

## LOVE AND MISSION

Today's first reading continues the account of the preaching of Paul and Barnabas and of God opening the door of faith to pagans. There is much travelling and activity, gathering of people and appointing leaders, and even a sense of work completed. By contrast, the Gospel draws us into the intimacy of the small group of disciples surrounding Jesus who encourages them to love one another. This is how people will know they are his disciples. Proclaiming the Word and witness of love for one another are both valid forms of evangelisation.

The post-conciliar document *Evangelii Nuntiandi* (1975) speaks of the need to proclaim Christ the Lord to those who do not know him through preaching, catechetics, baptism and the administration of the sacraments. It also recognises, as the first step in the work of evangelisation, communities of Christians who radiate simply and spontaneously their faith and love for one another and for those among whom they live. This role of pre-evangelisation has long been recognised in the Church's mission to the nations, formerly known as mission territories, where communities of religious sisters and brothers engaged in works of mercy prior to the arrival of priests who would preach in the traditional sense. In our post-Christian Western societies the witness of Christian love and service is needed more than ever as a form of evangelisation that may touch modern people in a way that formal preaching does not. Both are needed, and witness to love, of which today's Gospel speaks, is the vocation of every Christian.

The reading from the Apocalypse presents a vision of heaven, the new Jerusalem, where all suffering and toil are ended. This echoes the Gospel where Jesus says: "The Son of Man has been glorified." Although he has yet to undergo the passion, in John's Gospel Jesus is already glorified. He is always one with the Father who has been glorified in him. In the new Jerusalem God will make his home among his people, his name is God-with-them, and the One sitting on the throne says, "Behold, I am making the whole of creation new." These readings both challenge and console a world that continues to experience war, famine and disease and the apparent lack of resolve of powerful nations to help the poor and suffering in our two-thirds world.

We can feel overwhelmed and powerless where so much is controlled by multinationals and superstates, but today's readings, summed up in the Gospel acclamation "I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you", give us encouragement and assurance that we can make a difference. This is not an easy option, Jesus' love led him to the cross, but in Christian faith the cross is not an end in itself but stands at the centre of the paschal mystery of death and resurrection. It is the door through which we enter the new Jerusalem where all suffering is ended. (*Preaching and teaching the Word by Bridget Tighe FMDM from Priests and People*)

# The Messenger

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

Sun	2	9 am	SB	Fifth Sunday of Easter
		11 am	SM	Fifth Sunday of Easter
		6 pm	SM	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Tue	4	10 am	SM	Morning Prayer & Mass: <b>The English Martyrs</b>
Wed	5	7.30 pm	SM	Evening Prayer & Mass
Thu	6	10 am	LT	Mass: of the 5th Week of Easter
Sat	8	10 am	SM	Mass: of the 5th Week of Easter
		11 am	SM	Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am
Sun	9	9 am	SB	Sixth Sunday of Easter
		11 am	SM	Sixth Sunday of Easter
		6 pm	SM	Sixth Sunday of Easter



**Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 2nd May:** People of the Parish, Parishioners who are unwell, deceased clergy of the Diocese, Clergy & People of the Diocese. Fr Derek Didler RIP

**For the week beginning 9th May:** People of the Parish, Parishioners who are unwell, Victims of Abuse, Church Reform, Vera West RIP, Edith Manghan RIP

### New Forest East Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

St Theresa, Totton - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am  
Ashurst Community - Sun 9am  
Our Lady & St Edward, Lyndhurst - Sun 9am

### WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastoral Team: Rev David Adams (Parish Priest)  
Rev Steve Bowler (Deacon) (8020 7449)  
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Kevin Barnett (Chair: Parish Pastoral Council)

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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Bill Feltham, Pat Gallanagh, Amanda Gudge, Irene Mitchell, Roy Nicholas, Michael Peake, Bridget Reeves, Margaret Scott, Lena Westfoot (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

**DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** This will take place at St Joseph's, Ashurst on **Saturday, 8th May, 10am for 10.30am start.** The day will finish about 3.30pm-ish. The day will be led by Fr. Ronnie of the Ashurst community. Tea & coffee will be available but please bring your own packed lunch. This day is a joint New Forest East Pastoral Area event open to ministers from Lyndhurst, Totton & Waterside.

**FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE:** We look forward to the celebration of the marriage and Nuptial Mass of Henry Krzymuski & Elena Dokuchaeva on Saturday, 22nd May at 3.30pm at St Michaels Church, Hythe. Please keep them in your prayers for a joyful wedding day and a very happy life together.

