

# The Messenger

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

7<sup>th</sup> August 2011

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr A - Divine Office: Week 3

Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	No Service (Liturgy: Memorial - St Dominic Founder, 1170-1221)
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: Feast - St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Religious, Martyr, Patron of Europe, 1891-1942)
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm SM Evening Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: Feast - St Laurence, Deacon, Martyr, d. 258)
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am LT Mass (Liturgy: Memorial - St Clare, Foundress, 1194-1253)
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	No Service (Liturgy: of the Day - 19th Week, or Optnl Memorial - St Jane Frances de Chantal, Foundress, 1572-1641)
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	No Service (Liturgy: of the Day - 19th Week, or optnl Memorial - St Pontian, Pope, & St Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs, c.235, Or Our Lady on Saturday)
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Assumption of Our Lady</b> 9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels

**Mass Intentions: For this week:** All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian (Health), Guidance for choice of new Bishop, deceased clergy of the Province, benefactors of the Clergy retirement Fund & "Living our Faith", Joy Prestage RIP,

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## 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

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## LITTLE FAITH

In today's Gospel two things are going on simultaneously. As the disciples set off across the lake, Jesus goes up on the mountain to pray (v.23). The biblical idea is of Jesus ascending the mountain, a traditional place for contact with God. In prayer, Jesus returns to the source of all that he is and does.

But while Jesus is in close contact with God the crossing of the lake becomes a conflict, a battle with a heavy sea. Jesus leaves the union of prayer with God to join his struggling disciples. Yet, despite their need for him, his presence strikes fear into their hearts as they cry out, "It is a ghost" (v.26).

Jesus reveals himself to them in a formula, which has a long history in the Bible: "It is I" (v.27). From Moses' encounter with the burning bush (see Ex 3:14), down to the conflicts of the prophets with the false gods introduced into Israel (see Is 43:10; 45:18), this formula was used to speak of the presence of the true God to his people: "It is I". Equally important to moments when God or the Angel of God speaks to his people are the words of encouragement: "Do not be afraid".

Peter's response is typical. At first he is prepared to take a risk upon the word of Jesus. If it is Jesus, he will only have to call him across the water, and he will come (v.28). At first he places his trust in the Lord, but then succumbs to the pressures of the storm around him. However, in this situation he calls on the help of the Lord, and Jesus holds him and keeps him safe (vv.30 - 31). In Peter's situation of little faith and doubt, his Lord has stood by him. So it is with all the disciples in the boat. Jesus and Peter get into the boat, the wind drops and all confess: "Truly, you are the Son of God" (v.33).

In the experience of the disciples and Peter we find reflected the experience of every Christian. We often begin with the great courage, which only faith can give us, but such courage of faith dwindles when wind and wave assail it. In this situation we remain ultimately dependent upon the gracious help of our Lord. Without Jesus we can make no headway. Jesus is the one who is close to God, who unfailingly looks to him for guidance and strength, while we go on with the everyday things in our lives, never giving our God a thought. Yet, when difficulties come God is there, coming out of the darkness into our lives. But even then our faith can falter. He sometimes asks us to do strange things: to jump out of the boat into the stormy water. Encouragingly, Peter's story – and the story of disciples who thought Jesus was only a ghost – tells us it is to those of little faith that Jesus still comes, holding us close and leading us into safety and peace which only he can give.

(From "This is the Gospel of the Lord" Year A, by Francis J. Moloney).

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Marion Butler, Bishop Crispian, Petra Daniels, Mervyn Francis, Amanda Gudge, Doreen Holman, Joy Prestage, Norma Rudd, Sarah, Jason Singleton, Simon Smith, Ronald Stevens, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

**BISHOP CRISPAN' HEALTH:** Bishop Crispian made a public announcement last month that he is suffering from bowel cancer and will need surgery in September. He has asked for prayers from the people of the Diocese.

**THIS WEEKEND:** There is the special CAFOD collection for the famine victims in Africa. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation please use the CAFOD envelopes provided at the back of the Church and complete the relevant section.

