

## RECEIVE YOUR OWN MYSTERY

It is very appropriate today to be celebrating the 1st Holy Communion of Ciara Reilly & Manu Crean Raffray because today we are also celebrating the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (known previously by its Latin title: Corpus Christi).

Jesus was a spiritual genius and artist because he took simple things used in everyday meals and, by a unique association with himself in the death and resurrection he was to experience, he created a transformational ritual. This ritual which we have come to call the "Mass" has been at the centre of Western Catholic Christianity since the beginning.

The Eucharist is first of all the celebration of God's work in Jesus freeing us from sin and death and sharing with us Divine life. For this free, undeserved grace we can only give heartfelt thanks, which is in fact the meaning of the word Eucharist. Secondly the Eucharist is invitation and challenge. The invitation is to be "one body, one spirit in Christ" so that we can no longer regard ourselves as separate from others. Rather we are invited to recognise our responsibilities for others and to others. The call is to treat others as ourselves, to love others as ourselves. This way of love is a challenge to accept the sacrifices love may ask of us. As Jesus gave his life and death for us, so we are called to give our living and our dying for one another. In this way the Eucharist expresses something that is happening in our every day lives: a growing experience of gratitude to God and a growing capacity to love as Jesus has loved us. All this is made possible by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Eucharist reveals the ultimate pattern and purpose of our lives.

In the Eucharist we celebrate the gift of ourselves in God. Holy communion makes a powerful statement that God's life is in us, as the prayer at Mass says: "*By the mingling of this water and wine may we come to share the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity*". Holy Communion gradually attunes us and confirms us in this mystery of loving union with God. If God can take simple bread and wine and make them his body & blood how much more does God take us and delight in us being the "body and blood of Christ" in the world today. This is not our doing, it is by God's graciousness alone. We are no better than anyone else, it is just that by faith, we are made aware of this relationship. This is the Good News to be shared respectfully with others.

God's big HUG and EMBRACE which is the Eucharist accompanies us at every stage of our lives. It is the hug and embrace of unconditional love which desires the best for us and nurtures the best in us. When we're very young its all hugs and kisses and comfort. As we grow its all hugs, kisses, comfort and encouragement. As we get older its all hugs, kisses, comfort, encouragement and challenge. As we get older still its all hugs, kisses, comfort, encouragement, challenge and a call to loving service and responsibility. We are never ready for so great a gift or for so much love. We respond gradually, sometimes enthusiastically, sometimes indifferently, sometimes we rebel, maybe upset at God for not making things go as we would like. As long as we keep returning to the Source in humility with as much acceptance as we can muster the grace continues its work. Everything is turned to our good once we allow ourselves to be caught up in the flow of God's love which fills the whole creation. (DMA)

Often with the poorest people you cannot completely alleviate their problem but by being with them, whatever you can do for them makes a difference.

(Brother Geoff, The Missionaries of Charity Brothers)

# The Messenger

St Michael's Church,  
Langdown Lawn  
Hythe SO45 5GR

6th June 2010  
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St Bernard's Church  
Southbourne Avenue,  
Holbury, SO45 2NT

## TIMES OF SERVICES

Sun	6	9 am	SB	The Body & Blood of Christ Manu Crean Raffray (1st HC)
		11 am	SM	The Body & Blood of Christ Ciara Reilly (1st HC)
		6 pm	SM	The Body & Blood of Christ
Tue	8	10 am	SM	No Service Today
Wed	9	7.30 pm	SM	Evening Prayer & Mass
Thu	10	10 am	LT	Mass
Sat	12	10 am	SM	Mass
		11 am	SM	Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am
Sun	13	9 am	SB	Mass
		11 am	SM	Mass
		3 pm	SM	Baptism: baby Macey Wilson
		6 pm	SM	Mass

### Mass Intentions:

**For the week beginning 6th June:** People of the Parish, Parishioners who are unwell, deceased Clergy of the Diocese, for the good estate of Rev Stephen Bowler, Rev Bill O'Connell and Rev Ian Tobin.

**For the week beginning 13th June:** People of the Parish, Parishioners who are unwell, Benefactors of the Clergy Retirement Fund, Benefactors of "Living our Faith", Irene Mitchell RIP.

### New Forest East Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

St Theresa, Totton - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am  
Ashurst Community - Sun 9am  
Our Lady & St Edward, Lyndhurst - Sun 9am

## WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastoral Team: Rev David Adams (Parish Priest)  
Rev Steve Bowler (Deacon) (8020 7449)  
Rev Ian Tobin (Deacon) (8089 7354)  
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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Bill Feltham, Pat Gallanagh, Trevor Handol, Amanda Gudge, Jenny Lauder, Irene Mitchell, Michael Peake, Bridget Reeves, Sheila Krzymuski, Lena Westfoot (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

**NO MASS ON TUESDAY 8th June:** Fr David has to attend the Diocesan Clergy Conference in Bournemouth which is all day Tuesday & finishes after lunch on Wednesday.

