

The Messenger

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

4th November 2012

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B (Psalter Wk.3)

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

Mon 5th No Service (Liturgy: 31st Week of Ordinary Time)

Tues 6th 10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass
 (Liturgy: 31st Week of Ordinary Time)

Wed 7th 10.00am Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst
 (Liturgy: 31st Week of Ordinary Time)

Thurs 8th 10.00am Mass at Our Lady's, Lyndhurst
 (Liturgy: 31st Week of Ordinary Time)

Fri 9th No Service (Liturgy: Feast, Ded. Lateran Basilica)

Sat 10th 10.00am SM Mass then Adoration of Jesus
 in the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation
 until 11am. (Liturgy: Memorial, St Leo the Great)

**Sun 11th 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Remembrance Sunday**

9.00am Mass at St Bernards
11.00am Mass at St Michaels
 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, Honora Power B'day, Peter Brady RIP, Jason Singleton RIP, Dot Manghan RIP Anniv, Peter Mulvenney RIP Anniv, deceased members of the Mulvenney & Broom families, Eric Parker RIP Anniv, Ted Tisdale RIP Anniv, Katherine Tobin RIP Anniv

For the week beginning 11th Nov: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, All who have died as a result of war, Bishop Philip Egan, Peter Grimes 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

Why Charlie Chaplin got it right

In his autobiography the late Charlie Chaplin recalls how his Mother illuminated to him '...the kindest light this world has ever known, which has endowed literature and the theatre with their greatest and richest themes: love, pity and humanity.' We all have our own way of summing up the importance of Jesus, and in the process we say as much about our own values as we do about the person of Jesus. That practice of summing up what really counts is one we all engage in. And in today's Gospel we see how Jesus is invited to give his summary of the essence of the Law.

The practice of focusing the mind by summarising the Law was a popular tradition among rabbis and their pupils. Perhaps the most famous example in Jewish tradition is the student who asked to be taught the essence of the Law while he stood on one leg. His teacher, Hillel, replied: "What you hate for yourself, do not to your neighbour. This is the whole Law, the rest is commentary; go and learn."

Jesus gathers up the traditional wisdom of Israel in one statement. The first part of his statement quotes the creed of Judaism, to love the one God who is Lord with your whole person and everything in your power. This creed was contained inside a tiny case called the mezuzah, which was fixed to the doorpost of every Jewish house and to the door of every room inside. No pious Jew could disagree with this part of Jesus' summary. But alongside this, Jesus places another scriptural passage, to love your neighbour as yourself. For Jesus, it is a combination of these separated texts that makes for the essence of the Law. And it is that combination that has given Christianity its basic commandment for life.

In his reply to the scribe Jesus makes it clear that you cannot compose summaries of the Law while forgetting love of neighbour. The scribe is pleased with Jesus' reply and adds his own point, that the love of God and neighbour is far more important than any ritual worship. In supporting the scribe's addition, Jesus places the demands of liturgy far below the demands of active love. This we see clearly developed in the parable of the Good Samaritan, where the priest and the Levite hurry past the demand for love to attend to the demand for liturgy. As Jesus combines love of God and love of neighbour, so these religious officials disconnect them.

Jesus' summary of the Law is not an academic pastime, it is a personal challenge to love God wholeheartedly and have tender regard for our neighbour in actively promoting his good, just as we should want him to do in our own case. That is not only Jesus' digest of the law, it is also the Gospel portrait of Jesus. That is why Charlie Chaplin's concise summing up of Jesus is right. The man whose pants were too baggy, whose coat was too tight, whose hat was too small, whose shoes were too big summed up Jesus with Gospel accuracy: "Love, pity and compassion." All the rest is commentary.

(From *Seasons of the Word* by Denis McBride)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Amanda Bowden, 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, Betty Marek, Judith Morrison, 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 time of prayer will be on Tuesday, 27th November. All are welcome.

SECOND COLLECTION this Sunday, 4th November. will be for the Diocese of Bamenda in the Cameroons which has been supported by our Diocese for many years. This an obligatory collection.

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED: If you wish to have someone who has died specially remembered in prayer during this month of November please put their name on the slip of paper provided and place it in the basket. All the names will be brought up at the Offertory during the Sundays of the month and collectively those people will be prayed for.

*******YEAR OF FAITH*******

Faith in the Trinity

'To profess faith in the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – is to believe in one God who is Love (cf. 1 Jn 4:8): the Father, who in the fullness of me sent his Son for our salvation; Jesus Christ, who in the mystery of his death and resurrection redeemed the world; the Holy Spirit, who leads the Church across the centuries as we await the Lord's glorious return.'

