

The Messenger

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

3rd July 2011

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr A - Divine Office: Week 2

Sun 3 rd	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels
Mon 4 th	No Service (Liturgy: of the Day, - or optnl Memorial St Elizabeth of Portugal 1271-1336)
Tues 5 th	No Service (Liturgy: of the Day, - or optnl Memorial St Anthony Zaccaria, Founder, 1480-1547)
Wed 6 th	7.30pm SM Evening Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: of the Day, or optnl Memorial - St Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr, 1890-1902)
Thurs 7 th	10.00am LT Mass (Liturgy: of the Day) 1.30pm SM Funeral Service Lorraine Ann Shearing RIP
Fri 8 th	No Service (Liturgy: of the Day)
Sat 9 th	10.00am SM Mass followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am (Liturgy: of the Day, or optnl Memorial: St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions, Martyrs of China, or Our Lady on Saturday)

Sun 10th 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

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, Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Society of African Missions, Sue Norris (Intentions), Margaret Arnold RIP, Paul Connolly RIP, Lorraine Shearing RIP, Derek Webb RIP, Gloria Lorimer RIP Anniv, Roy Nicholas RIP.

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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

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REVEALING THE MEEKNESS OF GOD

Our relationship with God can really begin to flourish when we realise and accept how much we are loved by God, unconditionally, as we are. And it grows further when we see how good God is & how lovable God is. Jesus reveals this to us. Looking at Jesus we can begin to fall in love with God. A characteristic of God that is most endearing is God's gentleness and meekness.

This revelation of a meek and gentle God begins indirectly in the Bible with Moses: *Now the man Moses was very humble, more so than anyone else on the face of the earth*, Num 12:3. The Gospels present Jesus as the new Moses, the one who would reveal God's whole purpose. Jesus does not reveal a toxic God. God is not harsh, God is patient; indeed God is gentle and compassionate. Jesus himself says: *Learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls*, (Matt 11:29). So this gentleness of Jesus is supposed to rub off on us. This is primarily a work of the Spirit but we must allow ourselves to be changed. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, (Gal 5:23). Our love and appreciation of Jesus, and the Father, will deepen even more as we allow the Spirit to lead us in gentleness and humility.

Our behaviour should begin to mirror that of Jesus, as Paul says: *I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ--I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold toward you when I am away!* (2 Cor 10:1). Paul himself acted this way in his ministry: *we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children* (1 Th 2:7). Leaders in local communities are exhorted to be gentle (1 Tim 3:3; Titus 3:2). And everyone is encouraged to seek *the wisdom from above that is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy*. (James 3:17).

Scripture promises great blessings for the meek: *You will hear the desire of the meek; you will strengthen their heart, you will incline your ear, (Ps 10 v 17). The meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity (Psa 37:11). With righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. (Isa 11:4). The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the neediest people shall exult in the Holy One of Israel (Isa 29). Peter encourages everyone: Let your adornment be the inner self with the lasting beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in God's sight (1 Pet 3:4).*

The whole Church must begin to show forth something of these godly qualities so that the true face of God may be revealed again in all its beauty. It is the true image of God that heals us, sets us free and empowers us to work for justice and compassion (DMA).

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Mervyn Francis, Amanda Gudge, Doreen Holman, Joy Prestage, Norma Rudd, Sarah, Simon Smith, Ronald Stevens, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

MISSION APPEAL: This weekend (Sunday, 3rd July) Fr Gerry Toner, of the Society of African Missions is making an appeal. The Society has permission from the Diocese to request appeals from parishes this year.

NO MASS THIS TUESDAY: Fr David is attending an important funeral in Basingstoke. Paul Connolly RIP was a prominent supporter of Catholic education in the Diocese. He was the founding head teacher of Bishop Challoner Catholic Secondary School based in St Joseph's parish where Fr David served as assistant priest for a number of years.

