

The Messenger

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

5th May 2013

Sixth Sunday of Easter (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 this week are of Eastertide, unless otherwise stated)

Mon 6th No Service

Tues 7th Clergy Day with Bishop Philip

Wed 8th 10.00am Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

Thurs 9th 10.00am Mass at Our Lady's, Lyndhurst

Fri 10th No Service

Sat 11th 10.00am SM Mass then Adoration of Jesus in the Bl. Sacrament and Reconciliation to 11am

Sun 12th The Ascension of the Lord

Obligatory Collection - World Communications

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, Children preparing for 1st Holy Communion, Thanksgiving (Private Intention), Maria Tinkler B'day, Anne Walder RIP, Vera West RIP Anniv

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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

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

FINDING A WAY FORWARD

Today's first reading, which presents disagreement in the infant Church followed in the second by an account of the heavenly Jerusalem, commonly understood as the Church glorified, is a clear reminder that the Church on earth is neither perfect nor omniscient. Disagreements arise over new situations in the community to which answers are not immediately obvious. It is worth reading the whole of Acts 15:1-29 to get the sense of interaction between the different parties, and the overall mix of relating and listening, discussion that includes different perspectives on the problem, and authoritative decision. We find evidence of similar arguments elsewhere in the New Testament, for example in Galatians 2:12 Paul recounts the division caused in the church of Antioch when some people came from James (Jerusalem) demanding that Jewish Christians stop sharing meals, probably including the Eucharist, with Christians of Gentile origin. The core question was whether Gentile Christians must observe the entire Mosaic Law. The need for circumcision in accordance with Mosaic practice was a theological issue, not just a social custom, hence the fierce disension it evoked.

It is also possible that Paul and Barnabas did not welcome intrusion on their patch by visitors from Judaea. The story has all the elements for appeal to tradition and a good power struggle, yet at the centre is concern for the new converts on whom too heavy demands were being made that unsettled their minds, and a solution acceptable to both parties is agreed and authoritatively proclaimed. Current situations need similar attention by church pastors and those in authority. Appeal to tradition is not enough. Where the law is too heavy a burden and unsettles the minds of those trying to live a Christian life, Scripture teaches that action is needed on the part of those in authority to lighten the burden, and support and encourage these children of God.

In the Gospel Jesus begins to talk of the Spirit whom the Father will send in his name. There are many rich strands in this passage from John: love, peace, remembrance, and above all promise. Jesus promises the Spirit and all that flows from that: indwelling of the Trinity, being taught and reminded of all that Jesus said, and a peace that the world cannot give. In scripture, covenant, the faithfulness of God is the ground on which the Judaeo-Christian faith is founded. Promises are made at key stages in Christian life – baptism, confirmation, priestly ordination and marriage, and in profession of the evangelical counsels. Promise in human relationships has been described as the translating of desire into fidelity that sustains the parties through good and bad, through sickness and health. In this reading there is a sense of being overwhelmed by Jesus' love for the disciples. It is warm and tender, strong and full of promise.

(Preaching and teaching the Word by Bridget Tighe FMDM, in *Priests and People*)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Vicky Carter, Petra Daniels, Peter Deering, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Tony O'Connell, 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, 28th May at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Michael's. All are welcome.

SECOND COLLECTION: there is an obligatory National collection for **World Communications** next weekend. The funds go to assist the Bishop's Conference of England & Wales in using the media to convey the Gospel message.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: On Saturday, 11th May at 11.00am in St Michaels there will be a preparation meeting for parents of 1st Holy Communion children to introduce the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). The 9.00am Mass at St Bernard's on May 12th will include a 1st Holy communion focus. Parents please ensure your child brings their workbook. First Reconciliation (Confession) will take place on Saturday, 18th May, at 11.30am in St Michael's. There is a practice for 1st Holy Communion on Saturday, 1st June at 10.00am at St Bernard's all children must attend with at least one parent. The Celebration of First Holy Communion takes place at St Bernard's on Sunday, 2nd June.

