

The Messenger

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

6th January 2013

The Epiphany Yr C (Psalter Wk.2)

9.00am Mass at St Bernards

11.00am Mass at St Michaels

6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

Mon 7 th	4.30pm SM Reception - Patricia Leaver RIP (Liturgy: of the Day)
Tues 8 th	10.30am SM Requiem Mass - Patricia Leaver RIP (Liturgy: of the Day)
Wed 9 th	10.00am Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst (Liturgy: of the Day)
Thurs 10 th	10.00am Mass at Our Lady's, Lyndhurst (Liturgy: of the Day)
Fri 11 th	11.30am Funeral Service - Anna M. Jensen RIP Southampton Crematorium
Sat 12 th	10.00am SM Mass then Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation until 11am. (Liturgy: of the Day)
Sun 13 th	The Baptism of the Lord 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 Phillip Egan, Tony & Simone Cluett (Wedding Anniv), Yvonne Mulvenney (B'day), Tony O'Connell (Health), Judith Morrison (Peace), Anna Marie Jensen RIP, Patricia Leaver RIP, Elizabeth Sinclair RIP, Anne Candrl RIP Anniv, Nita Manghan RIP Anniv, Eileen Simpson RIP Anniv

For the week beginning 13th Jan: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Bishop Phillip Egan, For All Readers, Ann Harding (B'day), Elizabeth Sinclair RIP, Barbara Coughlan 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

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: 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, Tony O'Connell, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Ronald Stevens. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

ACCESS TO THE CHURCHES FOR PRAYER: If you want to go to the church at any time to pray before the Blessed Sacrament access is available via the code lock. If you do not know the code lock please ask Fr David in person.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: On Sunday, 13th January there will be a voluntary appeal for S.P.U.C. The Society for the protection of the Unborn Child.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: begins on Friday, 18th January ending on Friday, 25th January.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 17th January at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at St Michael's.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 24th January at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at St Michael's.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS:

PATRICIA LEAVER RIP: Patricia's body will be received into St Michael's Church on Monday, 7th January at 4.30pm. The Requiem Mass will take place in St Michael's on Tuesday, 8th January at 10.30am. The Committal will take place at Wessex Vale Crematorium.

ANNA MARIE JENSEN RIP: Anna's Funeral Service will take place at Southampton Crematorium, West Chapel, on Friday, 11th January, at 11.30am.

ELIZABETH SINCLAIR RIP: Elizabeth's Requiem Mass will take place at St Michael's Church on Wednesday, 16th January at 1.00pm. The Committal will take place at Southampton Crematorium, West Chapel, at 3.15pm.

We extend our condolences to all the bereaved families and we pray for those who have died. May they rest in peace and rise in glory, through Christ our Lord. Amen

PASTORAL TEACHINGS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM BISHOP PHILIP: There are copies at the back of the churches of pastoral teachings given by Bishop Philip on "The Care of the Dying" & the "Liverpool Pathway". If further copies are required they can be found on the Diocesan website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or you can ask Fr David.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM FR. DAVID: for your prayers, kind wishes, cards and gifts and for the very generous Christmas offering this year.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Parents, please contact Fr David if your child is in Year 3 at primary school and will be 8 yrs old in 2013 and you wish your child to make their First Holy Communion. At the moment we are only able to offer support for a home & parent centred programme of preparation.

CHURCH CLEANING AT ST BERNARD'S: At the moment two generous ladies, Veronica & Mary (one of whom worships at St Michael's) keep the church at St Bernard's clean. They would greatly appreciate some help. If anyone feels they can offer some help please see Fr David.

BEING CATHOLIC IN A SECULAR CULTURE. How does our relationship with Jesus lead us to respond to the world around us? **Speaker: Bishop Philip Egan.** Wed. 20th Feb in Reading; Thurs. 7th March in Christchurch, Tues, 19th March in Portsmouth. Evenings 7.30pm until 9.00pm. For more details see the poster at the back of church.

THANKS FOR GENEROUS DONATION: A parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous has donated £300 towards the cost of a new electric cooker for the family in the parish that needed one. Our thanks and our prayers are offered for all concerned.

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. For some this might mean marriage and for others the priesthood or religious life. The meetings are usually on the 2nd Friday of each month, **and the next will take place on Friday 11th January 2013 at St. Joseph's Church, St Michael's Rd, Basingstoke RG22 6TY.** It will begin with Mass at 7:30pm and be followed by a meal in the presbytery and an informal presentation on discerning our vocation, followed by a chance to chat and finishing at 9:30pm. It would be useful to have an idea of numbers for catering purposes (please let us know of any dietary requirements) **so if you are able to come, please email vocasst@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.** Any under 18s will also require a parental consent form which can be obtained from the same email address.

ANNUAL WATERSIDE CHURCHES TOGETHER WORSHIP at St. Andrews, Dibden Purlieu on **Sunday 20th January at 6.30pm.** Jan Hyter, local ecumenical co-ordinator says: *Please urge as many of your fellowship to attend as possible. In these times, Christians must stand united in fellowship and prayer. We are so blessed that there are ecumenical projects on the Waterside. These and other things need our prayers. Please do come!*

YEAR OF FAITH: "EXPLORE YOUR FAITH DAYS" at St Joseph's Chapel, Geo House, Lyndhurst Rd, Ashurst: All Saturdays, 10.00am to 4pm. Starts with Mass, bring your own packed lunch, tea & coffee provided. Donations welcome to cover the cost of the day. February 2nd - David Matthews; March 2nd - Geoff & Gina Poulter; April 6th - Fiona Castle, (& more afterwards!)

WHAT IS THE STREET PASTOR INITIATIVE?: Street Pastors is an inter-denominational Church response to urban problems, engaging with people on the streets to care, listen and dialogue.

It was pioneered in London in January 2003 by Rev Les Isaac, Director of the Ascension Trust, and has seen some remarkable results, including drops in crime in areas where teams have been working. There are now some 9000 trained volunteers in around 250 teams around the United Kingdom.

Each city project is set up by Ascension Trust and run by a local coordinator with support from Ascension Trust and local churches and community groups, in partnership with Police, Council and other statutory agencies.

WATERSIDE STREET PASTORS SCHEME

NOW OPERATIONAL: More than 20 street pastors aged from 18 to over 60 will mingle with people leaving pubs in the Hythe, Dibden and Marchwood area every Friday. The Waterside Street Pastors will work in teams of four and talk to people to offer their help & support to vulnerable people, especially teenagers, for example trying to ensure they can get home safely. The chairman of Waterside street pastors Brian Hill said: "We are just ordinary men and women who want to help."

Anyone interested in helping with this scheme should contact Karen McGill for further information (karenmcgill16@hotmail.co.uk)

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