

The Messenger

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

Pentecost Sunday 8th June.

Year A , Weekdays Yr 2; Psalter week 2

9.00am Mass at SB

11.00am Mass at SM

Mon 9th June Funeral Mary-Anne Cotton 1.30pm SB
(St Columba, Abbot)

Tuesday 10th June No Service

Wed 11th June Reception of body Georges Raffray 4.30pm SB
(St Barnabas, Apostle)

Thurs 12th June Funeral Georges Raffray 1pm SB

Friday 13th June Mass 10am SM

(St Anthony of Padua, Religious, Doctor of the Church))

Saturday 14th June Mass 10 am SM

Sacrament of Reconciliation straight after Mass today

The Most Holy Trinity 15th June

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's

11.00am Mass at St Michael's

Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 8th June

Anniversaries this week: Bert Smith (11th)

Those who have died recently: Mary-Anne Cotton, Val Fontana, George Raffray

Other Intentions: For the good estate of Rev Steven Bowler, Rev Bill O'Connell & Rev Ian Tobin (F/M), Mary King (Health), Georges Raffray (R.I.P.), 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)

Parish priest : Rev Innaiah Maddineni : 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 Marcín 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

HEARING GOD IN OUR OWN LANGUAGE

For Luke, the writer of the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel, Pentecost is the great empowerment of the disciples of Jesus. They had been discouraged by Jesus death, mysteriously enlivened by the resurrection experiences of Jesus but they were still afraid and unsure of their next move.

So they were altogether, women, men, apostles, disciples - and Jesus' mother was there too. They were praying for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Amazingly, just as was prophesied by the prophet Joel, the Holy Spirit comes down on all of them, with wind & tongues of flame. They are given courage and boldness to openly praise God for all God's wonderful works. And all those who heard it were amazed that they could hear the praises of God in their own language.

So, irrespective of gender and status, the great gift of the Holy Spirit is given to everyone, male & female, slave or free person. The praises of God are declared in the different languages of the hearers. They didn't have to listen to it in Hebrew or get a translator.

So the Holy Spirit was overcoming divisions, prejudices, statuses and empowering everyone male or female, young or old. The Holy Spirit was establishing the democracy of the Spirit. In harmony with Jesus' own teaching the Spirit does away with selfish ambition, status, power, privilege. The Holy Spirit does away with special clothing and any other obsession with appearances or trivial things. The Holy Spirit makes known to everyone that God is with us in all our situations. We don't have to be in any particular places, or say any particular words, or use any particular style of language. We don't have to try to reach up to God, or try to make ourselves acceptable to God. We don't have to change God's mind or persuade God to be good to us. God has already done all this for us in Jesus. God is now Emmanuel, God With Us. In Christ we become his Body & Blood and God is present with us in the ordinary things and situations of every day.

The Holy Spirit gathers the community together where all are brothers and sisters. No one sets themselves up as the only Teacher or Master, because Christ is the Teacher. No one allows themselves to be called Father and the others do not allow anyone to dictate or dominate the group because they have only one Father, in heaven. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit the followers of Jesus learn from the gentleness and humility of Jesus. They allow themselves to be changed and become as children, not silly, naïve and irresponsible, but spontaneous, grateful, non-judgemental, trusting, believing, & benevolent. The Spirit teaches them to love and serve one another with joy and graciousness. The Spirit teaches them that they are all one. So there is no need for competition, jealousy or envy. Everyone has an equal value in God's eyes and everyone has some role they can fulfil which helps the community. No one is better than anyone else.

The Holy Spirit teaches everyone that they are on a spiritual growth journey. The Spirit is leading them into the fuller truth. They will come to know other "sheep" that Jesus has that don't come from the same culture or religious tradition. The followers of Jesus will listen to them, share with them and learn from them. They will admire and respect the work that God has done in gathering all these different groups in different parts of the world.

The Holy Spirit will dwell in the hearts of all, leading them on a spiritual journey of prayer. On this journey it doesn't matter about words, because the Spirit will pray in ways that are beyond words. The prayer of the "little ones who have faith" will be primarily thanksgiving and praise. They will praise God for all the wonders of the creation. They will thank God for all the greatness of God's compassion, mercy and goodness revealed in Jesus.

They will delight in all the marvellous things they can do, in all the gifts and talents they have, in the many ways they can be kind, loving, caring and life-giving. They will recognise also limitations, weaknesses, faults and failings. But because they have complete trust in God's love they do not waste energy on self-condemnation, guilt or anxiety. They do not allow themselves to be paralysed by discouragement. Instead, taking responsibility for themselves and for those in need they take positive action and do all they can to make things better for everyone. (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, Mervyn Francis, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Mary King, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Leanne Martin, 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, Mike Woolf

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



CONGRATULATIONS to Tony O Connell.

Last Sunday Fr David presented Tony with the Benemerenti medal on behalf of Pope Francis, with congratulations and prayers from Bishop Philip.

The Benemerenti medal is one of the highest honours which can be bestowed on a lay person in the Catholic

Church.

Tony received the Benemerenti medal for outstanding service to the parish, the Catenians and to Our Lady & St Joseph Primary school which was originally in the church grounds in Lymington.

Tony became an altar server at the age of 7 at Sacred heart church, Ruislip where he served for 13 years.

