

The Messenger

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

5th August 2012

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B (Psalter Wk.2)

Sun 5 th	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 1st Holy Communion 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst
Mon 6 th	No Service (Liturgy: Transfiguration of the Lord)
Tues 7 th	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: 18th Week of Ordinary Time)
Wed 8 th	10.00am - Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst (Liturgy: Memorial, St Dominic, Founder)
Thurs 9 th	10.00am - Mass at Our Ladys, Lyndhurst (Liturgy: Feast, St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross)
Fri 10 th	No Service (Liturgy: Feast, St Laurence, Deacon, Martyr)
Sat 11 th	10.00am SM Mass followed by Reconciliation until 11.00am (Liturgy: Memorial, St Clare, Foundress)
Sun 12 th	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 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 Crispian (Happy Retirement), Bishop elect Philip Egan, Parish Welcomers, Pat Booth (Intentions), Magdalen Forshaw (Peace), Blanche Boyle RIP, Melina McEwen RIP.

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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
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

The Bread of life: food that endures

The Israelites are tempted to make a U-turn to Egypt, to follow the compass of their stomachs rather than focus on the way to freedom through wilderness. Slavery with good food looks more attractive to them than freedom on a starvation diet. God hears the complaints of Israel and promises that they shall eat meat and have bread to their heart's content. In the morning there is "a thing delicate, powdery" on the surface of the desert. When the people ask Moses what it is, he tells them it is "the bread the Lord gives you to eat."

In today's Gospel reading another crowd follow the instructions of their stomach and express their longing for food. This time it is the crowd of Galileans who, on the previous day, ate to their hearts' content when Jesus offered them a meal of barley loaves. Now they follow Jesus to Capernaum, his base on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. The crowd is hungry again.

Jesus tells his hungry pursuers that they are only following him because they have enjoyed the food that physically satisfies them; they should work, he says, for the food that endures to eternal life. The one work which earns this food is believing in the one God has sent. The Galileans promptly ask Jesus for a sign to aid their belief in him – a sign like the Manna their Fathers ate in the desert. When Jesus points out that it was God, not Moses, who supplied the manna, he compares himself to the God who now gives bread from heaven. Jesus declares that he himself is the bread of life, the bread came down from heaven. Whoever believes in him will never be hungry.

The promise that Jesus held out to the Galileans is one that is held out to us today. It is a promise fulfilled in the Eucharist that we now celebrate. If there is one thing we all share in this assembly, it is the same hunger. We hunger for a love that does not disappoint; we hunger for a word that does not fade away; we hunger for bread that does not fail to satisfy. In this Eucharist the love of a tender God is offered to us in word and sacrament.

In this gathering, this local Church, we are nourished by God's word and the bread of life. The word spoken is opened up to us, the bread offered is broken for us to share. This is not something we come to look at, like a still-life painting in an art gallery; rather it is something we come here to do. The Eucharist is a word that flows into deed; it is an action. It is the act of sharing in the bread of life, participating in the life of Jesus himself.

We continue to return here because we are hungry for God, because the food that physically satisfies is not enough for us. There will be times when we will wish we were elsewhere, times when what happens here will leave us untouched, times when we will be distracted by a litany of worries that refuse to go away. No matter. Sometimes we have to be content with the act of faith that brings us here, a public admission of our need for God and the people of God. In coming here we declare that we cannot fall back on our own resources: we need Jesus, the bread of life, to sustain us. Staying hungry for his bread means that we do indeed long for the food that endures to eternal life. That is what Jesus asks.
(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, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Sheila Godwin, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Judith Morrison, Gillian Plummer, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Pauline Sharpley, Jason Singleton, Ronald Stevens, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

PRAYER POTTERY: the next meeting will be on Tuesday, 25th September at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Michael's. The prayer time is led by Christine Olden and comprises of music, quiet time & readings. All are welcome

PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE: Latest edition is available in the church porch.

SPECIAL THANKS: to Becky McCoy, Laura Gray, and the flower arrangers at St Bernard's for all their hard work in preparing for the 1st Holy Communion celebration which went very well and was enjoyed by everyone.

CHILDREN'S MASS & LITURGY DURING AUGUST: There will not be a Children's Mass next week due to the Children's Mass for First Communion this week. Our next Children's Mass will be 2 September. There will be no Children's Liturgy during August but will resume as usual in September. If anyone would like to join our team of catechists for Children's Liturgy please contact Fr. David!

