

The Messenger

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

7th October 2012

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B (Psalter Wk.3)

9.00am Mass at St Bernards
11.00am Mass at St Michaels
6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

Mon 8th No Service (*Liturgy: 27th Week of Ordinary Time*)

Tues 9th No Service (*Liturgy: 27th Week of Ordinary Time*)
(Fr David at Funeral of Fr Danny Burns RIP)

Wed 10th *10.00am Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst*
(Liturgy: - 27th Week of Ordinary Time)

Thurs 11th *10.00am Mass at Our Lady's, Lyndhurst*
(Liturgy: - 27th Week of Ordinary Time)

Fri 12th No Service (*Liturgy: - 27th Week of Ordinary Time*)

Sat 13th 10.00am SM Mass then Reconciliation until 11am
(Liturgy: Our Lady on Saturday)

Sun 14th 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00am Mass at St Bernards
11.00am Mass at St Michaels
3.00pm at St Bernards
Year of Faith Opening Liturgy
Holy Hour with Benediction
6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

Mass Intentions: For this week: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Bishop Philip Egan, Fr Danny Burns RIP, William Farrelly RIP, Edward Grolusky RIP, Margaret Jones RIP Anniv, Raoul Menoscal RIP Anniv, Nancy Reay RIP, Cora Simpson RIP Anniv, Eileen West RIP Anniv,

For the week beginning 14th Oct: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Bishop Philip Egan, All those who work in the Parish Shop, Anthea Hayward RIP Anniv, William Hopper RIP Anniv, Georg Turuta RIP

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

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New Forest East Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

St Theresa, Totton - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am
 Geo House (Ashurst) - Sun 9am
 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

PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

to be read in all churches and chapels of the Diocese of Portsmouth on 7th October 2012, the Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year

THE YEAR OF FAITH

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to you about something special that begins this coming Thursday, 11th October. But first, I wish to express my gratitude to you, for the truly warm welcome that you have given me as your new bishop. The religious splendour and awe of the Ordination Mass, in the Cathedral on 24th September, the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham, is still very fresh in my heart and mind. I thank you profoundly for all the Masses, sacrifices and prayers, that you have offered for my intentions, as I begin my apostolic ministry as the Eighth Bishop of Portsmouth. On all our behalf, I thank dear Bishop Crispian and I ask you to pray for him, as he enters his well-deserved retirement, after twenty-three years of generous service, as our teacher, priest and pastor. As your new bishop, I am conscious of the deep tradition of faith that has existed in this Diocese of Portsmouth with its saints and martyrs. I am also conscious of many hopes and expectations for the future. This is why I have chosen for my motto *In Corde Iesu*, In the Heart of Jesus. I want to remind everyone, that it is Him alone we serve. Jesus is our Lord and Master, and it is from his Heart that over the weeks and months to come, we wish confidently to draw the love, strength and creativity we need, to face the challenges ahead, assisted by the prayers of the Immaculate Virgin Mary and of St. Edmund of Abingdon.

Now this Thursday, 11th October, Pope Benedict is going to inaugurate a Year of Faith and this Year of Faith, with the new evangelisation it occasions, will be absolutely central to everything we do, as a diocese, in 2013. The Holy Father has chosen this Thursday because it is the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council in 1962, which Good Pope John called, in order to safeguard the truths of faith and to present them in a manner more accessible to people today. The 11th October is also the 20th anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, promulgated by Blessed John Paul II, as a sure and authentic reference-text for teaching and preaching. Faith is truly today's issue: belief in God, the purpose of existence, what happens when we die, the meaning and moral value of human life, the role of religion in a secular and pluralist culture, the relationship of faith and science, and the difference that being Catholic makes. The Year of Faith will raise all of these issues, and many more besides.