**OUTCOME OF PARISH MEETING SUNDAY 23rd MAY:** There were 25 people present of whom 12 were PPC members. The consensus of the meeting was that we accepted the need for the partial implementation of the existing planning consent on condition that certain assurances were given in writing by the Diocese.

**CELEBRATION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Today Manu Crean Raffray will be making his 1st Holy Communion at the 9am Mass at St Bernards; Ciara Reilly will make her 1st Holy Communion at the 11am Mass at St Michaels. Please keep Ciara & Manu in your prayers for a joyful day and a life long experience of God's love given to us in the Eucharist.

**BLESSING & RE-DEDICATION OF MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** This is devotional not obligatory but any ministers of Holy Communion present at Mass today are invited to re-dedicate themselves to their ministry.

**PARISH SOCIAL EVENT: SKITTLES & BUFFET** at St Bernards Hall on Saturday, 19th June, 7.30pm, organised by the Martha Group.

**ROOF FUND - WE HAVE REACHED 92% OF OUR TARGET!** : Current amount collected £12,389 (£1,110 yet to be raised). *Thank you all, for your enormous generosity. Join [easyfundraising.co.uk](http://easyfundraising.co.uk), do your usual shopping online and help us raise more money for free! It won't cost you a penny!*

**OPEN DAYS - OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, LYMINGTON.** The school will have two Open Days: Saturday, 12th June from 10am to 12 noon, and Wednesday, 23rd June from 1.30pm to 3pm. There is space available in some years groups for September. The school address is: Ramley Rd, Lymington SO41 8GY, Tel: 01590 672711, [www.ourladyst-joseph.hants.sch.uk](http://www.ourladyst-joseph.hants.sch.uk)

**INFORMATION FOR ST ANNES CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR GIRLS:** A Specialist Science & Mathematics College. Tuesday, 22nd June 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Parents of girls in Year 5 are invited to this information evening for Year 7 admissions in September 2011. For more information see the poster in church porch.

**THE DIOCESAN FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN - "LIVING OUR FAITH": We will finish the campaign with a special appeal at all Masses on Sunday, 13th June so that everyone has a chance to make some contribution.**

*Bishop Crispian has asked that this message be published in all parishes this week:*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,  
At this time of year, I have the pleasure of visiting parishes and the Catholic community across the Diocese, experiencing wonderful occasions in the lives of our communities as I celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with them. These celebrations are a true reflection of our need to 'Go Out and Bear Fruit' and importantly a constant reminder that we are *living our faith* on a daily basis. Our ambitious *Living Our Faith* fund-raising initiative – so aptly named – will ensure the support of those elements which are key for the future of the diocese – vocations, seminarians, lay formation and core parish needs. *Living Our Faith* has benefited from the enormous generosity and sacrifice of thousands of parishioners and families from Didcot to Totland Bay. As new parishes are invited to join *Living Our Faith* and while many more draw their campaigns to a successful close, I'm calling on **all** parishioners within our Catholic community to give thought to their participation at this juncture. In issuing a special 'call to action', I respectfully ask you to:

- Consider a sacrificial gift to *Living Our Faith*; on average parishioners are giving £1.50 per day (£42 per month)
  - Serve as a volunteer and spread the good news; over 400 parishioners have played a pivotal role in securing key elements of our Church's future
  - Pray for our work – so we can carry out the Lord's work
- Please seize this opportunity to demonstrate your stewardship – your parish priest, your parish and your diocese need your time, talent and treasure.

We are in the midst of organising a Diocesan-wide celebration of our collective efforts. I look forward to sharing more details with you in the coming months.  
Be assured your families and intentions are in my prayer,  
Bishop Crispian Hollis.

**Average Income & Expenditure for Sept 2009—Apr 2010**

**Ordinary Income: Average per Month**

SOs & Envs & Loose:	£3288
Gift Aid Tax reclaimed:	£710
Rent	£703
FHC Shop	£674
Other incl Fund Raising	£645
<b>Total Av Mnthly Income</b>	<b>£6020</b>

**Ordinary Expenditure: Av per Month**

(figures incl. full yr insurance & exceptional costs provision)

Ordinary Expenditure	£5556
<i>Exceptional Cost Provision*</i>	<i>£600</i>
<b>Total Av Monthly Exp.</b>	<b>£6156</b>

**Giving to Other Charities through the Parish:**

**Average per Month: £1099**  
(Christmas & Easter Offering per month) **£274**

Exceptional Income ( sale of minibus, Marie Edwards legacy) & any transfers from the New Church Fund account have been **excluded**.

\*The **Exceptional Cost Provision** is not actual expenditure but a provision against exceptional expenditure. So far this year there have been no exceptional expenditure items.