MGR PHILIP EGAN - BISHOP ELECT OF PORTSMOUTH. Mgr Philip's ordination to the Episcopate will take place on Monday, 24th September at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. He released the following statement: *It is with trepidation and yet with profound trust in the loving mercy of the Sacred Heart of Christ, that I accept the Holy Father's appointment as the new Bishop of Portsmouth, in succession to dear Bishop Crispian. I look forward with joy to working with my fellow priests and with all who minister in parishes, schools and other contexts, caring for the people of God. May we all together be in the closest communion of heart and mind with our Holy Father, Pope Benedict, and faithful to his call to new evangelisation. The ministry of the Bishop, as the chief shepherd, priest and teacher of the flock entrusted to him, involves carrying the Lord's Cross in a particular way. So as I begin this ministry and look to the years ahead, I sincerely ask you for your prayers, together with those of our brothers and sisters in the other Christian communities and indeed of every person of faith and goodwill. May Mary, Queen conceived without original sin, and St. Edmund of Abingdon, obtain for us a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that all may come to know, serve and love Our Lord Jesus Christ.*

THE YEAR OF FAITH: (Oct 2012 - Nov 2013). This was announced by Pope Benedict last year. It is an invitation to every Catholic to re-discover the riches of their faith. "The Year of Faith will have to see a concerted effort to rediscover and study the fundamental content of the faith"; "if we interpret it (the 2nd Vatican Council) guided by a right hermeneutic, it can be and can become increasingly powerful for the ever necessary renewal of the Church"; "In order to arrive at a systematic knowledge of the content of the faith, all can find in the Catechism of the Catholic Church a precious and indispensable tool" (Extracts from Porta Fidei). Materials and national events are being prepared by the Bishops of England and Wales. Our own Diocese is preparing a booklet to guide us through the year and offer suggestions as to how we might respond. **See also the Geo House / St Joseph's, Ashurst programme which has a number of "faith days" planned.**

GO, GO TEAM GB: Come on Andy! Come on Ben!!

CAFOD SUPPORTERS MEETING ON SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER AT BASINGSTOKE: FEEDBACK ON LENTEN APPEAL SUCCESS AND HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE SPENT. Plus question and answer session on any aspect of CAFOD's work and news of forthcoming activities. ALL WELCOME. Full details on poster in the church porches or from Louise (80898213). Booking is requested.

CAFOD - GREAT SOUTH RUN: - entrants need to register now for this event. See poster in church porch for details.

THANKS - RE: CAKES FOR CAFOD : Thanks to everyone who baked cakes for the cake sale for the CAFOD Rwanda link. And a thank you to everyone who bought the cakes and supported this appeal. The amount raised from both churches was £136. Well done, everyone.

URGENT APPEAL - WATERSIDE FOOD BANK: Demand has been great over the last few months and especially this week because of the RBS banking crisis. I am so grateful to the members of The Waterside Catholic Parish for your regular & continued support, but was wondering if you would be able to make a special appeal for particular food items that we are running short of. The most urgent are: 1 litre cartons of UHT milk; Tins of powdered milk; Coffee; Rice pudding; Sugar; Instant mash potato; Tins of tomatoes. (from Jan Hayter - co-ordinator - Waterside Food Bank)

THANK YOU FROM EILEEN BRADY: Eileen wishes to thank everyone for prayers, get well cards and best wishes for her recent stay in hospital. Eileen is making a good recovery.

THANKS TO TWO PARISHIONERS who wish to remain anonymous. They both donated £50 to the Waterside Food Bank via the parish.

CONGRATULATIONS: Waterside Poetry Competition: Winner of the adult section, Lexley George for "Stepping Stones". Secondary Schools Section: Winner Anna Lawes for "Place of Dreams"; Highly Commended Isabel Lawes for "Legends". The poems are published in *The Herald*, which is available in many places free of charge.

BBO/SKITTLE NIGHT SAT 25TH AUGUST: - Tickets WILL BE ON SALE for this event 5th-19th August. Tickets £6, family ticket £16. The evening will start at 7pm and is being organised by the St Martha group.



WANTED: ELECTRIC COOKER & FRIDGE-FREEZER: If anyone is replacing their electric cooker and/or fridge freezer & they are still usable, please let Fr David know. A parishioner family is in need of them.

PLANT A PLANT! - Thanks to those who have already planted flowers. There is still room for more! The flower bed at the front of St Michael's, by the ramp, has been weeded and cleared. It is ready to receive plants & shrubs if anyone feels inclined to bring a plant or two. Just turn up, with a trowel and put the plant in the soil. Its an area that is shaded for a good part of the day.

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