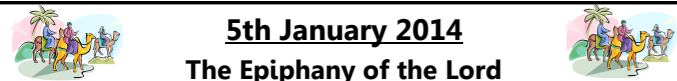


# The Messenger

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



**5th January 2014**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**Year A, Weekdays Yr 2: Psalter week 2**

**9.00am Mass at St Bernard's**

**11.00am Mass at St Michael's**

Mon 6th Jan No Service  
(Liturgy: of the Day)

Tues 7th Jan No service  
(Liturgy: of the Day)

Wed 8th Jan No Service  
(Liturgy: of the Day)

Thurs 9th Jan No Service  
(Liturgy: of the Day)

**Fri 10th Jan 10am Mass at SM**  
(Liturgy: of the Day)

**Sat 11th Jan 10 am Mass at SM**  
(Liturgy: of the Day)

**Sun 12th January The Baptism of the Lord**  
**9.00am Mass at SB**  
**11.00am Mass at SM**



## Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 5th January

For Pope Francis, Bishop Philip, our Priests and Deacons, for all the sick & housebound in our parish, for those in crisis around the world, for all those who have been bereaved.

Baby Elijah & baby Dylan (Health), Ann Candrl RIP Anniv, John Cocker RIP, Daphne Gooch RIP, Ann Harding RIP, George Hutcheson RIP, Nita Manghan RIP Anniv, Yvonne Mulvenney (B'day), Sister Mary O'Brien RIP, Anthony Richards (Health), Eileen Simpson RIP Anniv.

## For the week beginning 12th January

All those who Minister Communion or Proclaim the Word, Barbara Coughlan RIP Anniv, Ann Harding RIP,

## 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  
Our Lady & St Edward, Lyndhurst - Sun 9am, (Holy Day Vigil 7pm)

## New Forest West Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass: Lymington and New Milton at 6pm  
Sunday: Milford on Sea at 9.00am, New Milton at 10 am,  
New Milton 6.30pm Mass in Polish  
Lymington at 10:30am, Brockenhurst at 6.00pm

## EXPLORING FOR GOD

Matthew demonstrates in the story of the Magi that Jesus comes not only for the Jewish race but for the human race. In the second reading Paul proclaims the universal appeal of God's revelation in Jesus: "it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the Gospel."

The wise strangers of Matthew's Gospel are the vanguard of all Gentiles who make their own journey to God in Christ. They may have taken a route that seemed curious to a religious establishment that had so many antique maps in their possession; but God draws all sorts of different people to him by all sorts of different routes. The wandering magi were led to God more by natural wonder than dogmatic instruction, and this has made them symbols of hope for all who struggle to God by strange routes. A prayer to the magi, which Evelyn Waugh wrote for one of his fictional characters, catches something of this hope:

*You are my especial patrons, and patrons of all latecomers, of all who have a tedious journey to make to the truth, of all who are confused with knowledge and speculation, of all who through politeness make themselves partners in guilt, of all who stand in danger by reason of their talents. For his sake who did not reject your curious gifts, pray always for all the learned, the oblique, the delicate. Let them not be quite forgotten at the throne of God when the simple come into their kingdom.*

In the spirit of that prayer the magi are the patrons of all those who see signposts to God that others neither see nor follow. Most of us travel to God by routes that have been mapped out by generations of faithful Christians, but we should be hesitant to condemn those who take other roads in their search for the same God. If we are all exploring God, if we are journeying in faith and in love, then we can teach each other something new about the almighty. We may seem strange to each other, but what if the stranger is the one who has the address of God?  
(From "Seasons of the Word, Old story, new hope" by Denis McBride).

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: Baby Elijah, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Vicky Carter, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Danny Fitzpatrick, Mervyn Francis, Peter Gray, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Baby Dylan Guilding, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, George Raffray, Anthony Richards, Lilly Ricketts, Norma Rudd, Pauline Sharpley, Susan Soutter, Ronald Stevens, Neil Tisdale.

**(If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Linda via the Parish office)**

**ANTHONY RICHARDS-** Mrs Richards son (The Headteacher of our Catholic primary school) has thankfully started to respond to treatment and is now home under the care of the hospital and is undergoing further treatment. He has a long way to go yet until his recovery is complete so please continue to keep the Richards' family in your thoughts and prayers over the coming days and weeks as they continue on their difficult journey together



**AGE CONCERN:** Our Village Agent is Becca who can be contacted during the week on 07806 659448.

Becca is a volunteer working for Age Concern, who can help older people to find information and services.

