

The Messenger

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

2nd June 2013

The Body & Blood of Christ (Psalter - Wk.1)

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's
11.00am Mass at St Michael's
4.00pm Holy Hour at St Michael's
6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

(All Liturgies are 9th week of Ordinary Time, Yr 1, unless otherwise stated)

Mon 3 rd	No Service (Memory, St Charles Lwanga & others)
Tues 4 th	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass
Wed 5 th	10.00am Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst (Memory, St Boniface)
Thurs 6 th	10.00am Mass at Our Lady's, Lyndhurst
Fri 7 th	No Service (Feast, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus)
Sat 8 th	10.00am SM Mass then Adoration of Jesus in the Bl. Sacrament and Reconciliation to 11am (Memory, Immaculate Heart of Mary)
Sun 9 th	10 th Week of Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass at St Bernard's 11.00am Mass at St Michael's 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, Fr Peter Wilkie 60th Anniversary of Ordination. Children making their 1st Holy Communion, Pam Lonsdale (Peace), Michael Monaghan F/M, Donal O'Sullivan (Peace), Bessie Cunningham RIP, Margaret Hall-Patch RIP, Seamus Brannigan RIP Anniv, Norbert Power RIP Anniv, Eric Powell RIP B'day Anniv, Dennis Stanfield RIP Anniv,

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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
St Joseph's (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

RECEIVE YOUR OWN MYSTERY

It is very appropriate today to be celebrating the 1st Holy Communion of Amelia, Natasha, Oscar, Owen & Tegan, because today we are also celebrating the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (known previously by its Latin title: Corpus Christi).

Jesus was a spiritual genius and artist because he took simple things used in everyday meals and, by a unique association with himself in the death and resurrection he was to experience, he created a transformational ritual. This ritual which we have come to call the "Mass" has been at the centre of Western Catholic Christianity since the beginning.

The Eucharist is first of all the celebration of God's work in Jesus freeing us from sin and death and sharing with us Divine life. For this free, undeserved grace we can only give heartfelt thanks, which is in fact the meaning of the word Eucharist. Secondly the Eucharist is invitation and challenge. The invitation is to be "one body, one spirit in Christ" so that we can no longer regard ourselves as separate from others. Rather we are invited to recognise our responsibilities for others and to others. The call is to treat others as ourselves, to love others as ourselves. This way of love is a challenge to accept the sacrifices love may ask of us. As Jesus gave his life and death for us, so we are called to give our living and our dying for one another. In this way the Eucharist expresses something that is happening in our every day lives: a growing experience of gratitude to God and a growing capacity to love as Jesus has loved us. All this is made possible by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Eucharist reveals the ultimate pattern and purpose of our lives.

In the Eucharist we celebrate the gift of ourselves in God. Holy communion makes a powerful statement that God's life is in us, as the prayer at Mass says: "By the mingling of this water and wine may we come to share the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity". Holy Communion gradually attunes us and confirms us in this mystery of loving union with God. If God can take simple bread and wine and make them his body & blood how much more does God take us and delight in us being the "body and blood of Christ" in the world today. This is not our doing, it is by God's graciousness alone. We are no better than anyone else, it is just that by faith, we are made aware of this relationship. This is the Good News to be shared respectfully with others.

God's big HUG and EMBRACE which is the Eucharist accompanies us at every stage of our lives. It is the hug and embrace of unconditional love which desires the best for us and nurtures the best in us. When we're very young its all hugs and kisses and comfort. As we grow its all hugs, kisses, comfort and encouragement. As we get older its all hugs, kisses, comfort, encouragement and challenge. As we get older still its all hugs, kisses, comfort, encouragement, challenge and a call to loving service and responsibility. We are never ready for so great a gift or for so much love. We respond gradually, sometimes enthusiastically, sometimes indifferently, sometimes we rebel, maybe upset at God for not making things go as we would like. As long as we keep returning to the Source in humility with as much acceptance as we can muster the grace continues its work. Everything is turned to our good once we allow ourselves to be caught up in the flow of God's love which fills the whole creation. (DMA)

"Often with the poorest people you cannot completely alleviate their problem but by being with them, whatever you can do for them makes a difference".
(Brother Geoff, The Missionaries of Charity Brothers)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Vicky Carter, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Peter Gray, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Pam Lonsdale, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Tony O'Connell, Donal O'Sullivan, Honora Power, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Pauline Sharpley, Ronald Stevens. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

PRAYER POTTERY: The next Prayer Pottery will take place on Tuesday, 25th June at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Michael's. All are welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We congratulate Amelia, Natasha, Oscar, Owen & Tegan on making their First Holy Communion today and we commend their parents for actively engaging in the preparation.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Next Sunday (9th June) at both Masses there will be an opportunity for Ministers to informally renew their commitment to this important service.

JOINT ECUMENICAL SERVICE AT ST BERNARD'S: This is advance notice that on Sunday, 30th June at 6.30pm there will be a Christian Unity Service at St Bernard's. Rev Steve Bowler will lead the service. Please do your best to attend. Encouraging Christian Unity is an important work and is Jesus' on-going prayer. Besides we wouldn't want to be embarrassed by a poor representation!

