

The Messenger

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

5th February 2012

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Divine Office: Wk 1

Sun 5 th	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 6.00pm - St Anne's, Brockenhurst
Mon 6 th	No Service (Liturgy: Memorial, St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs, c 1597)
Tues 7 th	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: of the Day - 5 th Week Ord. Time)
Wed 8 th	10.00am Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst (Liturgy: of the Day - 5 th Week Ord. Time, or optnl Mems St Jerome Emiliani, Founder, St Josephine Bakhita, Religious)
Thurs 9 th	No Service - Clergy Inset Day (Liturgy: of the Day - 5 th Week Ord. Time)
Fri 10 th	No Service (Liturgy: Memorial, St Scholastica, Virgin, 480 - 547 AD)
Sat 11 th	10.00am SM Mass followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.00am (Liturgy: of the Day, or optnl Mem. Our Lady of Lourdes)
Sun 12 th	6th Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 6.00pm - 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 Crispian (Health), Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Peace in the World, For the New Forest & New Forest East Pastoral Areas, Catholic Schools, All Those in Education, Philippa Falder (B'day), George Turuta (Health), Peter Cox RIP, "Joanne" RIP, Kathleen Cummings RIP B'day Anniv, Brendan Kelly RIP Anniv, Bridget Reeves RIP Anniv

For the week beginning 12th February: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Bishop Crispian (Health), Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Peace in the World, All those suffering from illness, Ted Harding RIP Anniv.

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastoral Team: Rev David Adams (Parish Priest)
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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 8:30am, New Milton at 10am,
Lymington at 11:30am, Brockenhurst at 6pm

GOD WHO HEALS

Jesus didn't just talk about a God who heals, Jesus actually healed people. He spoke with authority because he was speaking about his own experience of the Father. He acted with power to heal because God's healing love flowed freely through him.

It is good to reflect that of all the ways God might hypothetically use power, God uses it to heal. That is tremendously reassuring and affirming. Jesus does not destroy. The demons are dispelled they are not destroyed. They depart as sickness leaves the body when the fever is over, or as disorder is dispelled when order is re-established.

The healing love of God is not only directed to body and soul, it is also offered to the spirit. Evil is a sickness of the spirit. Jesus said: Those who are well have no need of a physician, it is the sick who need one. I have come to call not the righteous but sinners (cfr Mark 2:17). Part of the sickness of evil is the corruption of desire – to some degree we want what is not good for us or for others. God has to change our desire without destroying our freedom. It is a unique kind of healing. It is multi-layered, on going and life-long.

Jesus treats all forms of suffering as directly or indirectly symbolic of the power of evil. Modern human understanding is beginning to return to this holistic perspective. Everything is interconnected and interrelated. This is not the same as saying everything is somebody's fault. Guilt as an oppressive negative experience is not part of the solution but part of the problem. It is one of the things that Jesus wants to heal. Everything is related. The soul and the spirit are affected by the body (e.g. post-natal depression) and the body is affected by the soul and spirit (e.g. anorexia).

The individual is affected by the group and by society in general. Fashion, secular myth and current preoccupation are part of the cultural air we breathe and it is very difficult to think, speak and act counter-culturally. Diet, climate, geography, life-style, pollution or the lack of it, all these affect us physically, emotionally and spiritually. Psychic and spiritual health are adversely affected by a lack of love (lack of God) and definitely skewed by individual or corporate malice. It is possible that certain kinds of emotional and spiritual problems are caused by a kind of spiritual pollution. Just as toxic chemicals can harm our bodies so our psyches can be harmed by negative spiritual energies, e.g. anxiety, hopelessness, self-hatred etc.. In the light of modern quantum physics these interconnections are becoming more understandable.

This is why we must be careful not to dismiss possession as something belonging solely to the ancient cultural world and now irrelevant to us. We need to know what possesses us or perhaps obsesses us. An addict begins by enjoying something but ends up totally dependent on that thing. The enjoyment soon diminishes and then the suffering begins. However, it's not just the obvious addictions that trouble us. There are those "hidden in plain sight", things we take for granted like oil or the myth of an ever increasing standard of living. (DMA)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Marion Butler, Bishop Crispian, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Magdalen Forshaw, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Ken Hemmings, George Hutcheson, Lena Keane, Patrick Martin. Gillian Plummer, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Jason Singleton, Ronald Stevens, Ann Wilton, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

PRAYER POTTERY: The next prayer meeting will be this Tuesday, 28th February at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Michael's. It will be led by Christine Olden & all are welcome.

