

The Messenger

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

5th Sunday of Lent 6th April

9.00am Mass at SB
11.00am Mass at SM
3.00pm Stations of the Cross SB

Year A, Weekdays Yr 2: Psalter week 1

Mon 7th April No Service
 Tues 8th April No service
Pause for prayer 10-11am SM

Wed 9th April No Service

Thurs 10th April No Service

Lenten Reconciliation Service 7.30pm SM

Fri 11th April Mass 10am SM

Sat 12th April Mass 10am SM

Sacrament of Reconciliation straight after Mass

Palm Sunday 13th April

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's
11.00am Mass at St Michael's
3.00pm Stations of the Cross SM

Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 6th April

For Pope Francis, the sick of the parish and those who care for them, for the bereaved, for all those in conflict around the world, for those missing, feared dead, on Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 & their families.

Anniversaries this week: Gilbert Myland (8th)

Those who have died recently: Ellen Pick, Canon Terence Walsh

Other Intentions: Ruth Rowan (Health), George Watson (Health), Brian Weston (Health), Margaret Jones (RIP Anniv Birthday)

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

Rev David Adams -Parish Priest- based at Our Lady & St Joseph Church, Lymington: Tel: 01590 676696 ;

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New Forest East Pastoral Area: Lyndhurst, Totton & Waterside,

Sunday Mass Times

St Theresa, Totton - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am

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

Parish priest : Rev Innaiah Maddineni : Tel: 023 8086 2270

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Parish Priest :Rev David Adams Tel: 01590 676696

Rev Stephen Morgan (Deacon)

St Anne-Brockenhurst, Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph-Lymington, St Francis of Assisi-Milford on Sea.

Parish Priest: Rev Marcín Drabik : Tel: 01425 614968

Our Lady of Lourdes- New Milton

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

THE RESURRECTION & THE LIFE

As readers of John's Gospel we have the benefit of knowing the secret identity of Jesus. The Prologue (John 1: 1-18) has told us of the Divine Word (or Plan or Blueprint). Everything has life in this Word and Jesus is the Word made flesh. So when Jesus says he is "the resurrection and the life" we know he is talking not from the limitations of his human nature but from the infinite possibilities of God. We believe the universe has a source beyond itself. It has come into being from "nothingness" and will return to "nothingness". And as Prof Brian Cox has said in *The Wonders of the Universe*, the time of lifelessness, when all the stars have faded will be unimaginably longer than the time of life.

Holding together, reconciling and being reconciled with the mind-boggling & heart wrenching realities of this incredible life is what spirituality is all about. On the one hand the universe is vast beyond our capabilities of imagining, on the other hand each moment, each little sparrow, each person is uniquely precious. As Christians we believe this reality issues from love, is sustained by love and returns to love. But this love takes nothing away from its true reality, its finitude, its subjection to entropy or the 2nd law of thermodynamics. (Not that I understand any of this science, of course!) Just as we are one with the universe and not separate from it, so we are one with the Source of the universe and not separate from that Source.

In him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. He is before all things and in him all things hold together (Colossians 1: 15-17). Accepting, trusting & believing in this Creative Energy of God, the Source, the Word, the Christ, brings us into a deeper relationship and unity through conscious awareness. This is a whole, new life and level of existence. As Jesus says elsewhere: "Very truly, I tell you anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life" (John 5:24).

We need to keep all this in mind when listening to the Lazarus story. If the story is only about physical resuscitation it is of little ultimate use to us. Remember Martha, Mary & Lazarus have all since died. Jesus hasn't called anyone else back from the grave and even our canonised saints have not been able to repeat this miracle.

We notice in the story how Jesus deliberately allows the power of death to run its full course. He doesn't need to fear death as if its an ultimate disaster or tragedy for which there is no remedy, "those who believe in me, even though they die, they shall live" (John 11:25). Do we want to desperately cling on to our present earthly form or rather be one with the Source of the infinite possibility of all forms? The first must die, the second is the well-spring of all life.

So we remember the parable of the Prodigal Son, his father said: "for this son of mine was dead and is alive again, was lost and is found" Luke: 15:24. In Ephesians, Paul quotes the saying: "Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you" (Eph 5:14). In another place Jesus says: "Leave the dead to bury their dead" (Luke 9:60). So Jesus can say to his followers: "Cure the sick, raise the dead to life, cleanse lepers, drive out demons" (Matt 10:8). It is clear from all this that both death and life have deeper meanings beyond the physical pulse. In Hebrews 2:12 we read: *since the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.* (DMA)

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, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Gabrielle Hennig, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, Helen Pick, George Raffray, Ruth Rowan, Lilly Ricketts, Norma Rudd, Pauline Sharpley, Susan Soutter, Ronald Stevens, Emmie Walker, Neil Tisdale, George Watson, Helen Whitty.
(If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Linda via the Parish office)



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES: Please keep in your prayers: Leon Carbayo-Borges, Carlos Carbayo-Borges & Caitlin Cross as they start their preparation for their First Holy Communion.

