

NOT OVER THERE – BUT HERE

Since before I can remember, to talk about the missions meant talking about far away places with strange and different cultures. A missionary was someone sent off abroad to spread the message of Christ in places where it had never been heard before. We would play our part, as we still do, by helping with our prayers and our financial gifts. (Incidentally, the Waterside parish continues to be very generous to the missions, largely through the APF red, mission boxes and similar special collections. This is a great achievement for which you should be proud and grateful to God.)

However there is a weak side to this strength. We have never developed a culture and practice of mission in our own society. Most of us feel very awkward about the thought of “preaching” to others. We lack confidence, we lack experience and we lack role models. Our relationships have been built on very different expectations. We have been quiet socially – putting example above words – and we have concentrated on bringing up our own children in the “faith” and welcoming our spouses should they want to become Catholics. We may look at some of our fellow Christians, half envious and half scared at their courage and confidence in witnessing to and sharing their faith with friends, neighbours and work colleagues.

However, it is becoming clearer every day that unless we become missionary ourselves our faith communities will continue to wither. There are no easy solutions to this situation. It is going to take a lot of prayer, trial and error and gifts of the Spirit to move us into a new way of being Church. In some sense there will need to be death before there is resurrection, old attitudes have to die before new approaches can be adopted. I wonder if our lack of real engagement in mission is related to the difficulties we have in handing on the faith to our children.

These considerations are going to be important for the future of our parish. Continuing on in the same way is not likely to bring new growth. We have to be about mission and not just about maintenance. (DMA)



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The Messenger

St Michael's Church,
Langdown Lawn
Hythe SO45 5GR

4th July 2010
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St Bernard's Church
Southbourne
Avenue, Holbury,

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sun	4	9 am	SB	14th Sunday of the Year
		11 am	SM	14th Sunday of the Year
		6 pm	SM	14th Sunday of the Year
Mon	5	11 am	SM	Requiem Mass for Kathleen Cummings RIP (followed by committal at Blackfield cemetery at 12.30)
Tue	6	10 am	SM	Word & Communion
Wed	7	7.30 pm	SM	No Service today
Thu	8	10 am	LT	No Service today
Sat	10	10 am	SM	No Service today
Sun	11	9 am	SB	15th Sunday of the Year
		11 am	SM	15th Sunday of the Year
		6 pm	SM	15th Sunday of the Year



Mass Intentions:

For the week beginning 4th July: People of the Parish, Parishioners who are unwell, Benefactors of "Living our Faith", Gloria Lorimer RIP, Members of the Warrilow family RIP, Gerard Manhan, Jarleth Mullen RIP

For the week beginning 11th July: People of the Parish, Parishioners who are unwell, Benefactors of "Living our Faith", Eric Evans RIP, Members of the McCulla family RIP,

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)
Rev Steve Bowler (Deacon) (8020 7449)
Rev Ian Tobin (Deacon) (8089 7354)
Kevin Barnett (Chair: Parish Pastoral Council)

Parish Administrator:

Helen Hughson (Mon & Tues only 9am–2pm)

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Brida Auger, Nigel Bolton, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Bill Feltham, Pat Gallanagh, Trevor Handol, Amanda Gudge, Jenny Lauder, Nora Newman, Bridget Reeves, Sheila Krzymuski. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT A PRIEST URGENTLY:

If a person is being taken to hospital they, or someone on their behalf should ask the hospital staff to contact the Roman Catholic chaplain. If the person needing to see the priest is at home, for daytime emergencies ring Fr Peter Wilkie on 01590-643276; for night time emergencies please ring Fr Vincent Harvey (St Edmund's, Southampton) on 023-80-333589.

Fr Peter Wilkie: will be celebrating Sunday Masses next weekend.

Services of Word & Communion: On Tuesday, 6th July & Tuesday, 13th July at 10.00am Tony O'Connell will lead a Service of Word & Communion in the Blessed Sacrament chapel at St Michaels.

Soil Tests at St Bernard's: last week, soil tests were carried out at the St Bernard's site. This is part of the work that will be carried out on the site to secure the current planning permission. The Diocese has recommended this course of action. The Parish Pastoral Council after its own discussions on the subject accepted this recommendation and gave parishioners the opportunity to discuss it last month (23rd May). After a useful and informative meeting those present came to a consensus decision to accept the recommendation with a number of conditions. Sean Hayes the Diocesan Surveyor is now overseeing the carrying out of the work.

WATERSIDE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: the next meeting is on Thursday, 29th July at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at St Michael's

FOR FREE!

Pair of Solid Wood Extending Ladders each 14 Rung. Free to anyone who can collect. Phone Malcolm Kitson Tel: 07989289781.

2 SEATER SOFA/SETTEE: Doreen Holman has a 2 seater sofa if anyone wants it. It is cream colour, velvety fabric, in good condition. It is free. Transport can be arranged. If anyone is interested contact Fr David after July 16th

Catholic Disability Fellowship Annual Mass -

Sat 3rd July 2010 2.30pm (Followed by tea in the hall afterwards). The theme is Noah's Ark so everyone is asked to bring a cuddly toy animal!

For further details contact Paula Medd: paula.medd1@ntlworld.com /02392 369 183 Our Lady and St. Dominic Church, High View Road, Cove, Farnborough, Hants. GU14 7PT

Ordinations to the Permanent Diaconate - Sun 4th July 2010 2.30pm (Pl. note new time) (The choir will assemble at 1.30pm.) St. John's Cathedral, Edinburgh Road, Portsmouth, Hants. PO1 3HG

Encountering Jesus in the Sacraments: a day of reflection for RCIA coordinators and teams - Sat 10th July 2010 10.30am-3.30pm Refreshments from 10.00am. Cost £15 to include refreshments and a light lunch. Advance booking essential. Led by DPF Wisdom House Spirituality Centre, Romsey, Hants. SO51 8EL

APF—Mill Hill Annual Mission Mass 2010 offered for all our members by Fr Frank Thompson MHM at 7.30 Wednesday 21st July at Christ the King Bitterne Road, Southampton followed by a film: "Parkari Kohli" Pakistan. Everybody welcome. Tea and Biscuits.

Solemn Mass with Dedication of Statue

Thu 22nd July 2010 11.00am **of St. John the Evangelist** with Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor and Archbishop Vincent Nichols of Westminster. (Tickets will be allocated to each parish) St. John's Cathedral, Edinburgh Road, Portsmouth, Hants. PO1 3HG

Ordinations to the Priesthood - Sat 24th July 2010 11.00am. (The choir will assemble at 9.00am.) St. John's Cathedral, Edinburgh Road, Portsmouth, Hants. PO1 3HG

SPECIAL THANKS TO CLERGY & PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED SO FAR TO THE DIOCESAN FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN - "LIVING OUR FAITH".

If you are still considering whether you can make a contribution, please return the pledge form to Fr David when you have made your decision.

