

The Messenger

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

Sun 2nd March
Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time
9.00am Mass at SB
11.00am Mass at SM

Year A, Weekdays Yr 2: Psalter week 4

Mon 3 March No Service
Tues 4th March No service
Wed 5th March **ASH WEDNESDAY**
Day of fasting & abstinence Mass 10am SM ; Mass 7.30pm SB
Thurs 6th March No Service

Fri 7th March Mass 10am SM
(Women's World Day of Prayer 2pm)
Sat 8th March Mass 10am SM
Sacrament of Reconciliation straight after Mass

Sun 9th March
First Sunday of Lent
9.00am Mass at St Bernard's
11.00am Mass at St Michael's
3.00pm Stations of the Cross SB

Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 2nd March

For Fair Trade networks in the Diocese, for the sick of the parish and those who care for them, for those whose homes and businesses have been flooded, the women of Egypt.

Anniversaries this week: Roland Slipper (3rd), John Gawthorne (3rd), Norbert Power (3rd), Patrick Martin (4th), Alice Manghan (4th)

Those who have died recently: Gary Mitchell, Sir David Price

Other Intentions: Baby Elijah (Health)

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

Rev David Adams -Parish Priest- based at Our Lady & St Joseph Church, Lymington: Tel: 01590 676696 ;

Rev Vincent Convery

Rev Steve Bowler (Deacon & Chair Parish Pastoral Council) Tel:02380 207449

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New Forest East Pastoral Area: Lyndhurst, Totton & Waterside, Sunday Mass Times

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

Our Lady & St Edward, Lyndhurst - Sun 9am, (Holy Day Vigil 7pm)

Parish priest : Rev Innaiah Maddineni : Tel: 023 8086 2270

Rev Andrew Philpott (Deacon)

New Forest West Pastoral Area: Brockenhurst, Lymington, Milford on sea & New Milton

Parish Priest :Rev David Adams Tel: 01590 676696

Rev Stephen Morgan (Deacon)

St Anne-Brockenhurst, Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph-Lymington,
St Francis of Assisi-Milford on Sea.

Parish Priest: Rev Marcín Drabik : Tel: 01425 614968

Our Lady of Lourdes- New Milton

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass: Lymington and New Milton at 6pm

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

New Milton 6.30pm Mass in Polish

Lymington at 10:30am, Brockenhurst at 6.00pm

SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD THEN EVERYTHING ELSE WILL FALL INTO PLACE

Many countries today are suffering from what we might call economic indigestion or hangover. In the heady days of easy credit, property booms and financial speculation we lost sight of reality and believed our own fantasies and wishful thinking. We were serving money and the desire for money. We are addicts to affluence and addicts don't make good stewards. Now we have to face reality and come to terms with our debt. Money has to become the servant of the common good.

We are all understandably concerned about our economic future. As far as we can it is reasonable to plan ahead and make sensible provision for the future. The problem arises when concern becomes worry and anxiety. When worry and anxiety take a hold of us we lose our capacity to think straight and to think creatively. We can become paralyzed in indecision. The anxiety affects us physically and emotionally. It increases the toxins in the body, raising heart rate & blood pressure. It can upset our sleep and our digestion. It robs us of joy, hope and confidence. Anxiety has all these negative effects and as long as we are in its grip prevents us from finding positive ways forward. All our anxiety will not change our hair colour or our height. Although we might go prematurely grey and even shrink under the burden of our worries!

Having a healthy and balanced sense of what we can and cannot control, of what we can and cannot do and being reconciled to that reality can give us peace of mind. This peace of mind will enable us to receive and appreciate the every day things that we take for granted. Gratitude leads to joy.

God has given us life. God loves us even more than the tenderest of mothers or fathers. God is concerned not just with our bodily welfare but with the welfare of the whole person. God wants to feed us with love, wisdom and every blessing. God wants to clothe us in dignity and with the beauty of Christ which are all the virtues and strengths of the Divine Word.

One of the main features of our journey of faith is growth from the untested presumptions of naïveté towards a trust and confidence matured by experience, prayer and shared stories. We grow from thinking that God will protect us from all harm towards the realisation that in all circumstances, pleasant and painful, difficult and easy, God is with us working for our good.

In this the great spiritual law operates: - forgive & you'll be forgiven, give & you will receive, seek & you will find, look without selfishness and you'll see goodness, beauty and God everywhere, give joy & joy will come back to you. (DMA)

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, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Gabrielle Hennig, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Peter Mitchell, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, George Raffray, Anthony Richards, Ruth Rowan, Lilly Ricketts, Norma Rudd, Pauline Sharpley, Susan Soutter, Ronald Stevens, Emmie Walker, Neil Tisdale, Helen Whitty.
(If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Linda via the Parish office)

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

ANYTHING FOR THE NEWSLETTER? The Messenger goes to print on Thursday morning and copies are put out in St Bernard's & St Michael's in the afternoon. If you have anything you wish to be included in the newsletter please let me know by Tuesday, or Thursday morning at the latest. Thank you.

