

# The Messenger

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

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2012

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B (Psalter Wk.2)

Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	No Service (Liturgy: Feast, St Gregory the Great)
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: - 22nd Week of Ordinary Time)
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am - Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst (Liturgy: - 22nd Week of Ordinary Time)
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am - Word & Communion Service at Our Lady's, Lyndhurst (Liturgy: of the Day - 22nd Week of Ordinary Time)
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	No Service (Liturgy: - 22nd Week of Ordinary Time)
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	No Service (Liturgy: Feast, Nativity of Our Lady)
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup> 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, Bishop Crispian (Happy Retirement), Bishop elect Philip Egan, Staff & Pupils in all Catholic schools & colleges, Magdalen Forshaw RIP, Sheila Godwin RIP, Annie Wyatt RIP, Bernard Kenny 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  
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

## NO RESPECT FOR TRADITION

In today's Gospel Jesus is accused of flouting sacred tradition. Religious officials from Jerusalem and local Pharisees want to know why Jesus permits his disciples to disregard the unwritten tradition of the elders. The problem is that the disciples do not wash their hands before they eat. The complaint is not that the disciples ignore good hygiene, but that they ignore the tradition of ceremonial washing. In doing this they are numbered among the unclean.

According to the written law, ceremonial washing was required only of priests before they entered the sanctuary. By the time of Jesus, however, the ritual of hand – washing, before every meal and between each course, had been extended to include all pious Jews. This unwritten tradition of legal interpretation – the oral law - was regarded by the Pharisees to be as binding as the written law. And they expect Jesus to share their religious outlook.

Jesus accuses his accusers of being hypocrites, quoting the prophet Isaiah to underline the point:

*This people honours me only with lip – service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.*

In clinging to human tradition, they ignore the commandments of God. Jesus wants to free people from the weight of stifling tradition that concentrates on approved performance. When religious performance is lacking in heart, it makes for worthless worship.

Jesus goes on to teach the crowd revolutionary doctrine which puts him at odds with his own religious tradition: nothing that a man eats can defile him, only what comes from his own heart. In this Jesus declares all foods clean and shifts the focus of moral attention to how people choose and what they actually do. For Jesus, eating with unwashed hands is imaginary defilement. So is eating unapproved food. Uncleanliness is a matter of what proceeds from the human heart. It's not people's diet that interests Jesus, it's their heart condition.

Jesus is interested in the stirrings of the human heart, the personal issues that preoccupy us and influence our choices and behaviour. The territory within, with all its complex emotions and desires, holds Jesus's attention. He knows that no external law can change people's hearts, even if it makes them socially conform. That is why, when he began his preaching, he invited everyone: "Set your hearts first on the kingdom of God." Jesus believes that when people's hearts are centred on God, they are emancipated from the litany of human regulations that would script their every move.

For many of his hearers, what Jesus said was bad news because it contradicted the tradition they honoured. We call it good news, Gospel, because it is a word that liberates us from a world of endless regulations. It also challenges us and invites us to live a religion of the heart. To have a heart for Jesus and his values: this will always be our real business as Christians.

(From Seasons of the Word by Denis McBride)

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Amanda Bowden, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Judith Morrison, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Pauline Sharpley, Jason Singleton, Ronald Stevens. (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, 25th September 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

**HEALING MASS:** will take place at Geo House (St Joseph's) on Monday, 3rd September at 7.15pm. There will be a visiting speaker who is rather special & well worth listening to. He is Marino Restrepo from Colombia. See the poster at the back of church.

**CHILDREN'S MASS** Children's Liturgy will resume as usual in September. If anyone would like to join our team of catechists for Children's Liturgy please contact Fr. David!

**MGR PHILIP EGAN - BISHOP ELECT OF PORTSMOUTH.** Mgr Philip's ordination to the Episcopate will take place on Monday, 24th September at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.

**THE ENNEAGRAM FOR CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY:** Want to understand your self better? Want to deepen your walk with God and your spiritual life? Introduction to the Enneagram for Christian Spirituality **14-16 September 2012 led by Gordon Melvin.** At Geo House, Ashurst. Book Now. Residential and non-residential places available. Suggested Offerings have been kept low. Book now on reception@geohouse.org.uk or 023 8029 2337.

## TIME TO SAY "GOODBYE"

And to say **Thank you** to this parish for its friendliness and generosity to us, Roger and Josie. We have only spent 2 and half years here but we will miss you very much.

**Where are we going?** Back to Peru.

**Why?** To carry on with the wonderful life that we have had in Peru for many years. We thought we had retired but it seems that the Good Lord didn't agree with us. We were suddenly presented with £11,000 to strengthen the whole idea of baby and toddler and childhood stimulation together with good nutrition amongst the population in this jungle area. Iquitos is a large town, it is only the outskirts which are rain forest, the rest is just rainy city! If you want to know how we are faring our private e-mail address is :- [Josie.bluebell103@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Josie.bluebell103@hotmail.co.uk) and I hope to be sending news and photos from October. Web site [www.handinhand.org.uk](http://www.handinhand.org.uk). Thank you, Bye, and enjoy the life you have. **Josie and Roger Masters**

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** Mike Slipper is organising another **Jazz Night** for Saturday, October 27th at St Bernard's Hall. More details to follow.

**CAFOD SUPPORTERS MEETING ON SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER AT BASINGSTOKE:** FEEDBACK ON LENTEN APPEAL SUCCESS AND HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE SPENT. Plus question and answer session on any aspect of CAFOD's work and news of forthcoming activities. ALL WELCOME. Full details on poster in the church porches or from Louise (80898213). Booking is requested.

**CAFOD - GREAT SOUTH RUN:** - entrants need to register now for this event. See poster in church porch for details.

**A BIG THANKS TO THE MARTHA GROUP:** -

for organising the BBQ and skittles evening which was a great success despite the weather. Special thanks to Jim Ross for use of his super-wiz BBQ and for Veronica for transport. Thanks to Keith Turner for helping put together the skittle ally. Thanks to all the members of the St Martha group who each paid for different things themselves & kept costs down. The total amount raised was an amazing £403. This was made up of £241 tickets sales, £122 raffle proceeds & £40 from the whisky bottle game



**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.**

**EXPLORE YOUR FAITH:** At Geo House (St Joseph's, Ashurst) **on the first Saturday of each month from September 2012 onwards**— inspired by the naming of 2013 as the 'Year of Faith' by the Holy Father Pope Benedict, we will be launching our 'Explore your faith days. **Starting at 10am with Mass the day includes prayer, music, talks and sharing. Bring a packed lunch. Refreshments available.**

September 8th	Fr Anthony Pereira SMM/Sr Maria Natella
October 6th	David Matthews— former free church pastor
November 3rd	Alice Hall—Sion Community
December 1st	Geoff & Gina Poulter—Catholic Bible School

**ADVENT RETREAT** (at Geo House, St Joseph's, Ashurst). We are very fortunate to have Fr James McCafferey OCD to lead our Advent Retreat. 7th– 9th December 2012 Theme: 'Prayer in the Gospels and prayer in our everyday lives' Book now on reception@geohouse.org.uk or 023 8029 2337

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