

The Messenger

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

8th July 2012

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B (Psalter Wk.2)

Sun 8 th	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst
Mon 9 th	No Service (Liturgy: 14th Week of Ordinary Time)
Tues 10 th	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: 14th Week of Ordinary Time)
Wed 11 th	10.00am - Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst (Liturgy: Feast, St Benedict, Patron of Europe)
Thurs 12 th	10.00am - Mass at Our Ladys, Lyndhurst (Liturgy: 14th Week of Ordinary Time)
Fri 13 th	No Service (Liturgy: 14th Week of Ordinary Time)
Sat 14 th	10.00am SM Mass followed by Reconciliation until 11.00am (Liturgy: 14th Week of Ordinary Time)
Sun 15 th	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 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, Guidance for choice of new Bishop, For all who work at Sea & the Apostleship of the Sea, Dominic O'Brien (Health), Herbert Sans RIP Anniv, Eric Evans RIP Anniv F/M

For the week beginning 15th July: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Steve & Tina Bowler (Wedding Anniv), Steve Bowler (B'day), Leslie Adams-Auger RIP Anniv, Joy Prestage RIP Anniv.

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

CONTENT WITH WEAKNESS

Mark summarises the reaction of the Nazareth community to their fellow citizen: "And they would not accept him." For them, the sheer ordinariness of Jesus cancels out his new wisdom and works. Nothing kills like frozen familiarity. How does Jesus react to the locals? He says to them: A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house.

This is a hard saying. The other evangelists soften it saying, "No prophet is accepted in his own country." In Mark's version Jesus is rejected by his own relations and by those in his own house. Mark has already told us that Jesus' relatives believe him to be out of his mind (3:21): now the rejection seems to be complete.

Jesus' experience of rejection in Nazareth renders him powerless to do any miracle among his own people. This is an extraordinary statement about the human Jesus: people's lack of trust limits his ministry. Jesus is profoundly affected by the way people react to him. He is not a robot, programmed for flawless performance, indifferent to all responses. Distrust disables him. So he moves elsewhere, refusing to be enslaved by his failure to reach his own people. And he never returns to Nazareth again.

By coping with discouragement and failure, Jesus points beyond himself to the power of the Father. The cross of Jesus becomes the most striking symbol of weakness pointing beyond itself, beyond the brokenness of Jesus to the glory of the resurrection. New life emerges out of dereliction. This theme, so constant in the writing of Paul, is applied by the apostle to his own life. Paul shares a very personal experience. He has come to learn that his own weaknesses are not a problem for God, as if God has no truck with poor achievers. Paul's human limitations, which refuse to go away, not only force him to be more realistic about himself, they also force him to change his image of God. Paul discovers through his own handicap that God's grace does work through human frailty: "So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am content with my weaknesses...For it is when I am weak that I am strong."

Being content with our weaknesses is not an attitude that comes easy to most of us, educated to be content with nothing less than perfection. We might still suspect that God disassociates himself from those who are beaten down by their own limitations; but, like Paul, we have to learn that God isn't like that. Failure and human weakness give God immense scope to act out his own purposes.

Nazareth was the beginning of a new road for Jesus. Paul's thorn in the flesh was the occasion for a whole new way of looking at God and at himself. And we know from experience that when we admit our failures and limitations, that exercise in honesty can mark the beginning of a new understanding. If God can take failure in his stride, we might even end up boasting about God's fantastic style!
(From Seasons of the Word by Denis McBride)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Amanda Bowden, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Sheila Godwin, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Lyndsey Keggins, Gillian Plummer, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Jason Singleton, Ronald Stevens, Anne Wyatt. (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, 31st July at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Michael's. The prayer time is led by Christine Olden and comprises of music, quiet time & readings. All are welcome

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: We now have three children being prepared for their 1st Holy Communion. They are Laura Libakaite, George Lovelock & Rebecca Mitchell. They are being prepared by their parents. The 1st Holy Communion celebration will take place at St Bernard's on Sunday, 29th July at 9.00am. We will keep them & their parents in our prayers over the next few weeks.

PROGRAMME FOR ST JOSEPH'S, (GEO HOUSE)

ASHURST: Copies of the new programme are available in the church porches.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: This Sunday, 8th July there an obligatory 2nd Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea. This is a contribution from the local churches to help provide port chaplains & pastoral ministry to seafarers who visit our ports.

