

The Messenger

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

23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 7th September 2014 Year A, Weekdays Yr 2; Psalter week 3

	9.00am	Mass SB
	11.00am	Mass SM
Monday 8th September		No Service <i>(The Nativity of Our Lady)</i>
Tuesday 9th September		No Service <i>(St Peter Claver, Religious)</i>
Wednesday 10th September		No Service
Thursday 11th September	10am	Mass SM
Friday 12th September		NO SERVICE <i>(The Most Holy Name of Mary)</i>
Saturday 13th September	10am	Mass SM <i>(St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church)</i>

Sacrament of Reconciliation after the 10am Mass today
24th Sunday of Ordinary time 14th September
The Triumph of The Cross
 9.00am Mass SB
 11.00am Mass SM

Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 7th September
Anniversaries this week: Teresa Slipper (9th), Dick Greest (12th)
Those who have died recently: James Barnard, Brenda Bowen, Elzbieta (Liz) Flaherty, Lily Ricketts, Isabella Taggart
Other Intentions: Mike & Mary Newland (Golden Wedding Anniversary)

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

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

PRACTICAL WISDOM – BOTH OLD & NEW

If I were to say that every Christian can forgive sins and every Christian has a right to have a say in the decisions of the Church you might think I was coming up with some new fangled ideas. Actually they are really very old ideas – from Jesus himself. The reason they seem new is that different priorities have been in force for a very long time. At first the Church was an inclusive, charismatic & spontaneous collection of communities. But it wasn't long before it got absorbed by the prevailing patriarchal culture. So for most of its life the Church has been (& still is, of course) an authoritarian, hierarchical, male clerically dominated institution. Some of the recent changes are designed to protect or reinforce this model of Church. Jesus clearly envisaged a different kind of community. But here lets explore Jesus' wisdom in regard to reconciliation.

When we are confronted with the damaging behaviour of others we usually react in one of two ways, either fight or flight. We may be tempted, first of all, to go in like the proverbial "bull in a china shop", or with "all guns blazing" and to have an angry confrontation. Secondly we can be tempted to take flight, to ignore the situation and avoid confrontation or challenge. Scripture tells us that our anger does not produce God's righteousness (James 1:20). Today Scripture is telling us that avoidance is no solution either. We have a duty to warn people about the consequences of their bad behaviour. The duty becomes even more urgent when other people are being endangered or damaged. We must at least try even if we have no guarantee our words will be heeded. A lot will depend on how we approach the other person. Here we need the gifts of patience, understanding, wisdom and love. These gifts will come through humility, prayer and openness to the Holy Spirit.

Let us look more closely at the Gospel. First, from the context and from earlier verses of the passage it is beyond doubt that Jesus is addressing all the disciples. It is also clear from the illustration that the matter is serious. In classical catholic terminology we are dealing with grave matter, potentially mortally sinful. It is very important to recognise this.

In Matthew's Gospel three opportunities for reconciliation are proposed. Each one has the purpose of trying to welcome back the erring person and to help them let go of the sinful behaviour. This means we have to approach people with the right attitudes. Anger, judgement, rejection, humiliation will tend to drive people away and could make matters worse.

Notice the gentle process of reconciliation, first it is one to one, in private. This is damage limitation, preserving the good name of the person, keeping things low-key. It is trying to "nip the problem in the bud". If this doesn't work bring in two or three trusted people. Again it is being careful not to over-react. Finally if this fails then the matter should be reported to the community but still with a view to healing and reconciliation. Only as a last resort should a person be expelled from the community. Even this extreme measure is for a salutary purpose, as St Paul indicated in his letter to the Christians at Corinth, (1 Cor 5:5).

If this attempt at reconciliation is not done in a spirit of compassion then the community could be sinning just as seriously as the offender. Notice too, that the power of binding & loosing is given to everyone, especially where two or three are in agreement. Individual decisions have to be made individually, family decisions within the family etc. Jesus is giving everyone authority at their level. God is ready to respect our decisions, it is up to us to make sure those decisions are in harmony with God's love. (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, Trudy King, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Sarah Mc Cann, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, Marta Pugsley, Jane Roberts, Ruth Rowan, Jim Ross, Norma Rudd, Cath Smith, Susan Soutter, Emmie Walker, George Watson, Francesca Wells.
(If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Linda via the Parish office)



THE FUNERAL for Lily Ricketts will be at the West Chapel, Southampton Crematorium, tomorrow, Monday 8th September at 1.45pm.



SAD NEWS It is with great sadness that I have to announce the death of James Barnard, husband of Jill, who passed away recently. His funeral service will be at St Michael's at 1.30pm on Wednesday 17th September. May he rest in peace.



SAD NEWS It is with great sadness that I have to announce the death of Brenda Bowen, mother of Angela Slattery, who passed away on Sunday. May she rest in peace. Brenda's funeral will be at St Bernard's church on Friday 3rd October. Time to be confirmed.