(Pope Benedict XVI, *Porta Fidei* ['The door of faith'] para 1)

CATECHISM EVERY DAY: For this Year of Faith, Pope Benedict has encouraged us to study and reflect on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Well, here's an easy and free way to do it. Go to the website listed below - simply enter your email address and you will start to get a little bit of the Catechism emailed to your inbox every morning. Read that little bit every day and by the end of the year, you will have read the entire Catechism. To sign up - click here: <http://www.flocknote.com/catechism>

EXPLORE YOUR FAITH: At Geo House (St Joseph's, Ashurst) on the **first Saturday of each month** inspired by the naming of 2013 as the 'Year of Faith' by the Holy Father Pope Benedict, we will be launching our 'Explore your faith days. **Starting at 10am with Mass the day includes prayer, music, talks and sharing. Bring a packed lunch. Refreshments available.**

December 1st Geoff & Gina Poulter—Catholic Bible School

ADVENT RETREAT (at Geo House, St Joseph's, Ashurst). We are very fortunate to have Fr James McCafferey OCD to lead our Advent Retreat. 7th– 9th December 2012 Theme: 'Prayer in the Gospels and prayer in our everyday lives' Book now on reception@geohouse.org.uk or 023 8029 2337

APF (MISSIO) RED BOX COLLECTIONS: The total for the parish in 2012 is **£1468**, this includes £156 in Gift Aid. This is again a great effort by everyone. Thanks to all those who have contributed. A special thanks is due to Tony Cluett who co-ordinates all this and does the administration of this collection and to his faithful helpers: - Theresa Anderson, Eileen Brady, Pat Canning and Monica West. If anyone would like a Red Box to collect for the Missions please put your name & contact details in an envelope & hand it to Fr David who will pass it on to Tony Cluett.

SPONSORED RUNS FOR CAFOD: congratulations to **David McElhenny** who completed (in style, I'm sure!) the Clarendon Marathon (a demanding, 26 mile off-road route between Salisbury and Winchester) on Sunday, 7th October which was to raise money for CAFOD. Dave finished uninjured, tired but with still some "fuel in the tank" having executed (no, not the other competitors!) his well-prepared plan. We are now collecting in the sponsorship money so please give that in a marked envelope either directly to David himself, Louise Croll or via the collection plate. We'll let you know the total in due course. Congratulations to **Catherine Smith** who successfully completed (in 1hr 17 mins) the Great South Run for CAFOD last Sunday, 28th October. And **Oscar** successfully completed the CAFOD mini-run yesterday, Saturday, 27th October & so sponsorship money is due in & don't forget to tick the "paid" section on the sponsorship form!

The **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**, organised by the St Martha

group, for the senior members of our parish will be at a different venue this year. Thanks to the generous hospitality of Roisin Kerr, it will be at The Old Mill, Lime Kiln Lane, Holbury on **Thursday 6th December, 12.30 for 1pm.**

If you would like to attend, and/or require a lift, please sign the forms at the back of the Church as soon as possible. **We shall be closing the list on Sunday 25th November so we can order the food...and the wine and sherry of course!**



If you are thinking about buying your **CHRISTMAS GIFTS** why not pop into the **parish shop**- Faith, Hope & Charity- for inspiration? We have a range of new gifts, Traid craft goods, a fine selection of Christmas cards, Advent calendars and Advent candles, Catholic diaries and calendars.

Hurry- the diaries are selling fast!

Date for your diary-

the parish **CHRISTMAS FAYRE** is on **Saturday 1st December 10 a.m. – 1.30pm.** Please come along to support your parish.

The **RAFFLE TICKETS** for the Christmas Fayre will be on sale this weekend. There are 5 books in an envelope. Each book costs £1. We realise money is tight at the moment but please try your best to sell your books to family and friends. If you sell all your books you can always have more to sell of course! **All ticket stubs and money back by 25th November please.** Thank you so much for your help. If you have any good quality raffle prizes we can use for the main raffle on December 1st all contributions will be gratefully received.

Forthcoming event: **Quiz Night** A quiz night to be held on Saturday 24th November. St Bernard's hall. 7pm start, tickets £4. Tickets will be available shortly. **Meat Raffle:** the draw for a £20 voucher will be after 11am Mass on Sunday 28th October. All proceeds towards Senior Citizens Christmas lunch.

For the Ideal Gift or Gift Voucher visit
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