph's, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst. There will be an opportunity for individual healing prayers, for those who would like, after the Mass. All welcome to this really beautiful and supportive moment of prayer.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION St Joseph's Ashurst every Tuesday morning 10.30-11.30am or Thursday evening 7-8pm. £4.

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT GOING ON RETREAT FOR LENT:

Why not consider St Joseph's Ashurst: A place to be yourself. A place to relax. They are now available for private and group retreats.

- + 10 bedrooms with wash basin and nearby shower room (twin, single and double)
- + WiFi throughout
- + Prayer room, chapel and library
- + Beautiful grounds
- + Retreat guidance/reflections available from the team, if desired

Tariff for Private retreats: (for guidance only- ask for details) £35 per single occupied room per night including self service breakfast (£50 per double room)

Group Away Days/Retreats/Training:

As above plus £10 per head 24hour delegate rate for use of conference room, tea and coffee, chapel, audio visual equipment etc.

Discounts available on stays of 3 nights or more.

Meals can be included - Ring for further details. Tel: 023 8029 233

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