RED BOX COLLECTORS the Autumn edition of *Mission Today* magazine is in the office awaiting collection.



PETITION I have received a petition from the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child.: "*Petition to the Secretary of State for Health*" calling for doctors to be prevented from misleading women in "*authorising abortions on invalid mental health grounds*" The petition will be in the porch. Please support. Thank you. (Louise Blacker)

CAFOD PARISH GROUP Next meeting is on Tuesday 16 September at 7.30 PM at 46 Kings Ride, Langley.
 All very welcome. For any information call Louise on 02380 898213



CHANGE TO WEEKDAY MASSES this week:
 Mass will be on Thursday 11th September and Saturday 13th September.
NO MASS FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER.



OUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE is only 90days away from today!! To avoid inundating you with requests nearer the date we are going to specify different things each month. This month we would like: **Raffle prizes. & Craft items** If you have any prizes for the main raffle please take them to the parish shop: Faith Hope & Charity, or leave them at the back of the church for collection. Please mark them 'Parish raffle'.
 If you can make or buy anything which can be sold on the Craft stall for the Fayre, please see Tina Bowler or ring the parish office. Thank you!

FAIR TRADE LUNCH BOX Our children are back at school this week, and many class teachers are promoting the need to pack healthy snacks as opposed to biscuits and crisps. Take the opportunity to pack Fair Trade fruit and cereal bars, not only with the aim of helping third world producers, but with the aim of educating your child.

CATHOLIC GAP YEAR If you are planning to take a year out before work or further study, you don't always need to travel thousands of miles to find a worthwhile project where you can use your talents and serve in a Church-based environment. On 'Catholic Gap' www.catholicgapyear.com



The Pope Tweets: @Pontifex *God's love is unbounded: it has no limits!*



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER There are about a billion persons with disabilities in the whole world, 80% of whom live in developing countries. In general, and more or less everywhere, the mentally disabled suffer discrimination of all kinds: from the right to be born -if there are already signs of the illness in the pre-natal examination, to abandonment of any kind of assistance -especially if they come to lose their family, to becoming objects of contempt, derision, and mockery. The Pope reminds us that there is something really great that we can do for them. Pray! We are asked to join in Pope Francis' prayer intention for September "*That the mentally disabled may receive the love and help they need for a dignified life.*"



RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY Next Sunday, 14 September, the Catholic Church in England and Wales celebrates Racial Justice Sunday. It is a day on which all Christians are called to earnestly pray for an end to racism and racial inequality. The theme for 2014 is 'Combating Human Trafficking'. The Church is committed to supporting vulnerable and marginalised people and the Bishops' Conference's Office for Migration Policy takes the lead in our work to address the horrors of this modern-day form of slavery. **There will be a special collection next week.**

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

Racial Justice 14th September (Voluntary)
 CASE : Catholic Agency to support Evangelisation 21st September (Voluntary)
 The Cathedral 28th September (Obligatory)

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- + Those struggling to come to terms with a bereavement or illness.
- + For the Christians being persecuted in Iraq
- + For those suffering as a result of conflicts around the world.
- + For those suffering with the Ebola virus and for those medical staff who are treating them.
- + All those celebrating Wedding Anniversaries especially Ray & Pauline Moore: Wedding Anniversary (9th), Mike & Mary Newland Golden Wedding Anniversary (was 22nd August but they were on holiday at that time)
- + Flo Warrilow RIP Birthday Anniversary (9th)
- + Our Parish CAFOD group

WHAT'S ON

CRAFT OPEN HOUSE: Gill Sprinks offers an Open House on Saturday, 13th September from 12noon until 4pm at 6, Noel Close, Brockenhurst. Here you can enjoy buying home-made jewellery and other handicrafts that include hand and face creams, cards, jams and chutneys. While you are there, you might choose to enjoy tea or coffee with cake as well as a head and shoulder massage. All proceeds will go to Cancer Research, so do come and support this well worthwhile charity.

CAFOD PORTSMOUTH SUPPORTERS' MEETING CAFOD Portsmouth will be holding a meeting for all supporters on Saturday 13 September from 10am until 1.30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School (Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX). **To book a place** please ring 01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk **by tomorrow : 8 September.**

SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND: This annual Catholic Charismatic conference takes place 27 & 28 September 2014 at St Mary's College, Bitterne Park. The theme is "*Jesus, the hope of all the world*". Speakers this year are Charles & Sue Whitehead, David Matthews and John Vaughan-Neil. There will be workshops, plus children's streams and crèche. Praise and worship, with Mass every day. **Book now** for this popular, joyful and spirit-filled celebration where all are welcome: young and old, singles and families. Details from website: www.celebrateconference.org or from Lynda & Peter Szymanski: 023 8029 2058 or from Frank & Angela Capocci: 023 8077 2868.

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