

The Messenger

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

3rd February 2013

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Psalter Wk.4)

9.00am Mass at St Bernards
11.00am Mass at St Michaels
1.30pm Baptism at St Michael's
6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

Mon 4th No Service (Liturgy: of the Day)
Tues 5th 10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass
(Liturgy: Memorial, St Agatha)
Wed 6th 10.00am Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst
(Liturgy: Memorial, Paul Miki & companions)
Thurs 7th 10.00am Mass at Our Lady's, Lyndhurst
(Liturgy: of the Day)
Fri 8th No Service (Liturgy: of the Day)
Sat 9th 10.00am SM Mass then Adoration of Jesus
in the Bl. Sacrament and Reconciliation to 11am.
(Liturgy: of the Day)
Sun 10th 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9.00am Mass at St Bernards
11.00am Mass at St Michaels
3.00pm Baptism at St Bernard's
baby Kelsey Burgess
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 Philip Egan, Judith Morrison RIP, Jim Walker RIP, Thomas Weir RIP, Brendan Kelly RIP Anniv, Bridget Reeves RIP Anniv

For the week beginning 10th Feb: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Bishop Philip Egan, Judith Morrison RIP, Jim Walker RIP, Thomas Weir RIP, Kathleen Cummings RIP B'day Anniv

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

AN UNWELCOME PROPHET

There are two ways of being a prophet. One is to tell the enslaved that they can be free. It is the difficult path of Moses. The second is to tell those who think they are free that they are in fact enslaved. This is the even more difficult path of Jesus. (Richard Rohr)

One minute they were "all wondering at the gracious words that came from his lips". The next minute they were trying to hustle him out of the synagogue and over the edge of a cliff. It is like some elements in the media who hype up an individual or a fashion or whatever, then when it suits them they start the process of tearing down. It is like being caught in the gladiator ring where the presiders have a morbid power of life and death.

Swimming around the individual and collective psyche are the undercurrents of personal and group negativity: envy, jealousy, fear, hatred, anger, violence, greed etc. Such forces once unleashed have the power to overwhelm the unwitting individual with a rush of the herd instinct. In such situations people are capable of the most sickening brutality. For this collective sickness to be healed it must first be exposed and recognized for what it is. Our great resistance to this comes from our desire to self-justify. We can't at the same time accept our dark side and regard ourselves as better or more worthy than others.

Jesus first of all encounters the negativity of jealousy and pride, which is the source of the old adage "familiarity breeds contempt". They don't accept him because they know him or think they do. He is one of them, how can he presume to teach! Jesus recognises this dynamic of negativity which, of course, completely blocks God's work. But instead of backing off he stirs it up even more! Jesus reminds them of God's graciousness to *foreigners* of all people. Well, that really brings the poison to the surface!

Nazareth has been described as a frontier town, or like the West Bank settlements in modern Israel/Palestine. The people were very conscious of their Jewish identity but also perhaps felt vulnerable. Certainly there was no love lost between themselves and the Samaritans to the south (who were "heretics" in their eyes) and the pagans of Syro-Phoenicia to the north-west (who were equally despised).

Before we can be set free we have to know what or who is holding us captive. (DMA)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Vicky Carter, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Tony O'Connell, 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.)

ACCESS TO THE CHURCHES FOR PRAYER: If you want to go to the church at any time to pray before the Blessed Sacrament access is available via the code lock. If you do not know the code lock please ask Fr David in person.

PRAYER POTTERY: The next Prayer Pottery will take place on Tuesday, 19th February at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Michael's. It is led by Christine Olden. There will be prayer, music & quiet reflection. All are welcome.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS:

JUDITH MORRISON RIP: The Requiem Mass for Judith will take place at St Michael's Church on Thursday, 7th February at 12.30pm, followed by burial at Blackfield Cemetery.