Let me say a word about Faith. Faith is a most precious gift from God, the doorway to eternal happiness. It is the movement of the Holy Spirit in our heart, opening the eyes of our mind, and inviting us to accept and believe the Truth God has revealed to us, as proposed by the Church. We use the word 'faith' in two ways: as both an objective reality ('The Faith'), meaning the mighty deeds God has done for us and the saving truths and doctrines he has revealed, and also as a subjective response ('Our Faith'), the human act, by which we love God in return, choosing to follow his ways and to believe him. The Year of Faith will focus on faith in both senses of the word.

First, 'The Faith,' what God has revealed: some suggestions. It would be good for all of us, priests and people, to attempt this year a systematic study of the Creed and the Catechism, receiving and learning the doctrines expressed therein, and then exploring their meaning and value for our lives today. It would be good if every church had a small bookstall with leaflets about aspects of the Catholic faith and its practice, and that we all made use of it. It would also be good, in parish newsletters, to draw attention to helpful websites and other resources. The diocesan Department for Pastoral Formation has proposed some splendid ideas in a helpful leaflet. Moreover, I will be sending to our priests and deacons, a 'Preachers Guide,' with suggestions for weekly homily notes, brief catecheses and questions for discussion-groups, together with a plan for the daily study of the Catechism.

Secondly, my faith as a response to Christ and his Church. It would be good this year, for our parishes and communities to help everyone deepen their faith, by arranging periods of Eucharistic Adoration, and advertising times when the church is open for visits to the Blessed Sacrament. It would be good too for our schools to pray the Angelus at midday, recalling Mary's response of faith and to encourage staff and students to say the 'Apostles Creed,' as on the Year of Faith bookmarks. Moreover, as individuals and as communities, we should also try to make our faith more public, that is, to give witness. For example, why not wear a crucifix or a religious symbol? Or invite a non-practicing friend to accompany you to Mass? Or make the Sign of the Cross, when you are out for a meal, and say 'grace' as a family? Why not install a rosary or devotional item in your car? Why not say 'Thank God,' when someone tells you good news or 'Please God,' when they tell you their hopes and aspirations? I am sure many of you do some of these things already.

In thinking about the Year of Faith, as with everything else we do, it is important to remember that we are never saved by a programme or a structure, but only by a Person, Jesus Christ, and, as his disciple, by a personal-passionate friendship with him. The Year of Faith will be a wonderful opportunity for us all to draw closer to him, to know our faith better, and to deepen its meaning and expression in our lives. Over the next twelve months, I will write again about the Year of Faith, taking as a theme, the articles of the Creed. But meanwhile, in Mass today, as we listen to God's Word and offer the Sacrifice of Christ, let us pray that this Year of Faith will lead us all to a real, life-changing encounter with Jesus, and so to receive the eternal life, love and happiness streaming from his Heart.

In Corde Iesu, + Philip Bishop of Portsmouth

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Amanda Bowden, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Betty Marek, Judith Morrison, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Pauline Sharpley, Jason Singleton, Ronald Stevens. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

PRAYER POTTERY: the next meeting will be on Tuesday, 30th October at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Michael's.

SECOND COLLECTION on Sunday, 7th October. will be for CAFOD. Please use the special envelopes supplied by CAFOD & fill in your details if you can gift aid your donation. We will take the collection before we finish Mass.

VIDEO OF BISHOP PHILIP'S ORDINATION: This and the Solemn Celebration of Evening Prayer are available to view on the Diocesan website (www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

MASS COUNTS DURING OCTOBER: As required by the Diocese Mass counts will be taken on the first four Sundays of October.

*****YEAR OF FAITH*****

WHAT ARE WE INVITED TO DO DURING THE YEAR OF FAITH? Pope Benedict asks that we reflect on what our faith actually means for us, and how we make it our own. He reminds us that faith is something we profess (e.g. in the Creed), we celebrate (in the liturgy, especially the Eucharist), we live out (through the witness of our lives) and we pray (individually and as a community). "We want this Year to arouse in every believer the aspiration to *profess* the faith in fullness and with renewed conviction, with confidence and hope." The Pope asks us to rediscover and study the content of our faith, for example through deepening our knowledge and understanding of the documents of Vatican II and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. What is presented in the *Catechism* is the encounter with Jesus Christ which is the heart of our faith.