SPECIAL THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THE CONFIRMATION MASS A GREAT SUCCESS:

Thanks first of all to our fine young people and their families. Thanks to Mgr Tom McGrath, from Maidenhead, one of the Diocesan Vicar Generals, for conferring the Sacrament, thanks to Fr Kevin, Deacon Andy Philpott & Marion Teague for running the preparation programme, thanks to our deacons from the parish & pastoral area for assisting, thanks to Tony O'Connell for liturgical preparations and serving as MC, thanks to Irene O'Connell & the choir for music & singing, thanks to Peggy Kirwan & the team for cleaning and preparing the church, thanks to for Christine Olden & Linda Guilding for organising the decoration of the church.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MASSES: Due to many calendar clashes, starting on Sunday, 4th Sept Young People's Masses will move to the FIRST Sunday of each month. There will NOT be one in August, so the next few dates are: 31 July, 4 Sept, 2 Oct, 6 Nov, 4 Dec. Please keep in mind, however, that the New Translation of the Liturgy is being introduced, in part at the beginning of September. The full introduction of this new translation will be on the 1st Sunday of Advent. It will have a big impact on the way we celebrate Mass. Therefore we will have to learn the best way forward when the time comes.

9AM CHILDREN'S LITURGY: This will continue through the school holidays as far as possible, so long as our youngsters still come. In both July and Aug there may be one or two Sundays when nobody is here to run it, due to our volunteer shortage (could you help us out in future? Please chat to Clare if so). Parents could use the opportunity to help your children follow the Mass from their own booklet, spotting specific parts and maybe colouring one of the pictures. Crayons and other materials will be available. In the autumn we hope to invite parents to a meeting to discuss ideas, resources and what more we could do for our youngsters. Watch this space!

STREET PASTORS - NEW FOREST: Local churches in the new Forest Area are being asked to support this new initiative. Could you become a Street Pastor? Or a member of a Support team?

Street Pastors normally serve for just one evening each month. Senior citizens and those with disabilities can be very effective

Street pastors. Full training is given.

For information email: fstreetpastors@hotmail.co.uk

CAFOD

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CAFOD:CONNECT 2 RWANDA LUNCH ON 10 JULY

Feza and Odette from the Connect programme are visiting England to meet some parishes involved in helping them. CAFOD groups from Waterside, Totton and Lyndhurst are arranging a buffet lunch at **St Theresa's Parish Hall, 20 Beaumont Road Totton at 12noon on Sunday 10 July for them to meet supporters.** There will be a short presentation and talk by Adela before lunch at 1pm This will be a unique opportunity to meet some of the people that our CAFOD collections help. All are welcome.

Tickets include 2 course lunch and soft drinks (cost £5) will be available after Masses on 26 June and 3 July .

On 26 June there will be an exhibition of Rwanda artefacts in the porches after Mass: an introduction to meeting the ladies. Also raffle tickets for funds for Rwanda will be on sale.

CHEESE & WINE WITH AN AUCTION OF PROMISES.

This will take place on **Saturday, July 9th at 7pm at St Bernard's Hall. Tickets are ON SALE NOW £4** - cheese & biscuits and 2 glasses of wine or non-alcoholic drinks. This Sunday, 3rd July, is the last chance to buy your tickets. We hope you will also come along on the night as the auction won't be successful without you!

WE HAVE SOME AMAZING AUCTION ITEMS: A list is available at the back of church. Don't miss out on these fantastic bargains - be there for the Auction - & help parish funds too! You can view the auction items from 6p.m. on the 9th July. If you don't drink & don't eat cheese just come along for the auction then!

THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE LITURGY - RESOURCES

(These can be ordered now from the Parish Shop)

The following are available to be ordered now:

Simple Prayer Book - Standard Edition - CTS, £1.95p

Large Print Mass Book, CTS £1.95

Companion to the Order of Mass (An exploration of the meaning & scriptural resonances of the words of the Mass, using the new translation) CTS, £2.50

Understanding the Roman Missal - the New Translation (A presentation & explanation of the new translation, accompanied by liturgical and spiritual reflections) CTS, £1.95

And With Your Spirit (Missal Music CD) *A guide to singing the new English translation of the Mass.* CTS £14.95

The following will be available in November 2011 but can be ordered now

People's Sunday Missal - including the Order of Mass new translation. £ TBA

People's Daily Missal - including the Order of Mass new translation. £ TBA