ALAN VERNON RIP: Alan's Requiem Mass will take place at Our Lady of the Assumption & St Edward, Lyndhurst on Tuesday, 5th February at 2pm, followed by burial at Lyndhurst Cemetery

EVELYN JAMES WALKER RIP: Jim's Requiem Mass will take place at St Michael's on Friday, 22nd February at 11.30am followed by burial at Blackfield Cemetery.

THOMAS JOHN WEIR RIP: Thomas's Funeral service will take place at St Michael's Church, on Friday, 8th February at 11.00am, followed by burial at Blackfield Cemetery at 12 noon.

We extend our condolences to all the bereaved families and we pray for those who have died. May they rest in peace and rise in glory, through Christ our Lord. Amen

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Parents, please contact Fr David if your child is in Year 3 at primary school and will be 8 yrs old in 2013 and you wish your child to make their First Holy Communion. At the moment we are only able to offer support for a home & parent centred programme of preparation.

YEAR OF FAITH

Scripture in the life of the Church

The Constitution on Divine Revelation compares Scripture to the Eucharist, reminding us that we are fed "from the one table of the word of God and the body of Christ" (para 21). Through the Scriptures, "the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children and talks with them" (para 21). The Council Fathers stressed that all the faithful should have access to the Scriptures; this nourishment "enlightens the mind, strengthens the will and fires the hearts of men and women with the love of God" (para 23). Consequently, they encourage all the faithful, clergy and lay, to become more familiar with the Scriptures. This is not an academic exercise, but a reminder that prayerful reading of and reflection on Scripture "becomes a dialogue between God and the human reader" (para 25).

HOW CAFOD IS SPENDING YOUR FAST DAY DONATIONS

Last year's Lent Fast Day appeal on Water and Sanitation raised £18 million which includes £2817 from our parish. These sums were far above what CAFOD expected but have enabled them to provide clean water to many thousand more people. CAFOD have provided information on the projects they have financed and want those who donated so generously to learn the details. Copies of the CAFOD Report are available in the porch: please take a copy.

ECUMENICAL PANCAKES: at St Bernard's on Tuesday, 12th Feb at 7.30pm. Fellowship, singing & delicious pancakes. All are welcome

BEING CATHOLIC IN A SECULAR CULTURE. How does our relationship with Jesus lead us to respond to the world around us? **Speaker: Bishop Philip Egan.** Wed. 20th Feb in Reading; Thurs. 7th March in Christchurch, Tues, 19th March in Portsmouth. Evenings 7.30pm until 9.00pm. For more details see the poster at the back of church.

IT'S SHOWTIME! HMA in association with Ocean Harmony proudly present an evening of musical entertainment in support of the Waterside Foodbank. Saturday, 23rd February, bar open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm curtain up at the Hythe Parish Hall, West Street, SO45 6AA. Tickets are £9.50 including supper. For Showtime tickets contact Annette on 02380-847650 or Joe Hayward: joehayward@btinternet.com. Bookings close on 20th February!!

YEAR OF FAITH: "EXPLORE YOUR FAITH DAYS" at St Joseph's Chapel, Geo House, Lyndhurst Rd, Ashurst: All Saturdays, 10.00am to 4pm. Starts with Mass, bring your own packed lunch, tea & coffee provided. Donations welcome to cover the cost of the day. March 2nd - Geoff & Gina Poulter; April 6th - Fiona Castle, (& more afterwards!)

LIVING THE LANGUAGE OF LOVE: John Paul II's 'Theology of the Body' and the language of God's love in Natural Family Planning & Naprotechnology. Day Conference at the Maryvale Institute, Birmingham, Sat. 16th March 2013. See poster in church porch for details.

CAMPAIGN ON MARRIAGE: The Bishops' Conference have issued some postcards related to the marriage issue about to come before Parliament. We are encouraged to send them to our MP in support of the Catholic understanding of marriage and family. Our local MP is Dr Julian Lewis. You will need to supply your own postage stamp. The cards are at the back of church.

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