

# The Messenger

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

## 14th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 6th JULY 2014 Year A, Weekdays Yr 2; Psalter week 2

9.00am Mass SB  
11.00am Mass SM

12noon Baptism SM Roman Burchell (Deacon Ian)

Mon 7th July No Service

Tuesday 18th July No Service

Wed 9th July No Service

(St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs)

Thurs 10th July No Service

Friday 11th July 10am Mass SM

11.30am SB Funeral: Catherine Cockton

(St Benedict, Founder, Patron of Europe)

Saturday 12th July 10am Mass SM

Sacrament of Reconciliation after the 10am Mass today

## 15th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 13th July

9.00am Mass SB  
11.00am Mass SM

### Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 6th July

**Anniversaries this week:** Terry Francis (6th), Angela Humphrey, Maria Havis, George Kerr, & Mario Ghirardello (8th), Herbert Sans (9th), Eric Evans (F/M) (12th)

**Those who have died recently:** Catherine (Kit) Cockton, Mary-Anne Cotton, Val Fontana, Mae Kelly, George Raffray

**Other Intentions:** Neil Tisdale (Health)

### WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

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

**Rev Vincent Convery**

**Rev Steve Bowler** (Deacon & Chair Parish Pastoral Council) Tel:02380 207449

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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)

**Rev Stephen Short** (Deacon)

**Parish priest : Rev Innaiah Maddinani** : Tel: 023 8086 2270

**Rev Andrew Philpott** (Deacon)

### New Forest West Pastoral Area: Brockenhurst, Lymington, Milford on sea & New Milton

**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 Marcin 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

## REVEALING THE MEEKNESS OF GOD

Our relationship with God can really begin to flourish when we realise and accept how much we are loved by God, unconditionally, as we are. And it grows further when we see how good God is & how lovable God is. Jesus reveals this to us. Looking at Jesus we can begin to fall in love with God. A characteristic of God that is most endearing is God's gentleness and meekness.

This revelation of a meek and gentle God begins indirectly in the Bible with Moses: *Now the man Moses was very humble, more so than anyone else on the face of the earth*, Num 12:3. The Gospels present Jesus as the new Moses, the one who would reveal God's whole purpose. Jesus does not reveal a toxic God. God is not harsh, God is patient; indeed God is gentle and compassionate. Jesus himself says: *Learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls*, (Matt 11:29). So this gentleness of Jesus is supposed to rub off on us. This is primarily a work of the Spirit but we must allow ourselves to be changed. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, (Gal 5:23). Our love and appreciation of Jesus, and the Father, will deepen even more as we allow the Spirit to lead us in gentleness and humility.

Our behaviour should begin to mirror that of Jesus, as Paul says: *I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ--I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold toward you when I am away!* (2 Cor 10:1). Paul himself acted this way in his ministry: *we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children* (1 Th 2:7). Leaders in local communities are exhorted to be gentle (1 Tim 3:3; Titus 3:2). And everyone is encouraged to seek *the wisdom from above that is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy*. (James 3:17).

Scripture promises great blessings for the meek: *You will hear the desire of the meek; you will strengthen their heart, you will incline your ear, (Ps 10 v 17). The meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity (Psa 37:11). With righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. (Isa 11:4). The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the neediest people shall exult in the Holy One of Israel (Isa 29). Peter encourages everyone: Let your adornment be the inner self with the lasting beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in God's sight (1 Pet 3:4).*

The whole Church must begin to show forth something of these godly qualities so that the true face of God may be revealed again in all its beauty. It is the true image of God that heals us, sets us free and empowers us to work for justice and compassion (DMA).

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: Baby Blake Proctor, Baby Elijah, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Derek Francis, Mervyn Francis, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Mary King, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Leanne Martin, Sarah Mc Cann, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, Sharon Poole, Ruth Rowan, Lilly Ricketts, Jim Ross, Norma Rudd, Pauline Sharpley, Cath Smith, Susan Soutter, Ronald Stevens, Neil Tisdale, Emmie Walker, George Watson,

*(If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Linda via the Parish office)*



**THANK YOU** to the person who took a red box home with them last week. There are still some boxes left, please take one.



**SAD NEWS** It is with great sadness that I have to announce the death of Catherine Cockton, known to everyone as Kit, who passed away on 22nd June. Her Funeral service will be 11.30am Friday 11th July at St Bernard's Church.

**OFFICE CLOSED** The office will be closed Tuesday 22nd & Thursday 24th July. If you need any Mass intentions or items for the newsletter for that week please get them to me by Thursday 17th at the latest.