PARISH REGISTER - we are constantly updating the register with parishioners details. If your details have changed, or you think you may not be included on the register, please let us know. An accurate parish register is essential to provide the best service to parishioners. Please complete one of the New Parishioners Forms in the porch & hand it in to the Parish office. Thank you.

Foodbank: At present there is a particular shortage of long life milk, toilet rolls, tinned fish (for example tuna, salmon, pilchards or sardines); sugar; and custard (tins or packets) plus the usual tinned and packed goods. If you can help with any of these items they will be greatly appreciated.

WHAT! A CHRISTIAN EASTER EGG! Buy yours now! These are chocolate eggs that mention Jesus and explain the meaning of the feast day on the packaging. *The Real Easter Egg gives consumers their first ever chance to buy an Easter egg that not only tastes good but does good, bringing to light the Easter themes of hope and new life. I believe there will be widespread support for the product from the faith community and wider afield with many millions likely to be interested. The Real Easter Egg is a chance to educate and do good – giving money to charitable projects.* (Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu.)

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER- "Streams in the desert"-prepared this year by the Christian women of Egypt. This **Friday March 7th, 2p.m. Methodist church, Dibden Purlieu.** The speaker will be Rev Christine Coram.

Calling all males of the species! Although it is called *Women's world day of prayer* it does not exclude men. You will be made very welcome.

THE CREAM BINS at both churches look like swing bins for rubbish, but they are in fact there for stamps, old mobile phones and foreign coins for CAFOD. If you have any of the above your donations will be gratefully received.

APF RED MISSION BOXES - What do you do with your spare change? Why not pop it in a Red Mission box and help the Missions overseas. Our parish donated over £700 to the APF in 2013. Amazing for a parish of this size! The APF are very grateful for your generosity. Why not pick up a red box from the office and start collecting during Lent!

For the Ideal Gift or Gift Voucher visit
Faith, Hope & Charity
8 ST JOHN'S STREET, HYTHE SO45 6DA



The Pope Tweets: @Pontifex

Our Lady is always close to us, especially when we feel the weight of life with all its problems.



SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: The Diocese's 6th Significant Anniversaries Mass and Reception will be celebrated at 11 am Saturday 28 June at St Bede's, Basingstoke for those celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2014. Bishop Philip will preside at the Mass. Attendance is by invitation; if you are celebrating one of these anniversaries, *contact the Bishop's Office 023 9282 0894 or email at: bishoppa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.*

DIOCESAN JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

Two vacancies:

- 1) clergy support assistant (travelling involved)
- 2) Education Officer (P/T)

We haven't space here to run the full advertisements so do check the Diocesan website for further information.



CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY collection 16th March. There are two Fridays in the year when we are asked to spend less on our food for those days and give what we save to the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development (CAFOD). The collections are usually taken on the 2nd Sunday of Lent & the Sunday after the first Friday in October.



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT: 24th February- 9th March.

Today, 2nd March, a selection of Fairtrade goods (tea, coffee, biscuits, jam & sweets) will be on sale after Mass at both churches. Sales of Fairtrade goods help small producers to feed their familie AND send the children to school.

CAFOD SOUP LUNCH: Thursday **13th March** at St Bernard's hall. Tickets are £5 and will be on sale after Mass and from our parish shop-Faith, Hope & Charity in Hythe. All proceeds to CAFOD. All are welcome.

CAFOD: Advance notice: **Lent Fast Day Friday 14th March.** 'Tonight, one in eight of us will go to bed hungry. For some, finding food is a daily struggle. CAFOD is working with poor communities around the world on our behalf, so they can put food on the table. Fast Days are our opportunity to support that vital work. When you get your Fast Day envelope please give as much as you can so that hunger doesn't remain a fact of life.'

HOW TO BE A BRUISED AND DIRTY CHURCH!

Pope Francis. *Evangelii Gaudium:* "I prefer a church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security."

Bridie Stringer will speak at **Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph, Lymington, on March 19th at 7pm.** Those of you who missed her last time will be delighted to hear that her subject will be Pope Francis' *Exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium.* Those of you who came will be delighted to hear that she is coming again!

LENT

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



PAUSE FOR PRAYER: will take place on the 11th, 18th, 25th March & 1st, 8th April. At St Michael's, Hythe.

BROCKENHURST: 10am every Friday during Lent: Meditation followed by silent prayer and Benediction.

WATERSIDE: Stations of the Cross: Every Sunday during Lent starting 9 March 3pm St Bernard's, Holbury (16th March St Michael's, Hythe)

TOTTON: Stations of the Cross 7pm every Friday during Lent, St Theresa's Church, Totton