

# 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> October 2011**

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time - Divine Office: Week 3**

Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels
Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	No Service (Liturgy: of the Day - 27th Week)
Tues	4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: Memorial - St Francis of Assisi, Founder, 1181-1226)
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm SM Evening Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: of the Day - 27th Week)
Thurs	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am LT Mass (Liturgy: of the Day - 27th Week, or optnl Memorial, St Bruno, Founder, 1033-1101)
Fri	7 <sup>th</sup>	No Service (Liturgy: Memorial, Our Lady of the Rosary)
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am SM Mass followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am (Liturgy: of the Day - 27th Week, or Our Lady on Saturday)
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> 9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels

**Mass Intentions: For this week:** All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian (Health), Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Anthony Baddour RIP, Margaret Harris RIP, Doug Horrill RIP, Seamus Brannigan RIP Anniv, Anthea Hayward RIP Anniv, Urban Paul RIP Anniv, Fred Warrilow RIP Anniv,

**For the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> October:** All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian (Health), Guidance for choice of new Bishop, William Hopper RIP Anniv, Margaret Jones RIP Anniv,

## 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)  
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## IS THE KINGDOM BEING TAKEN FROM US?

In the Gospel this weekend Jesus says to the religious leaders: "The kingdom of God shall be taken away from you and given to those who will produce its fruit".

It is important that we regularly ask that question of the Lord in our prayer: Are we losing the kingdom, are we losing our souls?

Forget about heaven and hell for a moment. It is about what is happening now in our hearts, minds, emotions, bodies, relationships and lives. Seeing things only in terms of "when I die" can be a subtle way to avoid the here and now issues.

History gives us many examples of people, communities, regions, countries "losing it". Losing openness, tolerance, love, compassion, joy, variety, acceptance, values, meaning and whatever else makes the heart sing. A parish community can have its priests, its liturgies, its groups and still be cold and unwelcoming, judgemental and narrow-minded. It can have too little of the Spirit who comes from God and too much of the spirit of the world (fear, lethargy, discouragement, greed, factions, prejudices etc).

The soul is a very delicate thing. It can expand out to the whole universe and in its appreciation and acceptance embrace everything, even the mystery of God. The soul thrives on love, truth, compassion and freedom. It responds to beauty and to disfigurement, to joy and to pain. It relishes spontaneity, diversity and harmony. With faith it can flourish on challenge and overcome adversity. Above all the soul can be refreshed and renewed by another or by the Other.

But the soul can also shrink and wither. It can lose the joy. It can become locked into anxiety, bitterness, security and comfort. The soul can become fearful and self-preoccupied. Remember I am not talking so much about sin, although that may be part of the picture but about life, energy, creativity, appreciation, joy, openness or rather the lack of these experiences. We can be going to the sacraments but our souls can still be starving because we are not really letting Christ into the whole of our lives. One moment with the Lord will have little impact if we spend hours & hours consuming only the trivial and superficial.

Bad leadership can also stifle the soul. Rigid, authoritarian and regimental leadership negates confidence, creativity and self-worth. We may not belong to ourselves. If we are living only in the expectations of others, if they are the mirrors which reflect back to us our reality then we won't know who we really are. We won't realise that we are mirrored by Christ as children of God. We need to ask ourselves who am I when I am not a husband, wife, father, mother, wage earner, single person, etc? Do I know myself as one uniquely loved and called by the Other who is the real food of our souls? (DMA)

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Marion Butler, Bill Duncan, Rodney Cooper, Bishop Crispian, Petra Daniels, Mervyn Francis, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Leanne Martin, Jillian Plummer, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Sarah, Jason Singleton, Simon Smith, Ronald Stevens, Jim Walker, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

**BISHOP CRISPIAN' HEALTH:** Bishop Crispian is now back in Bishop's House convalescing.

**PRAYER POTTERY:** The next prayer meeting will take place on Tuesday, 25th Oct at 11.00am after the morning Mass. It is a time of quiet prayer with spiritual music & readings led by Christine Olden. Everyone is welcome.

**ROSARY BEFORE MASS AT ST BERNARD'S:** Marion Teague will lead the Rosary before Mass at St Bernard's on the Sundays of October.

**MASS COUNT:** During October we will take a Mass count at all Sunday Masses for the national Catholic statistics.

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S MASSES:** the next dates for young peoples Masses at St Bernard's are: 6 Nov, 4 Dec.

**PARENTS:** If your children sometimes attend Children's Liturgy and/or the Young People's Masses (including the older children who help), please complete a yellow parent consent form (at the back of St B's) and pass it to Clare Davies or Fr David, or drop it off at the Parish office. This is part of the diocese's requirements for safeguarding your children, and will also let us stay in touch and better support your family. Thanks for your help.