PLANT SALE UPDATE: Veronica says that an extra £40 worth of plant sales brought the total proceeds to over £900. Well done, again & thanks for on-going efforts by Veronica.

URGENT APPEAL - WATERSIDE FOOD BANK: Demand has been great over the last few months and especially this week because of the RBS banking crisis. I am so grateful to the members of The Waterside Catholic Parish for your regular & continued support, but was wondering if you would be able to make a special appeal for particular food items that we are running short of. The most urgent are: 1 litre cartons of UHT milk; Tins of powdered milk; Coffee; Rice pudding; Sugar; Instant mash potato; Tins of tomatoes. (from Jan Hayter - co-ordinator - Waterside Food Bank)

LIVING OUR FAITH: The latest newsletter from the Diocese is now available. It details how the funds are being allocated etc. A copy has been put on the church notice-boards. It is also available on the parish website.

THE YEAR OF FAITH: (Oct 2012 - Nov 2013). This was announced by Pope Benedict last year. It is an invitation to every Catholic to re-discover the riches of their faith. "The Year of Faith will have to see a concerted effort to rediscover and study the fundamental content of the faith"; "if we interpret it (the 2nd Vatican Council) guided by a right hermeneutic, it can be and can become increasingly powerful for the ever necessary renewal of the Church"; "In order to arrive at a systematic knowledge of the content of the faith, all can find in the Catechism of the Catholic Church a precious and indispensable tool" (Extracts from *Porta Fidei*)
Materials and national events are being prepared by the Bishops of England and Wales.

Our own Diocese is preparing a booklet to guide us through the year and offer suggestions as to how we might respond. See also the Geo House / St Joseph's, Ashurst programme which has a number of "faith days" planned.

MESSAGE FROM CAFOD - PORTSMOUTH

Following the exceptional response of the Catholic community to our Lent Appeal I would like to thank you all. The total for the Lent Appeal is now in excess of £9 million (before we receive UK Aid Match Funding from the Government). We had been planning a £2m programme to ensure the provision of safe water for thousands of people. We are now significantly scaling up that programme which means that many thousands more people currently in dire need will be provided with sustainable water resources for the long term. This will have a huge and transforming impact on their lives. We will provide updates on progress in future issues of the Cafod magazine (Side by Side) and on our website.

CAKES FOR CAFOD: To raise funds for our parish's 'Connect2Rwanda' link, cakes will be on sale and information on display after both Masses on Sunday 15th July. We need tasty contributions - both baked and bought!

BOOKS URGENTLY NEEDED: The parish shop, *Faith, Hope & Charity* needs re-stocking with novels. So have a browse of your bookshelves and see what you can pass on. A lot of their stock was bought up by someone supplying the cruise ships

PARISHIONER ANNA HAYES is very proud of her granddaughter, Colette, chosen to be an Olympic torch bearer in Portsmouth.

Colette Hayes, aged 18, from Fawley, is thrilled to have been chosen as one of the Olympic torchbearers. She is looking forward to the momentous event, on July 15, when family and friends, former teachers and her coaches will turn out in force to cheer her on the streets of Portsmouth. Colette was delighted when she found out she was to carry the torch and says her family - parents Tom and Lisa, sisters Nikki and Katie, and many of the family's foster children - are "really proud." The former Hardley School pupil, who is now studying PE teaching at University College of Plymouth St Mark and St John, was named Young Volunteer of the Year at the British Gymnastics National Awards last year. She is now on the committee of the British Gymnastics Advisory Panel and travels across Britain to gymnastics events. Until she started university, Colette worked from the age of 14 coaching local youngsters at the Gang Warily Gymnastics Club, Hardley School gym club, Starlight Trampoline and Gymnastics Club, Horizon Team Gym Club and Waterside Gymnastics Club. She also worked at the New Forest charity, Honeypot, uk for a number of years.

FROM THE DEPT FOR PASTORAL FORMATION:

ACORN LISTENING DAYS:

Saturday 22nd September – Cathedral Discovery Centre, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth, Hants.

Listening for Life Wednesday 19th & Wednesday 26th September & Saturday 6th October 2012

Led by Acorn Christian Healing Foundation (Participants need to be able to attend all sessions) Booking is essential

Called to a Noble Adventure Saturday 20th October 2012

A Day for Youth Leaders to engage with the new National Vision for Youth Ministry.

For further information on any of the above please contact the Dept of Pastoral Formation on 01329-835583 or visit the Diocesan website & follow the links.

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