**Getting out and about-** finding transport for shopping, organised trips, medical appointments, local activities & events. Finding information on Blue Badge parking & concessionary travel.

**Around the home:** Free Home Fire Safety check, provide information on gardening, maintenance, reputable trades people, care options and how to use a computer.

**Money matters:** your entitlement to claim benefits, grants & loans.

Please ring Becca if you need more advice. She is very approachable and keen to help you.

**IF YOU NEED A PRIEST IN AN EMERGENCY:** If you or your loved one is in hospital and needs to see a priest, please ask to see the Catholic priest from the hospital Chaplaincy team. Please note there isn't a resident priest at St Michael's or St Bernard's.



## FROM THE DIOCESE:

### ARE YOU INVOLVED IN PARISH CATECHESIS ?

The Department for New Evangelisation Formation for Mission invites you to an information evening to meet the Formation for Mission team, and to discuss resources and upcoming events.

Thursday 23rd January 2014, 7.30pm—9pm: St Mary's Church, Alton

Tuesday 28th January 2014, 7.30pm-9pm: St Joseph's Church, Christchurch

Thursday 13th February 2014, 7.30pm-9pm: St Edmund Campion Church, Maidenhead

Thursday 20th March 2014, 7.30pm—9pm: Our Lady, Fleet

More dates to follow.

For more information contact [Fr David O'Sullivan](mailto:Fr David O'Sullivan)



**WHITE FLOWER APPEAL** next weekend 12th January.

**CORNERSTONE LADIES BRUNCH** 11th Jan 11am. See poster for further details.

## CAFOD GROUP MEETING ON TUESDAY 14 JANUARY

New members will be very welcome. 7.30 pm at 46 Kings Ride, Langley SO45 1ZN. Further information available from Louise Cröll 80898213



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT: FROM POPE FRANCIS:

Pope Francis used his year-end prayer service on New Year's Eve to urge people to ask themselves a tough question:

**Did they mainly spend 2013 promoting self-interests or helping others?**

*"Let us courageously ask ourselves: how did we live the time (God) gave us?"* Pope Francis asked in his homily.

*"Did we use it above all for ourselves, for our interests, or did we know how to spend it for others as well?"*

He also encouraged people to reflect on whether they used 2013 to improve the place where they live. *"This year, did we contribute, in our own small ways, to make it more liveable, orderly, welcoming?"*

There are *"so many people marked by material and moral poverty, poor people, unhappy, suffering, who appeal to the conscience not only of public authorities but of every citizen,"* Pope Francis said.

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM:** In Evangelii Gaudium Pope Francis calls on us to take up a "pastoral ministry in a missionary style" that will reach everyone without exception or exclusion. Each week the New Forest Pastoral Area website will contain a short extract from Pope Francis's Joy of The Gospel. [www.nfwp.org.uk](http://www.nfwp.org.uk)

## THANK YOU:

**FOODBANK:** On behalf of Waterside Foodbank please convey our very grateful thanks to all at St. Michael's & St Bernard's Hythe for the wonderful donation of food collected during Advent.

**This amounted to : St Michael's 107.1 kg + St Bernard's 124.7 kg = Total amount 231.8kg!**

During November we issued Emergency Foodboxes to 250 people. This took approximately **1,300 kg** of food, so you can see that your donation is very badly needed.

The Christmas food donated has been put into special Christmas Foodbags and have been given out to needy families in the area as well as clients coming into Foodbank.

We are so grateful for your ongoing support, and especially at this time of year. Your donations have helped alleviate some distress at this wonderful but pressured time for some.

Jan Hayter (Co-ordinator)

**THANK YOU** also to Terry George, Theresa Anderson and those who helped them deliver the food from the churches to the Foodbank. Thank you for giving your time to this deserving cause.



**A BIG THANK YOU:** To all of you for a very generous Christmas Offering. The collection at Christmas time is a voluntary contribution towards your parish priest's annual income, this year it was divided between Fr Vincent & myself. Your generosity in difficult financial circumstances is greatly appreciated. Happy New Year and may God bless you all. (Fr David.)

**Thank you** to all those who responded so generously to the appeal for toys for the children at the refuge. Your generosity is outstanding. Thank you so much. The Social worker who collected them couldn't fit them all in her car so another person had to follow with the second car load!

For the Ideal Gift or Gift Voucher visit

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