**CELEBRATION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** We are also looking forward to the celebration of 1st Holy Communion for Ciara Reilly on Sunday, 6th June at the 9am Mass at St Bernards. All being well Manu Crean-Raffray will also be making his 1st Holy Communion at the same time. Please keep Ciara & Manu in your prayers for a joyful day and a life long experience of God's love given to us in the Eucharist.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ANDREW CANNING:** for being awarded the *Community Spirit* highly commended certificate. Andrew is a young member of Applemore –based New Forest Multi Sports Club where, despite his own problems, he helps other young people with special needs and is a real inspiration to them. The awards are sponsored by the *The Herald*. The awards are given to people who give up their own free time to ensure others within the local community can have a better life.

**THE 2010 PLANT SALE:** will be held on May 15th this year at St Bernard's and organised by Veronica Chadwick. So all you gardeners please get busy. Also Donations of raffle prizes are needed now and of plants and home-made cakes on 14th. Raffle tickets will be on sale after Masses and at the shop from 2nd May.

**THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE QUIZ NIGHT**  
Special thanks to Deacon Steve Bowler for the compiling & presenting the questions, thanks to the Martha group for organising the event. The Martha group will be able to give to Fr David £300 towards the Roof Fund from entrance fees, raffle money & a little extra to round it all up!  
**Next Social event—Skittles & Buffet on Sat 19th June**

**WE NEED ITEMS FOR RAFFLE PRIZES:** If you have any unwanted gifts that would make good raffle prizes please hand them into the Parish Office or give them to Fr David at Mass on Sundays. Thank you

**THE DIOCESAN FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN - "LIVING OUR FAITH":** This campaign is to raise funds so that the Diocese can continue: 1) vocations work for priesthood & diaconate; 2) the training of students for the priesthood; 3) the work of adult formation and training for lay ministry; 4) the provision of financial support for parish projects. **Our Parish Team is now in place. They will be helping Fr David meet with parishioners to invite support for the campaign.**

**Celebrating Marriage 2010** - On 12 June 2010 there will be a special Mass at St Bede's, Basingstoke for couples in our diocese celebrating significant wedding anniversaries during 2010. If you are celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary during 2010, or any anniversary over 60 years, please let your parish priest know as soon as possible so that Bishop Crispian can send you an invitation. Attendance will be by invitation only and numbers are limited.

For more information contact: Katja Babei, Advisor for Marriage and Family Life, Department for Pastoral Formation. [kbabei@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:kbabei@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). Tel: 01329 835583

**CAFOD Give it up for Lent Campaign** has now concluded. Many thanks for your very generous donations which reached £2264.99 (this comprises the £2080 from events, special Fast day Collection etc up to Easter, plus £184.99 received from returned boxes since).

**Get CREATIVE! for CAFOD Portsmouth** - Entries are still welcome until the 7th of June (from individuals and/or schools and groups) for CAFOD Portsmouth's "Get Creative" competition, to produce a CD of songs and poems from people across the Diocese. The topic could be anything from environmental justice to live simply, from worship to social action. Full rules and entry forms can be downloaded from [www.cafod.org.uk/portsmouth](http://www.cafod.org.uk/portsmouth) or contact the office at [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or 01252 329285 for more information.

**WANTED—URGENTLY!** Gas or electric cooker, kettle, washing machine, pots & pans, child's bed, double bed, wardrobes, coffee table, settee. Also any toys or clothing suitable for 5 year old little boy. All must be in good, usable condition please. Please contact Craig on 07946674199 or leave a message at the Parish Office.

**ROOF FUND :** Current amount collected £9787.04 (£3712 yet to be raised)

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**SUNG MASS, for ASCENSION THURSDAY.**

St. BONIFACE CHURCH, 413 Shirley Road, Southampton Thursday May 13<sup>th</sup>. at 7.30pm with "Cantores Michaelis" [*Soton. University Music Dept.*] director: Keith Davis, organ: Alban Rees-Jones, SCHUBERT: Mass in G [D. 167], PETER PHILIPS: *Ascendit Deus*, GERALD FINZI: *God is gone up with a triumphant shout*, Gregorian Chant for the Day

**'Ever Ancient, Ever New'**. A weekend for young adults aged 18-38, inviting them to consider the beauty of a call to the religious life in the 21st century. **Friday 14th (eve) - Sun 16th May 2010** in the Essex countryside with the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham. For further details visit <http://www.walsinghamcommunity.org/events.html> or call Sr Camilla on 01277 373959/848.