

The Messenger

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

6th October 2013

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter - Wk.2)

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's

11.00am Mass at St Michael's

(All Liturgies are 27th week of Ordinary Time, Yr 1, unless otherwise stated)

Mon	7th	No Service (Liturgy: memorial Our Lady of the Rosary)
Tues	8th	No Service
Wed	9th	No Service (Liturgy: memorial , Blessed John Henry Newman)
Thurs	10th	No Service (Liturgy: memorial t Paulinus of York)
Fri	11th	No Service
Sat	12th	10 am Mass SM Sacrament of Reconciliation immediately after Mass.
Sun	13 th	28 th Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass at St Bernard's 11.00am Mass at St Michael's

Mass Intentions: For this week: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, The New Forest Pastoral Areas, Ann Harding RIP Margaret Jones RIP Anniv, Muriel Gemmell RIP, Cora Simpson RIP Anniv, Fr Eamon Walsh RIP, Eileen West RIP Anniv, Fr Burton Whitehead RIP.

For the week beginning 13th October: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, The New Forest Pastoral Areas, Ann Harding RIP, William Hopper RIP Anniv

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastoral Team: Rev David Adams (Parish Priest), Rev Vincent Convery
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New Forest East Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

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

IF WE HAD JUST A LITTLE FAITH!

What is faith? A father recounts an experience he had. It is an every day experience, one that perhaps all parents have had. He comes home from work, opens the door. Their little boy has been waiting eagerly for his dad's return. As soon as the door opens he runs down the stairs, along the corridor and leaps into his father's arms. Dad, of course, is not wholly unexpecting this greeting and manages to catch his son in full flight. There are great cries of excitement all round. The boy immediately seizes the moment and claims one of his great thrills. Daddy! Daddy! Catch me! Catch me! Dad responds and happily throws his son into the air and catches him safely. Higher! Higher, the boy cries.

Now that is faith. It comes so naturally, so spontaneously. It is why Jesus says, unless we change and become like little children we will never enter the kingdom of heaven. We think we are the ones who teach our children the faith. Really they are the ones who teach us what faith is about. We have some thoughts, some words and ideas, hopefully they are sound. Children are living faith and trust every day. That is why it can be so damaging when that natural trust is not met with love and care.

Faith is caught more than taught. It is inspired rather than contrived. When the apostles say, "Increase our faith" Jesus responds by encouraging their desire. (Both believing & not believing are choices of the heart) With even a little bit of faith obstacles that seemed so big soon become less daunting and can be overcome. We grow in faith not by reading and memorising doctrines but by catching it from others, especially the "little ones". The "little ones" are those who may not be powerful or particularly clever but they are rich in relationship with God and others. We grow in faith by acting upon it, by taking that leap. Faith that remains just in the head is dead. When we act in faith we show that our lives are really in relationship with the living God and not just notionally informed by an idea of God. This is why it has been described as "stepping out in faith", taking a "leap of faith", and "walking in faith".

So when God tells us not to be afraid we must start to let go of our fear. If a certain course of action seems right in the sight of God then we should do it trusting that God will provide. When we protest to God that if we have to do that we will die, or that we definitely can't live without such & such. Our faith is still weak. God will not indulge our whims but God will indeed provide. God wants to give us what is our very own – that is ourselves clothed in all the goodness of God revealed in Jesus.

Faithfulness – It is hard for us these days, life changes so quickly. But faithfulness will ultimately define us. To whom or to what are we faithful? There may be injustice and oppression all around but we are called to persevere in struggling for peace, compassion & God's way – not from fear, not for reward, not for the satisfaction of results but because it is our duty – it is the right path to follow. When we don't get thanks, when things don't seem to improve, when the obstacles seem mountainous – that's when faith & faithfulness must shine. (DMA)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Duncan Badley, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Vicky Carter, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Peter Gray, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, Honora Power, Jane Roberts, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Pauline Sharpley, Ronald Stevens. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Linda via the Parish office)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The needy and hungry of the world

Fr Vincent will celebrate weekday Mass on Saturday 12th October at 10am .
Sacrament of Reconciliation will be immediately after 10a.m. Mass on Saturday.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR : Linda will be in the parish office on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10.00am until 4pm. Outside of these times messages left on the answer machine will be frequently monitored. .

