

# The Messenger

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

4<sup>th</sup> August 2013

18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter - Wk.2)

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's  
11.00am Mass at St Michael's

6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

(All Liturgies are 18<sup>th</sup> week of Ordinary Time, Yr 1, unless otherwise stated)

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> No Service  
Tues 6<sup>th</sup> 10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass  
(Liturgy: Feast, The Transfiguration of the Lord)  
Wed 7<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst  
Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Mass at Our Lady's, Lyndhurst  
(Liturgy: Memory, St Dominic)  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> No Service (Liturgy: Feast, St Teresa Benedicta)  
Sat 10<sup>th</sup> 10.00am SM Mass followed by Adoration of Jesus  
in the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation until 11.00am  
(Liturgy: Feast, St Laurence)

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's  
11.00am Mass at St Michael's

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, The New Forest Pastoral Areas, John Cocker RIP, Terry Francis RIP, Pam Lonsdale RIP, Ricardo C Sison III RIP, Jillian Plummer RIP Anniv,

**For the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> August:** All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, The New Forest Pastoral Areas, John Cocker RIP, Terry Francis RIP, Pam Lonsdale RIP.

## WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastoral Team: Rev David Adams (Parish Priest)  
Rev Steve Bowler (Deacon & Chair Parish Pastoral Council) (023 8020 7449)  
Rev Ian Tobin (Deacon) (023 8089 7354)

All correspondence to: The Parish Office, Angel House,  
6 Langdown Lawn, Hythe, Hants SO45 5GR  
Tel: 023 8084 3479 e-mail: watersidecp@btinternet.com  
website: watersidecatholics.org.uk

## New Forest East Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

St Theresa, Totton - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am  
St Joseph's (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

## EAT, DRINK & BE MERRY

'Eat, drink and be merry,' says the rich man to himself. We almost automatically supply the proverbial conclusion: 'for tomorrow we die'. The prophetic critique of the lifestyle of the rich and reckless is a common biblical theme, and it's not surprising in this context that the self-satisfied farmer is about to meet a sticky end.

It's not comfortable reading in the height of the holiday season, because it addresses attitudes that govern much of our modern Western existence. The world we live in seems an increasingly insecure place: we're continually reminded of the menace of terrorism; ongoing conflicts around the globe seem insoluble; and climate change, which is exacerbated by our Western lifestyle, also threatens the survival of that same way of life. And what is our response in the face of these dangers? It is to put our trust in acquisition. The more we have, the more secure we feel. Our consumer culture constantly encourages us to want more, to acquire more, to keep up to date with the 'must-haves' of today. A recent trend among the young urban rich is to rent warehouse space to store their possessions so that their city apartments appear fashionably uncluttered. It all sounds reminiscent of the man in today's Gospel.

The rich fool doesn't supply the ending of the proverb, because his own mortality has never entered his mind. He can enjoy the present, for his wealth gives him the assurance that the future too will be bright. The rich tend to think that they are in command of their own lives, whereas those who live close to poverty may have a truer realisation of their dependency on others, and on circumstances beyond their control. But in the words of a contemporary of Jesus, the Roman philosopher Seneca, 'How foolish it is to plan out the years ahead when you are not even master of tomorrow.'

And the rich man is about to encounter a short, sharp shock. It is also a shock to those who hear the parable, because this is a unique occurrence in the Gospels – the only occasion when God himself appears in a parable and speaks. The intention is to convey an essential truth about human existence. However rich and successful we may be, however much we may have surrounded ourselves with the security of wealth and possessions, we cannot be in control of the future.

At some point, all of us will realise that our supreme security, our ultimate fulfilment is something that we cannot achieve through our own efforts. Sometimes that only happens when we experience some kind of disruption in our lives, a 'short, sharp shock' of one sort or another. The parable today gives us due warning, and, unlike the rich fool, the opportunity to reflect before it is too late. As Paul says, it's time to 'put on a new self', and to make ourselves rich in the sight of God.

(From Priests and People by Fr. Peter Edwards)

## JOB VACANCY - Assistant Estates Surveyor

The Portsmouth Diocesan Trust, a Registered Charity, has an extensive portfolio of property that includes Churches, associated Church buildings, schools, houses, offices, and other property.

The Diocese consists of the counties of Hampshire, part of Dorset and Berkshire, South Oxfordshire, the Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands.

The Diocese is seeking to recruit an Assistant Estates Surveyor who will report to the Diocesan Surveyor and assist in providing a service including advice on maintenance, new build Church projects, quinquennial report writing, property valuations, rent reviews, lease renewals, acquisitions and disposals, contracts and other general estate management duties.

The role is a challenging opportunity for a motivated individual with considerable experience and a relevant property qualification. It is essential that applicants have business acumen, good organisational and communication skills. Considerable travelling will be involved.

Salary will be negotiable based on qualifications and experience.

Please download a Diocesan Application Form from the Diocesan website [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) and return to Personnel, Finance and Property, St Edmunds House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth, PO1 3QA. The closing date for applications will be 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013 with first stage interviews to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

If you have any questions please telephone Chris Peacock on 02392 825430.

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

**PRAYER POTTERY:** The next Prayer Pottery will take place on this Tuesday, 24th September at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Michael's. All are welcome.

## FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

This is a Holyday of Obligation. It will be celebrated on Thursday, 15th August. Mass times are as follows: 10am at Our Lady's, Lyndhurst; 12 noon at St Michael's, 6pm at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

**JOHN COCKER RIP:** Our condolences are with Win and all the family & relations of John. John's Funeral Service will take place at Wessex Vale Crematorium on Tuesday, 6th August at 1pm. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

## SAFEGUARDING ANNOUNCEMENT:

Re Safeguarding of those who come into contact with children and vulnerable adults; that is those involved in Children's Liturgy and Eucharistic ministers who visit the sick. We have finally got all the updated paperwork to enable us to proceed with the safeguarding checks required by the Diocese, and we will be asking all those it affects to complete the required forms during the coming weeks - this may well include rechecks for those who were CRB checked under the old system.