IMPORTANT PETITION TO THE EU.

A petition is being organised by a coalition of pro-life organisations throughout Europe in order to provide protection for the human embryo. To be successful 1 million signatures are necessary, 54,000 of which should come from the UK. The petition can be accessed on <http://www.oneofus.eu/>. If this campaign is successful, it will be a very positive step towards full respect for human life, which is so under threat at the moment. Please take a few moments to sign it and to pass it on to family and friends too.

COME FOLLOW ME – A GROUP FOR DISCERNING YOUNG CATHOLICS

This discernment group is aimed at young men and women aged 16-30, who are looking to deepen their relationship with Christ and who are asking themselves how best to follow Him in the future. It is for all who are open to the possibility that God is calling them to the priesthood or religious life. The gatherings are usually on the 2nd Friday of each month at St. Joseph's Church, St Michael's Rd, Basingstoke RG22 6TY. They begin with Mass at 7:30pm, are followed by a delicious meal in the presbytery, an informal presentation on a theme related to vocation discernment, and finish at 9:30pm. The next gathering will be on Friday 10th May with Angie & Jamie Carroll speaking about *Theology of the Body*.

If you are able to come, or are over 30 but would still like support discerning your vocation, please contact Fr Mark Hogan:-Tel: 01256 323595

or Email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Any under 18s will also require a parental consent form which can be obtained from the same email address.

CAFOD COLLECTION FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES

Very many thanks to everyone who so generously supported the appeal for Syrian refugees; **£598** was raised which will be well used to help these suffering people.

CAFOD: ENOUGH FOOD FOR EVERYONE CAMPAIGN

Invitation for everyone! CAFOD and the other Aid Agencies are holding a giant mobilisation in London on Saturday 8 June to coincide with the G8 Heads of Government Meeting. The aim is to demonstrate our support for *Enough Food for Everyone* and demand action from the Heads of Government. This is an enjoyable event for all the family, starting with a lively Ecumenical Service in Central Hall and then a walk to Hyde Park. Coaches from Southampton are being booked. Please let Louise Croll (80898213) or CAFOD Portsmouth know if you can come.. **ALSO:**

PARISH CAFOD GROUP meeting on Tuesday 7 May at 7.30 PM at 46 Kings Ride, Langley. All welcome. **ALSO:**

LYNDHURST SPRING PLANT SALE in AID of CAFOD – A spring plant sale in aid of Cafod will take place on Saturday 18 May from 10am to 12 noon at Dunelm, Silver Street, Emery Down, SO43 7DX (near Lyndhurst). There will be a large selection of flower and vegetable plants for sale. There will also be freshly baked cakes and bread made by parishioners as part of the "Hungry for Change" project. Entry is £1 which includes coffee/tea and cake.

THANKS: to everyone who supported our parish PLANT SALE & SPRING FAYRE @ St Bernard's yesterday. Special thanks to Veronica Chadwick for organising everything & to all those who helped. Thanks to those who donated raffle prizes & baked cakes.

THANKS TO THE MARTHA GROUP: for another successful Quiz Night. The event raised £248 for parish funds. Thanks to Dave King for researching & delivering the quiz. And thanks to everyone who was able to support the event.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Bingo & fish n' chips supper: Saturday 22nd June 7 p.m. @ St Bernard's.

Skittles & BBQ: Saturday 31st August 7p.m. @ St Bernard's

Quiz night and American supper : Saturday 5th October 7 p.m. @ St Bernard's.

FIRST AIDERS; Do we have any First Aiders who regularly attend church at St Bernard's or St Michael's? it would be good to know who you are & if you are willing to be called upon during Mass should the need arise. Please see Fr David.

WORK AT ST BERNARDS: Most of the work is now completed and the toilets and kitchen certainly are a lot more presentable now. It is hoped we can sort out the water heaters in the next few weeks. This is being funded by money raised by parishioners at Parish Socials organised by the St. Martha group.

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