**NEXT SATURDAY 13TH AUGUST:** Please note there is no morning Mass next Saturday.

**PARISH FINANCIAL APPEAL:** Please can everyone consider making some increase to their weekly/monthly contribution. We need to find an extra £500 a month to repay a debt we owe to the Diocese & have enough in reserve to meet inevitable repair bills. Thanks to those who already have signed up for Gift Aid. If you are a tax payer & have not signed up for Gift Aid, please consider it. For every £10 you give, Gift Aid will add another £2.82p making a total of £12.82p!

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S MASSES:** the next few dates for young peoples Masses at St Bernard's are: 4 Sept, 2 Oct, 6 Nov, 4 Dec. Children's Liturgy will continue during the holiday period as far as possible.

## THE MINISTRY OF READER & THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE LITURGY.

All Readers in Church, please take note that the changes in the new translation will affect you. Please take the hand out sheet available at the back of church and study it carefully.

## Forthcoming Dates:

**Rachel Bui** will be making her First Holy Communion on Sunday, 28th August at the 11am Mass at St Michaels. One of the family will be doing the 2nd reading on that Sunday. Our thoughts and prayers are with Rachel as she prepares for this new experience of Christ's love.

The **Baptism** of baby Matthew James Cross will take place at St Bernard's on Sunday, 28th August at 3pm.

**Sunday, 4th September:** We begin using the new translation of the Liturgy for the Order of Mass. Special cards will be provided so that we can read the new responses.

The next **PPC Meeting** is on Thursday, 22nd September, at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at St Michaels.

**Praying with Children - a workshop for Christian adults.** Saturday, 24th Sept, 10am to 4pm, Brockenhurst Village Hall, see poster for details & booking information.

The next **Finance Committee Meeting** is on Thursday, 13th October at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room.

**CAFOD COFFEE MORNING :** A huge thank you from Theresa and Louise to ALL who supported the coffee morning on 4th August. £300 was raised to help with Famine Relief in East Africa. Thanks to Theresa for coming up with the idea & to Theresa & Louise for organising it together with the parish CAFOD group.

## CAFOD APPEAL FOR STARVING PEOPLE IN EAST AFRICA

Everyone will have seen distressing reports of thousands of people, including children dying of starvation because of the drought in East Africa (Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya). CAFOD has a number of partners in the area and is already involved in the relief effort but needs additional funds to help so many. **A special collection will be taken TODAY at the end of Mass & before we leave the church.** Gift Aid envelopes are available. If you are a taxpayer please complete the tax declaration.. Envelopes will be available in advance for those away in August.

**FOOD BANK: MANY THANKS** from the organisers for 196.8kgs of food donated over the year. 716 people, including 299 children, were given food packs. The need is increasing so please keep up the good work. Updated lists of requirements are in the porches; particularly needed are tea, coffee, sugar and long life milk.

**DEVELOPMENTS AT ASHURST:** A copy of a letter from Fr Ronnie Mitchell SMM is on display in the churches giving details of the proposed "Centre of Mission Spirituality" that will be set up at Ashurst beginning from September this year. Our prayers are with them for a successful project.

## THE PARISH SHOP: Now has Gift Vouchers!!! Any amount from £5 to £100!

Also "The Order of Mass -New English translation " - now in stock, £1.95p.

## NEW TRANSLATION OF THE LITURGY - RESOURCES

(These can be ordered now from the Parish Shop)

The following are available to be ordered now:

**Simple Prayer Book** - Standard Edition - CTS, £1.95p

**Large Print Mass Book**, CTS £1.95

**Companion to the Order of Mass** (An exploration of the meaning & scriptural resonances of the words of the Mass, using the new translation) CTS, £2.50

**Understanding the Roman Missal - the New Translation** (A presentation & explanation of the new translation, accompanied by liturgical and spiritual reflections) CTS, £1.95 \*\*NOW IN STOCK\*\*

**And With Your Spirit** (Missal Music CD) A guide to singing the new English translation of the Mass. CTS £14.95

The following will be available in November 2011 but can be ordered now

**People's Sunday Missal** - including the Order of Mass new translation. £ TBA

**People's Daily Missal** - including the Order of Mass new translation. £ TBA