MINISTERS OF WORD & COMMUNION URGENT: If you will be here during Holy week please contact the parish office or Win Cocker **a.s.a.p.**



EASTER EGG RAFFLE organised by the staff at Faith, Hope & Charity. Tickets on sale today & 13th April. £1 a strip. Money to Church funds. (Tina Bowler)



ADVANCE NOTICE: MINISTERS OF COMMUNION Fr Vincent would like you to attend the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday 17th April to informally renew your commitment to your Ministry.



Ruth Rowan would like to thank everyone for all the cards, good wishes and prayers she has received during her illness.



WANTED: Feet! Special offer- Free washing! See notice at back of church.



QUIZ NIGHT The next quiz night will be held on Saturday 3rd May 2014. Tickets will be available after masses at both churches on Sunday 13th April and after Easter on Sunday 27th April, or you can just turn up and pay on the night. There will be an American supper and as always, tea and coffee will be available but you are welcome to bring along wines and any other drinks you like. Proceeds from this very popular event help towards the Christmas lunch for our more senior parishioners. (Mary King)



DON'T FORGET the Spring Fair/Plant sale 17th May. How is *your* garden growing? (See Veronica if you would like to help or contact the office.)



PHOTOGRAPHS IN CHURCH: Quite naturally sometimes grandparents and parents like to take a photo of their child involved in the liturgy (involved at sermon time, processions etc). This is understandable BUT please realise that **no such photos must ever be posted onto social web sites** (blogs, twitter and the like) without express permission of other children's parents (there are good reasons for this and ignoring is not only illegal, but can cause immense problems). Please be careful, and considerate.

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The Pope Tweets: @Pontifex *We live in a society that leaves no room for God; day by day this numbs our hearts.*



PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE Your free copy is available in the porch. Please take one.



BISHOP PHILIP AND THE PRIESTS OF PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE LENTEN REFLECTIONS These EWTN reflections are now available online www.ewtn.co.uk/lent-2014.

COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL:



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY : The collection for the Clergy Assistance Fund raised £217.25p



GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: 18th April : A reminder of the collection for the Holy Places on Good Friday, for an area of the world which is suffering much at present. We would like to raise up to the Crucified the cry of peace for Jerusalem but also for the whole world, that, beginning from the Land of Jesus, it may become a City of Peace. The burdensome situation of social upheaval and open war, has worsened, upsetting at every level the fragile balance in the region and pouring out on Lebanon and Jordan a river of refugees which overflows the increasingly inadequate camps set up to welcome them. Thanks to the Good Friday Collection, the various Catholic communities of the Holy Land will receive a contribution with which to stay close to the poor and suffering without distinction of creed or ethnicity. **Bishop THE EASTER OFFERING 19th/20th April:** As is traditional the collection at Easter is for Fr David & Fr Vincent and forms a part of their ordinary income for the year. They will be very grateful for whatever you can give at this time.

THINGS TO DO IN LENT : THIS WEEK

STATIONS OF THE CROSS St Bernard's, Hythe, Sunday 6th April 3pm

PAUSE FOR PRAYER: Tuesday 1st April 10-11am St Michael's, Hythe.

TOTTON: Stations of the Cross St Theresa's Church, Totton, 7pm every Friday during Lent,

BROCKENHURST, St Anne's church, Brockenhurst, 10am every Friday during Lent:: Meditation followed by silent prayer and Benediction.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Our Lady's, Lymington

Tuesday 8th April 7.30pm,

St Michael's, Hythe

Thursday 10th April 7.30pm,

St Theresa's, Totton

Monday 14th April 7pm

SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK:

CHRISM MASS Tuesday 15th April 11am Portsmouth Cathedral

HOLY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's supper St Michael's 7.30pm

+ **Please sign up to have your foot washed. Form at back of church.**

+ Ministers of Holy Communion please be there to renew commitment

+ **Can you sit & watch a while with the Blessed Sacrament after the Mass? Please book in a 15minute slot on the form at the back of the church.**

GOOD FRIDAY 18th April

+ Ecumenical walk of witness. (See poster) Meet in St John's car park 10.45 to walk to the area outside Waitrose for 11am start

+ Ecumenical Walk of Witness (See poster) Meet Blackfield, Lighthouse Community Church 10am

+ Celebration of the Lord's Passion St Michael's 3pm

+ Stations of the Cross St Bernard's 7pm

+ Tenebrae service Our Lady's, Lymington 8pm

Tenebrae is Latin for 'shadows' or 'darkness' The distinctive ceremony of Tenebrae is the gradual extinguishing of candles while a series of readings and psalms are chanted or recited.

EASTER VIGIL Saturday 19th April St Bernard's 8pm

EASTER SUNDAY Sunrise Service Lepe Country Park (*Top car park*) 6am
 We join together with other churches as One to proclaim 'Jesus is risen!'.
 Mass St Bernard's; 9am Mass St Michael's 11am