MARGARET HALL-PATCH RIP: Margaret died last week 21st May aged 94 yrs. She had been in a nursing home for the last couple of years. She and her husband, who died some years ago, were generous supporters of the parish.

Our condolences and prayers are with the families, friends and relatives who have lost loved ones and with all those who have been recently bereaved.

FR PETER WILKIE - DIAMOND JUBILEE OF ORDINATION: On 4th June Fr Peter is celebrating his 60th anniversary as a priest. We will have a collection for him on June 16th. And on Sunday, 23rd June Fr Peter will say the 9.00am Mass at St Bernard's & then join us for the 11.00am Mass at St Michaels after which there will be light refreshments.

YEAR OF FAITH: (Newsletter insert from the Diocesan website)
When did Christ institute the Eucharist?

Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist on the evening before his death, "on the night when he was betrayed" (1 Cor 11:23), when he gathered the apostles around him in the Upper Room in Jerusalem and celebrated the Last Supper with them.

How did Christ institute the Eucharist?

"For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also the chalice, after supper, saying, 'This chalice is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me'" (1 Cor 11:23-25). This, the oldest account of the events in the Upper Room at the Last Supper, is by the apostle Paul, who was not an eyewitness himself, but rather wrote down what was being preserved as a holy mystery by the young Christian community and was being celebrated in the liturgy. Dig Deeper: Corresponding CCC section (1337-1344). Source: YOUCAT 208

COME FOLLOW ME - A GROUP FOR DISCERNING YOUNG CATHOLICS: This discernment group is aimed at young men and women aged 16-30, who are looking to deepen their relationship with Christ and who are asking themselves how best to follow Him in the future. It is for all who are open to the possibility that God is calling them to the priesthood or religious life. The gatherings are usually on the 2nd Friday of each month at St. Joseph's Church, St Michael's Rd, Basingstoke RG22 6TY. They begin with Mass at 7:30pm, are followed by a delicious meal in the presbytery, an informal presentation on a theme related to vocation discernment, and finish at 9:30pm. The next gathering will be on Friday 14th June with Fr Paul King speaking about The Holy Spirit in Discernment. If you are able to come, or are over 30 but would still like support discerning your vocation, please contact Fr Mark Hogan: -Tel: 01256 323595 or Email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Any under 18s will also require a parental consent form which can be obtained from the same email address.

CAFOD: ENOUGH FOOD FOR EVERYONE CAMPAIGN

Invitation for everyone! CAFOD and the other Aid Agencies are holding a giant mobilisation in London on Saturday 8 June to coincide with the G8 Heads of Government Meeting. The aim is to demonstrate our support for *Enough Food for Everyone* and demand action from the Heads of Government. This is an enjoyable event for all the family, starting with a lively Ecumenical Service in Central Hall and then a walk to Hyde Park. Coaches from Southampton are being booked. Please let Louise Croll (80898213) or CAFOD Portsmouth know if you can come.

FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE:

Bishop Philip encourages people to pray to the Holy Spirit, a Prayer Card with a prayer to the Holy Spirit can be found on the website: <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/docs/comeholyspirit.pdf>

Corpus Christi Holy Hour - This Sunday 2nd June one of the major events of the Year of Faith is a Eucharistic Holy Hour presided at by the Holy Father in St Peter's Basilica on Corpus Christi, Sunday 2nd June, at 5pm (Rome time), in communion with local diocesan communities around the world. Bishop Philip urges all parishes - as far as possible - to hold a similar Holy Hour in your churches. In doing so, we provide an opportunity for all the faithful to join with their Bishop and with the successor of Peter in the prayer of adoration to Jesus alive in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. This Holy Hour is sure to bring forth many graces for the universal Church and for our own diocese. In order to coincide with the Holy Father's Holy Hour, it should start at 4pm on Sunday 2nd June. (This will take place at St Michaels Church, Hythe)

WATERSIDE FOODBANK: (extract from the April letter to the parish from the organisers of the Waterside Foodbank) "On behalf of Waterside Foodbank, I am writing to express our sincere and grateful thanks for the support of the members of your churches during 2012/13. The combined total donated during the year was an amazing 963.7kg, which represents some 96 people being able to receive Emergency Foodboxes. Thank you also for the generous monetary donations of £170.00." A copy of the latest Newsletter & other information can be found at www.watersidefoodbank.co.uk.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Bingo & fish n' chips supper: Saturday 22nd June 7 p.m. @ St Bernard's.

Skittles & BBQ: Saturday 31st August 7p.m. @ St Bernard's

Quiz night and American supper : Saturday 5th October 7 p.m. @ St Bernard's.

WORK AT ST BERNARDS: Most of the work is now completed and the toilets and kitchen certainly are a lot more presentable now. It is hoped we can sort out the water heaters in the next few weeks. This is being funded by money raised by parishioners at Parish Socials organised by the St. Martha group.

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