

The Messenger

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

3rd June 2012

The Most Holy Trinity (Year B: Psalter Wk.1)

Sun	3 rd	10.00am Mass at St Bernards <i>6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst</i>
Mon	4 th	No Service (Liturgy: 9th Week of Ordinary Time)
Tues	5 th	No Service (Liturgy: Memorial - St Boniface)
Wed	6 th	10.00am - Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst (Liturgy: 9th Week of Ordinary Time)
Thurs	7 th	10.00am - Mass at Our Ladys, Lyndhurst (Liturgy: 9th Week of Ordinary Time)
Fri	8 th	3.00pm SM - Funeral Service - Ann Wilton RIP
Sat	9 th	10.00am SMMass followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.00am (Liturgy: Our Lady on Saturday, 9th Week of Ordinary Time)
Sun	10 th	The Body & Blood of Christ 9.00am Mass at St Bernards 10.00am Mass at St Michaels <i>6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst</i>

Mass Intentions: For this week: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Guidance for choice of new Bishop, For All Ministers of the Word & Holy Communion, Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth (Diamond Jubilee), Jim Leigh (80th B'day), Cecilia Anderson RIP, Michael Monaghan RIP Anniv F/M, Eric Powell RIP B'day Anniv, Norbert Power RIP Anniv

For the week beginning 10th June: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Guidance for choice of new Bishop, For the Good estate of Rev Steven Bowler, Rev Bill O'Connell & Rev Ian Tobin F/M, Shaun & Helen Kitson (Thanksgiving 25th Wedding Anniv & family intentions), Bert Smith RIP 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

A SACRED MYSTERY OF UNITY & DIVERSITY

Human evolution has always been about something lost and something gained. As the human race has emerged into self-consciousness and developed the ability to imagine, think and conceptualise it has acquired a great power over other creatures and the physical environment. The gains have certainly outweighed the losses and they have brought many technical advances which we would not want to be without.

However the road "out of Eden" has also been a loss of one level of innocence, a loss of one level of unity with nature, a loss of some levels of social cohesiveness. To some extent we have become a society of individuals which of course means there is not much society. We cannot turn the clock back and we do not want to return to a tribal society. We must aspire to and work for a society which nurtures the freedom and the rights of the individual but also requires that the individual accept responsibility for the welfare of the society. All for one and one for all. Balancing rights and responsibilities, freedoms and obligations is a critical task for humanity as a whole.

To this end we have to find a higher level of innocence, a higher level of unity and a higher level of society. This can only be fully made real, can only ensure human happiness if it is a work of love, of self-giving and receiving in freedom and joy. Shared life, shared love, shared work, shared enjoyment. This is what gives us happiness. This is what Trinity is all about.

We have to celebrate the uniqueness, the diversity, the richness, the differences and yet also nurture the unity and the cohesiveness. This is a great challenge for all multi-cultural societies. All cultural, ethnic and religious traditions need to accept basic human rights and responsibilities. However, all cultural, ethnic and religious groups also need to recognise, acknowledge and cease to tolerate those practices or tendencies that are damaging to the individual or destructive of society. Some modern, permissive societies have tolerated or even encouraged social fragmentation, competitiveness, commercialisation, trivialisation, social dependency, exploitation & selfishness. Some traditional cultures have tolerated or encouraged ignorance, separation, oppression, violence, hostility, because of gender, race or religion.

Social peace, harmony and progress cannot be forced. It can only be invited, encouraged and nurtured. For beings who have evolved to a certain level of freedom the only way is love. Love can only invite, it cannot force. This is why love has to be accepted, that is, believed. God wants to draw us into the Divine harmony, into the shared life and love. The very least we need to do is say "Yes". If we have truly appreciated it for what it is then a heart-felt "Thank You" will also naturally arise within us.

If we cannot say "Yes" to God's love it does not stop God loving us. God will always love us and will always act for our good. It just means we deprive ourselves of the gift and joy that God wants us to have. Sometimes religion has misrepresented God and people have quite rightly rejected this. Refusing allegiance to a religion is not always refusing God. Thankfully Jesus commanded us not to make judgements or condemnations about ourselves or others in this regard.

What can give us hope is that God is so good, so wonderful, so beautiful that no one who really comes to "know" God can fail to be won over by such gracious love and or to be drawn into the Divine celebration. (DMA)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Molly Booth, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Magdalen Forshaw, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Sheila Godwin, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Lyndsey Keggin, Gillian Plummer, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Eileen Shanley, Jason Singleton, Ronald Stevens, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & MINISTERS OF THE WORD: The celebration of Corpus Christi on Sunday, 10th June is a fitting occasion for the parish to show its appreciation for your service and for you to renew your commitment to your ministry. This will take place during the Sunday Masses on that day. All ministers are encouraged to attend if possible.