**CHILDREN'S BOOKLETS:** If your child has one of the colour-in Mass booklets that we produced some months ago, please contact Clare for a printed set of edits to cut out and stick onto it, to show the new wording of the Mass responses. (This is a great chance to work on it with your child at home, and talk about the Mass with them - but please remember to bring the booklet back to church!) We'll also be continuing to use these in some Children's Liturgy sessions.

## THE RE-INTRODUCTION OF FRIDAY ABSTINENCE (from 16th September)

"The Bishops also wish to remind us that every Friday is set aside as a special day of penitence, as it is the day of the suffering and death of the Lord. They believe it is important that all the faithful again be united in a common, identifiable act of Friday penance because they recognise that the virtue of penitence is best acquired as part of a common resolve and common witness".

"The law of the Church requires Catholics on Fridays to abstain from meat, or some other form of food, or to observe some other form of penance laid down by the Bishops' Conference. The Bishops have decided to re-establish the practice that this penance should be fulfilled simply by abstaining from meat and by uniting this to prayer. Those who cannot or choose not to eat meat as part of their normal diet should abstain from some other food of which they regularly partake".

"Canon 1252 states that: "The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. The law of fasting binds those who have attained their majority, until the beginning of their sixtieth year. Pastors of souls and parents are to ensure that even those who by reason of their age are not bound by the law of fasting and abstinence, are taught the true meaning of penance."

"Those under fourteen years of age, the sick, the elderly and frail, pregnant women, seafarers, manual workers according to need, guests at a meal who cannot excuse themselves without giving great offense to their hosts or causing friction, and those in other situations of moral or physical impossibility are not required to observe abstention from meat; in other words, we should act prudently".

For the full text of the Bishop's declaration on this subject visit the Diocesan website: [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk), or ask Fr David for a copy.

**THIS WEEKEND:** CAFOD envelopes are available for the Autumn Fast Day collection on Sunday, 9th October. **NEXT FRIDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER** is Autumn Fast Day. You may care to donate whatever you have given up on that day to CAFOD.

**SPONSORSHIP REQUEST:** One of our youngest parishioners is doing the 'Mini' Great South Run for **CAFOD!** Please find out more and support him: sponsor forms at the back of both churches.

**SOUTHAMPTON GENERAL HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** They urgently need volunteers who could give one or two hours each Friday to go round the hospital wards to ask patients if they would like to come to the services on Sunday. More details are on the poster in the church porch.

**ST ANNE'S SCHOOL:** has an Open Evening (for Year 7 entry in 2012) on Tuesday, 4th October, 6pm-8pm. See poster for details.

**SPECIAL THANKS:** to Ron & Beaty Kelly for donating a very fine table & six chairs for the Parish Meeting Room & for arranging the transport of the same!

**OPEN DAY - OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** in Lymington on Friday 7th October 10 - 11.30 am & 1.45 - 2.45 pm. Please come and enjoy a tour of the school and grounds, talk to staff, governors and meet the new Head Teacher Mrs. Kirstie Richards.

School Address:

Ramley Road, (Pennington) Lymington,  
tel. 01590 672711,  
[www.ourladyst-joseph.hants.sch.uk](http://www.ourladyst-joseph.hants.sch.uk)

**STUDY DAY ON THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE LITURGY: "How should we listen to the texts? How might we move beyond the words?"** American priest, Fr Paul Turner will lead the day on Sunday, 9th Oct, from 2.00pm until 6.30pm. Venue: Bishop Challoner School, St Michael's Rd, Basingstoke, RG22 6SR. Cost £5.00, tea & coffee provided. See the poster for more details. Booking forms available at the back of church.

**Vocations Discernment for Women,** The Daughters of Wisdom warmly invite women of the Portsmouth Diocese to spend a companionable day with them on: Saturday, 22nd October 2011 from 10am - 4pm. A light lunch will be provided. The aim is to take 'time out' from the rush of everyday life to relax, reflect, discuss and pray, in order to support you in discerning where God might be calling you. You can find the Sisters at Wisdom House, Romsey, SO51 8EL. Please telephone: 01794-830206 or email [reception@wisdonhouseromsey.co.uk](mailto:reception@wisdonhouseromsey.co.uk) in advance of the date to register your interest and to find out more. The website is: [www.daughtersofwisdom.org.uk](http://www.daughtersofwisdom.org.uk)

The next **Finance Committee Meeting** is on Thursday, 27th October at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room.

**AUTUMN JAZZ:** with The New Cavalier Jazzmen (including our own Mike Slipper) on **Saturday, 5th November from 7.30pm.** Venue: **St Bernard's Hall.** Raffle & American Supper (Bring your own refreshments & plate of food to share. People requiring special diets must bring their own). Tickets are £7.00 each. Tickets are available from Mike Slipper (023 8084 3908), from Faith Hope & Charity Shop, Hythe & from St Bernard's & St Michaels Churches.