If you need to communicate with Linda you may do so in two ways:

by leaving a message on the office answerphone 02380 843479;

by email watersidecp@btinternet.com

or by writing a message and putting it in the envelope. Mark the envelope "For the attention of the Parish Administrator", then put the envelope through the letter box of the house or in the collection plate. Do not leave it in the church.

If you need to book a Baptism, a wedding, funeral or have a Mass said, check first with Linda to make sure the date is free in the parish diary, then she will ask Fr Vincent about his availability.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK: CAFOD.

Please put your Autumn Fast day envelopes in the collection basket.

TO ALL 'TWEETERS' : Did you know that Pope Francis has an official Twitter page? He has 3,050,294 followers. Why not be one of them. Pope Francis @Pontifex Here is an example of one of his 'Tweets'- *There are many people in need in today's world. Am I self-absorbed in my own concerns or am I aware of those who need help?* Bishop Philip has a Twitter page too. Bishop Philip Egan....@BishopEgan

You can link in to both via the Diocesan website.

WELCOME to Fr. Innaiah Maddineni who has been appointed parish priest to St Theresa of the Child Jesus, Totton and also Our Lady of the Assumption & Edward the Confessor, Lyndhurst.

MASS COUNT There will be a Mass count at all Masses during October.

WATERSIDE HERITAGE invites you to an Open Day on Saturday 12th October 10am-4pm to view their local history & research facilities. Refreshments will be provided. RSVP to Mike Gibson 02380879530. Hythe Old Rialway Station, Dominy Close, Hythe, SO45 6HA

SAFEGUARDING ANNOUNCEMENT:

Re Safeguarding of those who come into contact with children and vulnerable adults; that is those involved in Children's Liturgy and Eucharistic ministers who visit the sick. We have finally got all the updated paperwork to enable us to proceed with the safeguarding checks required by the Diocese, and we will be asking all those it affects to complete the required forms during the coming weeks - this may well include rechecks for those who were CRB checked under the old system.

We understand that for those who have visited the sick for some time as Eucharistic ministers this may raise some issues, if this is the case we will be happy to discuss any concerns you may have, but it is a diocesan requirement so we hope that this will proceed without any problems. Further information will be included in all the packs sent out giving details of who to contact with any queries. Thank you for all you do in the parish and we look forward to working with you during this process. Helen Kitson and Polly Read

WATERSIDE STREET PASTORS invite you to an informal evening of prayer, praise, thanksgiving and worship at St Andrew's Church, Dibden Purlieu, Monday 7th October at 7.30 pm All are welcome.

QUIZ NIGHT.

Thank you to Dave King & the Martha group for yet another successful Quiz night on 5th October. There is a great atmosphere at the Quiz nights and lots of friendly banter between teams. If you come alone you won't be alone for long as you'll soon become part of a team. This is a great way of getting to know people. Watch this space for information about events organised by the Martha group for 2014.

Remember, by supporting the events organised by the Martha group you are not only having a great evening out but you are contributing to Parish funds as well! The Quiz night in August made £246. Well done everyone!

Money made from past events have paid for redecoration of the kitchen and toilets at St Bernard's and many more projects besides.

The next event to be organised by the Martha group is the Christmas dinner for the elderly in our parish in December. Watch this space for more details.

CHRISTMAS CARDS. Please support the parish shop- Faith, Hope & Charity. It contributes a great deal to the parish finances every year. They have a good selection of Christmas cards. Buy early- avoid the rush! Christmas cards will be on sale in church after Mass this Sunday.

PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE. Copies of this month's Portsmouth People are available at the back of the Church. It is a good publication and...it's free! Why not take a copy to a friend so they can see what is happening in the Portsmouth Diocese.

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