**SAINT BENEDICT 11th July** For his historic role as the "Father of Western Monasticism," St. Benedict was declared a co-patron of Europe. In a 2005 general audience, the pope said St. Benedict was a "powerful reminder of the indispensable Christian roots" of Europe. He cited the monk's instruction to "prefer nothing to the love of Christ," and asked his intercession "to help us keep Christ firmly at the heart of our lives."

**CAFOD** We ask for your prayers and support for Father Paul Leonard from Leigh Park who's undertaking the gruelling 12 mile 'Tough Mudder' obstacle course on behalf of CAFOD this autumn & training hard for it at the moment. Good luck Father Paul! [www.justgiving.com/Paul-Leonard11](http://www.justgiving.com/Paul-Leonard11)



**END OF TERM PRESENTS** As the summer term rattles to a close, we begin to think of presents for teachers, classroom assistants and all those who have helped us through the academic year. Remember to think 'Fair Trade' when you shop for flowers, chocolates wine and stationery. Shopping Fair Trade improves lives.



**WELCOME** to Roman Burchell who will be baptized at St Michael's at 12 noon today by Deacon Ian.

**WELCOME TO** Fr Peter Wilkie who will be celebrating Mass with us today.



**FLOWER FESTIVAL** There will be a Flower festival in the Catholic church, Lymington on  
Saturday 19th July: 10.30-4pm;  
Sunday 20th July: 12noon-4pm  
& Monday 21st July: 10.30-4pm.

The flower arrangers from St Michael's and St Bernard's, will be joining the flower arrangers from Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph, Lymington, St Anne's Brockenhurst & St Francis of Assisi, Milford on sea for this event. Please support them. View the flowers, have some refreshments, take part in the Tombola and the silent auction. Parking on Sunday will be difficult as it is the Lymington Carnival that day. Enjoy!



**The Pope Tweets:** @Pontifex ...*Like the Good Samaritan, may we not be ashamed of touching the wounds of those who suffer, but try to heal the m with concrete acts of love*



**POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY** The last few weeks have been a treat for anyone interested in sport, but has that got anything to do with the Church? The Church is interested in sport because it is concerned with the whole human person, recognizing the effect of sporting activity on the person's formation, relationships and spirituality. Sport is an educational and cultural good, in which human beings are revealed to themselves, and understand the deep value of their lives. It is also a modern 'Court of the Gentiles', or a precious opportunity for meeting between different types of persons, believers and unbelievers, in which it is possible to experience the joy and challenge of sharing life with different cultures, languages and religions. This month we are asked to share in Pope Francis's prayer intention

*"...That sports may always be occasions of human fraternity and growth."*



**livelife – Protect and Cherish Life** [www.dayforlife.org](http://www.dayforlife.org)

Day for Life – 27 July 2014 – the day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life – will this year call upon young people in particular to protect and cherish life from conception to natural death. There will be a mandatory second collection in parishes to support Day for Life. Proceeds of the collection will go to The Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other pro-life related activities supported by the Catholic Church in England and Wales.



**Not Dead Yet UK** A group of disabled people campaigning to keep the laws against euthanasia and assisted suicide which at present protect them, has started a petition against Lord Falconer's "Assisted Dying" bill. See their website [www.notdeadyetuk.org](http://www.notdeadyetuk.org).



**CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE TO 'THE JOURNEY':** Father PJ Smith, *Head of Educational Chaplaincies and Youth Ministry*, is organising a coach to the Youth 2000 festival in Walsingham this summer from 21-25 August. The festival is called *The Journey*. For more info see website <http://www.youth2000.org/>. If you, or someone you know, aged 16-30, would like to go, check the diocesan website soon to book.

### COLLECTIONS FOR JULY

**PETER'S PENCE** collection last week amounted to £186.56  
Thank you.



**NEXT SUNDAY July 13th Apostleship of the Sea. (Obligatory)**

This is the Church in action amongst the seafarers of the world. The object is to provide for the spiritual and material well-being of them all, regardless of religion, race or rank.



**27th July:** Day for life (see above)



**Facebook & Twitter** The Diocese of Portsmouth is now on Facebook and Twitter.

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

+ All those who are on holiday. May it be a restful time and they come back refreshed.

+ The families of those whose anniversaries are at this time

+ All those who keep our churches clean and tidy. Thank you.

### WHAT'S ON

**DISCERNMENT WEEKEND RETREATS** taking place at St Joseph's House of Prayer in Ashurst:

□ Male Spirituality: Fri 11—Sun 13 July

□ A Weekend for Women: Fri 12 Sep—Sun 14 Sep

The cost for each weekend retreat is £80 full board. Contact Fr. John Chandler [john.chandler27@gmail.com](mailto:john.chandler27@gmail.com) for more info and a booking form

### Bitesize

If you want to test your memory, try to recall what you were worrying about one year ago today.

*E. Joseph Cossman*