After living and working in Newbury and Swindon the family settled in Hythe in the late 60's, as Tony had a new job in Marchwood. Tony volunteered his services to Waterside Catholic parish and before long was serving on the altar. He progressed to Sacristan and MC and became the right hand man and great support to the parish priests- gently reminding them if they left anything out of a service!

Tony served the Catholic community of Waterside for 46 years and only stopped when he went through a bout of ill health. Even then he carried on his duties in an Advisory capacity! Tony has been a member of the Parish Pastoral Council, a member of the finance committee and, as the Health & safety rep, kept an eye on the Church buildings, making sure they were kept in good condition.

Tony joined the Catenians in 1977.

He was President of the Circle from 1983-84 and again in 2001-2002.

He was Executive office on the Council for over 17 years.

He held the office of Provincial for over 15 years.

Tony served on the governing body at Our Lady & St Joseph Primary school for 16 years. During this time he served as Chair of Governors for several years.

He was also Chair of the Finance Committee.

As Chair of Governors he masterminded the move to the new school building at Pennington, which was not an easy task as there were many difficult problems associated with it, and spent many, many hours after the move dealing with the problems which inevitably arise with a new building.

Tony's happy disposition, his love for his family and friends and great love for and service to the Church, the clergy and its people have rightly earned him this great award.

The Benemerenti is a medal instituted by Pope Gregory XVI in 1832, and is conferred on those who have exhibited long and exceptional service to the Catholic church, their families and community.

The word 'Benemerenti', which means 'to a well deserving person', is on the back of the medal surrounded by a crown of oak leaves. The ribbon is made of Papal colours, yellow and white.

Tony, on behalf of all parishioners past and present, many congratulations on this award given to a truly 'well deserving person'. We are all very proud of you!

(We couldn't put this in last week's newsletter as Fr David wanted to keep it as a surprise for Tony.)



The Pope Tweets: @Pontifex *Come, Holy Spirit! Help us to overcome our selfishness*

COLLECTIONS FOR JUNE



TODAY FLOWER COLLECTION The collection for church flowers should have been in Lent, but there were so many requests for money in Lent that we moved the collection to 8th June. I'm sure you'll agree that the flowers always look marvellous at both churches, so I hope you'll be able to support the flower arrangers on this occasion.

THANK YOU to the flower arrangers from St Bernard's & St Michael's for giving their time so generously to produce such lovely displays in both churches all year round. (Fr David)



29th June PETER'S PENCE (Obligatory) These offerings, taken near to the Feast of St Peter and St Paul, are sent to the Holy Father as a token of England's traditional devotion to the Successor of St Peter.



WORLD COMMUNICATIONS The total collected last week for World Communications was £171.55p. Thank you.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- + The flower arrangers of St Bernard's & St Michael's.
- + Those struggling to come to terms with a bereavement.
- + Pope Francis and his desire for peace in the Holy Land.
- + The First Holy Communion Candidates: Leon Carbayo-Borges, Carlos Carbayo-Borges & Caitlin Cross as they continue to Prepare for their First Holy Communion, which will be on 22nd June, 9am Mass at St Bernard's church.
- + Baby Dylan Guilding (Birthday 15th June)
- + The family of Val Fontana, our Diocesan Archivist, who died recently.

LOOKING AFTER ONE ANOTHER Do you know the people who sit next to you each week at Mass? If not, why not introduce yourself?

Have you noticed that someone who usually sits near you at Mass hasn't been there for a while? If so, please alert Deacons Ian or Steve and they will follow it up. We had a situation recently of someone who was ill and hadn't been to Mass for several weeks. They were desperate for a visit, but no one knew they were ill. We need to look out for one another.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Father David, Deacons Steve & Ian, members of the PPC and Linda for organising the Bene Merenti medal which I received on Sunday. It was a wonderful surprise.

To Kirsty Richards, Headteacher of Our Lady & St Joseph Primary school and Pamela Keane, school governor. To the many Catenians from the New Forest Circle, especially Adrian Koehorst- Provincial President, and Nick Coghlan-New Forest Circle President. To my family and all the parishioners who attended -thank you all so much for being there and for making a special event so memorable. Last, but in no means least, thank you to my wonderful wife Irene, who I now know can keep a secret!! I feel truly blessed. (Tony O'Connell)

WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA

SUMMER FETE St Anne's, Brockenhurst, Saturday 14th June.

'EXPLORING THE LABYRINTH' with Jan Sellers – on Saturday 14th June, 10 - 4pm, at Wisdom House, Romsey. For details: Tel: 01794 830206 or E-mail: reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk

NSPCC "OPEN GARDEN": 2pm to 5pm at Moore Blatch, 48 High Street, Lymington on 15th June (Father's Day). Beautiful walled garden. Refreshments available. £3.50 adults. Children free. All proceeds to NSPCC.



BRAVE DAVE KING is being brave again! He will be tackling the Ben Nevis Midnight Challenge on July 5th with his daughter Christina and they will be raising funds for the Alzheimer's Society.

If anybody is interested in sponsoring Brave Dave for this very worthy cause please visit his Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/David-King30> or see Dave or Mary King after Mass.

APF COLLECTORS : Your magazines are in the office.



WELCOME TO Elizabeth Ann Nickless who will be baptised at 12noon, 15th June at SM.