PRAYER POTTERY: next meeting Tuesday, 26th June 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

ANN WILTON RIP. Sadly Ann died last Saturday (26th May) after a long period of declining health. Ann was a long time member of the parish, known and loved by many parishioners though most have since past on to their reward. Ann was involved with the Save the Children Fund charity shop. She helped out with plant sales, church cleaning and the Christmas Bazaar and she & her husband Ted were involved in the Lions at Brockenhurst. They moved to Marchwood from Holbury some years ago. **Ann's Funeral Service will take place on Friday, 8th June at 3pm at St Michael's and will be conducted by Rev Ian Tobin**

FR RONNIE MITCHELL SMM R.I.P. You will be very sad to hear of the sudden death of Fr Ronnie Mitchell SMM on Wednesday afternoon, 30th May. Fr Ronnie had been taking an afternoon rest and was found dead by one of the Ashurst community. At the time of writing the newsletter no arrangements had been made regarding Fr Ronnie's funeral. Fr Ronnie has been an ardent supporter of Ashurst and was always keen to keep it going. He was Provincial of the Montfort Fathers when he died and this involved him in a lot of travel around the country and abroad. Through his pastoral ministry at Ashurst he became known, loved and respected by Catholics and others in the wider Southampton area. May Fr Ronnie & Ann rest in peace. Amen.

THANK YOU: The obligatory collection for World Communications last weekend raised £163.05p. This helps to fund the Bishops efforts to spread the Good News. Prayer cards are still available at the back of church.

Celebrating Marriage 2012: On Saturday, 16th June 2012 there will be a special Mass with the Bishop at St Bede's, Basingstoke for couples in our diocese celebrating significant wedding anniversaries during 2012. If you are celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th anniversary during 2012, or any anniversary over 60 years, please let your parish priest know as soon as possible so that you can be sent an invitation. Attendance will be by invitation only and numbers are limited. For more information contact: Katja Babei, Advisor for Marriage and Family Life. kbabei@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Tel: 01329 835583

ADVANCE NOTICE: "Celebrate" - Catholic Charismatic Conference - on 29th-30th September 2012, at St Mary's College, Bitterne, Southampton. A Faith-Filled family event with something for everyone, children especially catered for. The theme is a "Highway to Holiness". There will be teachings, worship, Mass & Reconciliation available all in a very friendly & relaxed & joyful atmosphere.

CAFOD CAMPAIGN

GIVE IT UP DURING LENT FOR CLEAN WATER

Following the receipt of some further donations and pyramids, the total for the collection has reached an amazing £2817.47 which will be doubled by the Government under the special Aid Matching Scheme to £5634.94. CAFOD has written to express thanks for this great generosity which will enable them to make a lot of difference to poor people's lives. The collection is now closed.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: Since Brenda retired some months ago, Veronica has been trying alone to keep St Bernard's church clean and tidy. Is there anyone who could spare an hour or so every two or three weeks to put a vacuum cleaner around the church; any time or day would be fine. For more information phone Veronica tel 8089 7458 or let Father David know.

NEXT ST MARTHA GROUP EVENT: This will be a Quiz Night and American Supper and will take place at 7pm on 16th June in St Bernard's Hall. Tickets are on sale from this Sunday, 20th May. Any items suitable to be **RAFFLE PRIZES** will be gratefully received please hand them in to the Parish Shop, or to one of the Martha Group or to Fr David at church.



A BIG THANKS TO VERONICA & ALL THE HELPERS for a very successful Plant Sale & Spring Fayre at St Bernard's yesterday. The total raised was £867.29, a great effort! Thanks to all those grew the plants, baked the cakes & prepared the craft items; and thanks to Tina & volunteers from the Parish Shop for organising the raffle & selling the Fair trade goods and gift items. Thanks to Phil & others for providing the teas & coffees. Thanks also to everyone who supported the event.

HEALING MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S, ASHURST: These will be on Mondays: June 18th, July 2nd, 6th August, 3rd September at 7.15pm. It is hoped that there will be someone available to celebrate these Masses now that Fr Ronnie has died unexpectedly. (St Joseph's is at the rear of Geo House).

Walking with Prayer – A day with the Labyrinth on Saturday 23rd June 2012 1000-1600 at Wisdom Centre, Romsey. A quiet day of reflection, encouraging each of us to explore our life of prayer as an ongoing journey. Throughout the day there will be opportunities to walk the labyrinth in the grounds of Wisdom House, to take a prayer walk to Romsey Abbey and the river nearby. The suggested donation for the day is £22 and lunch will be provided. Please telephone 01794 830206 or email reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk to find out more.

NEW WATER HEATER AT ST BERNARD'S: By the time you read this hopefully we will have installed a new water heater for the kitchen at St Bernard's. It should be able to deliver constant hot water for washing up, washing hands etc. This is being paid for by funds raised through parish social events organised by the St Martha group. We have also installed paper towel dispensers in the toilets there.

WISDOM WORDS: "Life is 10% what you make it and 90% how you take it". "Nothing in all creation is so like God as stillness" (Meister Eckhart c.1260-1328, Catholic mystic and philosopher)

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