MASS OF HEALING: On Monday, 6th February Fr Ronnie Mitchell SMM will celebrate a Mass of Healing at 7.15pm at St Joseph's, Geo House, Ashurst. All are welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Parents, please contact Fr David if your child is in Year 3 at primary school and will be 8 yrs old this year and you wish your child to make their First Holy Communion. If you think your child is ready to begin receiving Holy Communion but does not yet match the age criteria mentioned above, contact Fr David also. At the moment we are only able to offer support for a home & parent centred programme of preparation.

SUPPORT GROUP TO HELP THE BEREAVED
There will be a meeting on **Thursday 16th February** at **6.30 pm** in the Meeting Room at Angel house, to discuss setting up a group to help the bereaved in the parish.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

ECUMENICAL PANCAKES: To celebrate Shrove Tuesday and the beginning of Lent. This will take place at St Bernard's on Tuesday, 21st February at 7.30pm. Usual fun and singing & enjoying some lovely pancakes courtesy of Sandra Deering & daughter Marianne. All welcome.

FOR CHURCH READERS: Refresher session to be led by Rev Kevin O'Brien, Parish Priest of Totton on Saturday, 3rd March 2012, 10am-1pm, finishing with soup lunch. Venue; Geo House (Ashurst)

FOR MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Refresher session led by Rev David Adams, on Saturday, 17th March 2012, 10am-1pm, finishing with soup lunch. Venue; Geo House (Ashurst).

PLANT SALE/SPRING FAIR; SATURDAY 19 MAY

The annual Plant Sale is being widened this year into a Spring Fair which will include the traditional plants but also offer giftware, jewellery, crafts as well as home made cakes and a grand raffle. **Gardeners**, please get planting and **craft experts** please get crafty! Raffle prizes welcome. Info on plants from Veronica (80897458, other items Tina at Faith Hope and Charity (80207882) and publicity Louise (80898213)

THE LIFE OF CHRIST - WINTERSHALL: We are planning a parish/pastoral area outing to experience this amazing dramatization of the life of Christ. This will be on Sat 23rd June, 10am until 4pm. See main feature.

THANKS TO BRENDA ATKINSON: Brenda has been one of the cleaning team at St Bernard's for many years. She has done more than her fair share & helped to keep the church looking nice. But its time now to hang up the duster! Thank you Brenda for all the hard work.

ARE YOU ON A BARGAIN HUNT??? Our shop, FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY has a sale on of their new gifts. Pick up a bargain before they're all gone!

CHILDREN'S CLOTHES NEEDED: age 5yrs & upward. Drop them off to the parish shop, opposite the side of Waitrose in Hythe.

PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE: The latest edition is out now at the back of church. Lots of interesting articles and news items from around the Diocese.

THE LIFE OF CHRIST - WINTERSHALL:

We are planning a parish/pastoral area outing to experience this amazing open air dramatization of the life of Christ. This will be on Saturday 23rd June, 10am until 4pm. We will organise a coach to take us there. This is a wonderful experience and everyone who has been there will tell you of the powerful and moving effect the re-enactment had on them. Many are keen to go again too! Louise Brown (PPC) & Deacon Steve Bowler are helping to organise the tickets and transport. Don't miss out! Get ready to sign up for your tickets at the first opportunity. **We need to have names by this Sunday, 5th February, please.**

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE: To mark the Queen's Jubilee the PPC has decided that we should have only one parish Sunday Mass on Sunday, 3rd June. This will be at 10.00am and will take place at St Bernard's. Parishioners will be encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy some of the Jubilee weekend together. Those with cars will also be encouraged to offer lifts to those without transport.

ALL WHO THIRST: SATURDAY 10TH MARCH, 10am – 3.30pm, lunch provided, at GEO HOUSE, ASHURST. Cost £15. Playing and singing in a parish music group/choir can be very rewarding but requires a lot of energy. All Who Thirst is a day specially designed with church musicians in mind for personal and spiritual refreshment. Information and booking form from your parish music leader or Jane Willcox (023 8034 2290) or email: Jane.willcox@yahoo.co.uk

Come to the Water: Spirituality: personal and global **23rd to 26th March 2012.** Join other people seeking personal transformation leading to a more peaceful world — at the **Geo House Lenten Retreat (St Joseph's, Ashurst)**. Over four relaxing days, in warm and welcoming surroundings in the New Forest National Park—this retreat is a perfect way to prepare for the dying and re-birth of Easter. Retreat guide: Fr Donal Dorr SPS is a missionary priest, eco-theologian and author.

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