We understand that for those who have visited the sick for some time as Eucharistic ministers this may raise some issues, if this is the case we will be happy to discuss any concerns you may have, but it is a diocesan requirement so we hope that this will proceed without any problems. Further information will be included in all the packs sent out giving details of who to contact with any queries. Thank you for all you do in the parish and we look forward to working with you during this process.  
Helen Kitson and Polly Read

## To the Clergy and People of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish, Totton (28<sup>th</sup> July 2013)

As you know, after the summer, Fr. Kevin O'Brien will be leaving the parish in order to become the parish priest of Our Lady of the Assumption parish in Thatcham, and Fr. Ignatius Maddineni will take up residence as your new priest.

I wish publicly to thank Fr. Kevin for his wonderful ministry in Totton and to ask your prayers for him. I also ask your prayers for Fr. Ignatius to whom, I am sure, you will give a most warm welcome. Like Fr. Kevin, Fr. Ignatius will have the challenging task of taking forward, with your support, the works that need to be done to the hall, the church and the presbytery to bring them up to standard. Please keep this project in prayer before the Lord.

For some time now, St. Joseph's, Ashurst, which is the house of the Montfort Missionaries, has formed a 'chapel of ease' or Mass centre for the Totton parish. However, once the changeover of priests has taken place this autumn, Mass will no longer be celebrated there by the priest from Totton. This will enable the Montfort Fathers to develop their own mission activities according to their own schedules etc. It will also consolidate the Eucharistic community of St. Theresa's, Totton, whilst freeing Fr. Ignatius to provide additional support, as required, within the New Forest East Pastoral Area. I acknowledge that some people may be inconvenienced by this decision, and I offer my apologies. The last Mass at Ashurst will be said by Fr. Kevin on 1st September 2013. After this date, I would kindly ask everyone to join the rest of the parish community at St. Theresa's, Totton for the usual Sunday Masses there at 6.00 pm (Saturday) and 10.30 am (Sunday). With my prayers and best wishes. **In Corde Iesu,**  
**+Philip Bishop of Portsmouth**

**SATURDAY 31st AUGUST is now a QUIZ NIGHT.** Tickets on sale 18th and 25th August, American supper, 7 pm start and £4.00 per ticket.

**YEAR OF FAITH:**

**Question 220: What sort of preparation do I need in order to be able to receive Holy Eucharist?**

Someone who would like to receive Holy Eucharist must be Catholic. If he has a serious sin on his conscience, he must first make a confession. Before approaching the altar, one should be reconciled with his neighbors. Until a few years ago, the practice was to eat nothing for at least three hours before Mass; that was how people prepared to encounter Christ in Holy Communion. Today the Church requires at least one hour of fasting. Another sign of reverence is to wear one's finest clothing—after all, we have a rendezvous with the Lord of the world.  
Dig Deeper: Corresponding CCC section

**NEWSLETTER "LITE":** Due to the move to Lymington and the subsequent holiday during which supply priests will be celebrating the Sunday Masses for the parish. Over the next 8 weeks or so the newsletter will only contain the essentials. All being well the full edition will be produced for the weekend of 28th/29th September.

## MESSAGE FROM FR DAVID FOR THIS TIME OF TRANSITION

*The changes to the pastoral area announced last week will soon be upon us. I am appealing to all of you to help me to keep the Waterside parish flourishing.*

*There will be a number of supply priests coming and going throughout September as I had booked my holiday for September before the moves were announced, and so had Fr Vincent. Please make these supply Priests welcome.*

*The Deacons will need your prayers and support as they will have to oversee this transitional period.*

*When Father Vincent arrives late September I am sure you will all make him feel very welcome.*

*He will be undertaking all pastoral duties- Masses and the Sacraments. He will be visiting the sick and housebound.*

*May I point out that no parishioner is to take it upon themselves to introduce any new initiative. If you wish to start a new initiative please let the Deacons or Linda know and they will discuss it with me as your Parish Priest in consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council as required. Similarly if you have any concerns, please let the Deacons or Linda know and they will discuss it with me.*

*Please continue to take responsibility for your church. I hope all the parish ministries, committees, groups and all who help in any way, will continue to meet and serve the community.*

*I hope you will all be vigilant and make sure the church is locked and please report any vandalism.*

*Linda is hoping to start work in the office on Tuesday 24th September. Her days for working in the office will be Tuesday and Friday.*

*If you need to communicate with Linda you may do so in two ways: by leaving a message on the office answerphone 02380 843479 or by writing a message and putting it in the envelope provided at the back of church. Mark the envelope "For the attention of the Parish Secretary" Then put the envelope through the letter box of the house. Do not leave them in church.*

*If you need to book a Baptism, a wedding, funeral or have a Mass said check first with Linda to make sure the date is free in the parish diary, then ask Fr Vincent about his availability.*

*I would ask you all to remember us in your prayers as we make the move from Waterside to Lymington. God bless you all. Fr David.*

**CHRISTIAN FAMILY ACTIVITY DAYS:** at St Dominic's Priory, Sway on 13th - 15th August. See poster or flyers for details. For more information speak to Lucy Maguire on 01202-483922

For the Ideal Gift or Gift Voucher visit  
Faith, Hope & Charity  
8 ST JOHN'S STREET, HYTHE SO45 6DA  
Tel: 023 8020 7882