SPECIAL SERVICE TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR OF FAITH: This will be held at **St Bernard's Church, next Sunday, 14th October at 3pm**. As suggested by the Diocese it will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reflections & Benediction.

EXPLORE YOUR FAITH: At Geo House (St Joseph's, Ashurst) **on the first Saturday of each month from September 2012 onwards**—inspired by the naming of 2013 as the 'Year of Faith' by the Holy Father Pope Benedict, we will be launching our 'Explore your faith days.

Starting at 10am with Mass the day includes prayer, music, talks and sharing. Bring a packed lunch. Refreshments available.

November 3rd Alice Hall—Sion Community

December 1st Geoff & Gina Poulter—Catholic Bible School

ADVENT RETREAT (at Geo House, St Joseph's, Ashurst). We are very fortunate to have Fr James McCafferey OCD to lead our Advent Retreat. 7th– 9th December 2012 Theme: 'Prayer in the Gospels and prayer in our everyday lives' Book now on reception@geohouse.org.uk or 023 8029 2337

SPONSORED RUNS FOR CAFOD: David McElhenny has volunteered to run the Clarendon Marathon between Salisbury and Winchester on Sunday, 7th October to raise money for CAFOD. It is a demanding off-road route but David is determined to complete the 26 mile course. Please support him and CAFOD by sponsoring his run. Sponsorship forms are in the porch. Please indicate if you are able to gift aid your donation.

Catherine Smith will be running for CAFOD in the Great South Run on Sunday, 28th October. We hope to have sponsorship forms for her this Sunday. And **Oscar** will be running again this year in the CAFOD mini-run on Saturday, 27th October 7 he will be grateful for sponsors too!

OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY, Friday, 12th October at 9.30am & 1.30pm. The school welcomes all prospective parents for a guided tour around the school and the opportunity to talk to the Headteacher. Please attend if your child was born between 1st September 2008 and 31st August 2009 and they are due to start school in the school year beginning September 2013. Address; Ramley Rd, Pennington, Lymington SO41 8GY, Tel: 01590-672711, Website: www.ourladyst-joseph.hants.sch.uk

OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL in Lymington are in the process of changing the library and reading facilities to make them more inviting for the children. They are looking for some **good quality cuddly toys (particularly jungle animals)** to make these areas homely. If you or anyone you know have any spare, good quality cuddly toys that are no longer needed then they would be grateful for donations.

****Also, Class 2 is developing their role play corner. If your children have any **old role play costumes** they no longer want, such as police officer/ fire fighter outfits/helmets, they would be very grateful for any donations. ****Classes 2 and 4 both **need recycled materials** such as boxes, tubes and other junk modelling equipment for their topics and would be grateful for any donations.

****They are also responding to the **shoebbox appeal**. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. If you have any empty shoeboxes please hand them in. If you would like to make up a shoebox for the appeal there will be a leaflet at the back of the church.

****Finally, they also have sewing club so **any sewing materials & accessories** would be gratefully received. If you can help with any of the above ,please hand them in to Angel house and Linda will get them to the school. Thank you.

EVENING OF JAZZ, the **NINTH** at Waterside Catholic Parish, will take place on Saturday evening 27th October next, in St Bernard's Hall from 7.30 p.m. Tickets are as last years price of **£6.00 ea.** (Michael's wife, Valerie, has made a very good job of printing them!)

Bring a plate of food to share. NO bar because from experience this complicate things . Bring your own liquid refreshments on the night. **PLEASE PLEASE.** Something for Raffle prizes. This seems at times as hard as selling tickets. This could be Mike's last Jazz evening, (we hope not!)



Forthcoming event: **Quiz Night** A quiz night to be held on Saturday 24th November. St Bernard's hall. 7pm start, tickets £4. **Meat Raffle Tickets** on sale from this Sunday and the draw for a £20 voucher will be after 11am Mass on Sunday 28th October. There will be another raffle to be drawn 25th November. All proceeds towards Senior Citizens Christmas lunch.



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