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*For St Bernard &  
St Michael's churches*

**8th NOVEMBER  
2009 Year B  
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**St Michael's Church**

Langdown Lawn

Hythe SO45 5GR

**St Bernard's Church**

Southbourne Avenue,

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### PARISH SERVICES

#### HOLY SOULS / REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Sun	8	9 am	SB	Mass: <b>Holy Souls / Remembrance Sunday</b>
		11 am	SM	Mass: <b>Holy Souls / Remembrance Sunday</b>
Tue	10	10 am	SM	Mass: <b>St Leo the Great</b>
Wed	11	7.30 pm	SM	Evening Prayer & Mass: <b>St Martin of Tours</b>
Thur	12	10 am	LT	Mass at Lyndhurst: <b>St Josaphat</b>
Sat	14	10 am	SM	Mass: <b>Our Lady on Saturday</b> followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation (until 11.30 am)

#### THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sun	15	9 am	SB	Mass: <b>Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>
		11 am	SM	Mass: <b>Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>

## PRAYER ON REMEMBRANCE DAY

War is never a good thing. In some extreme situations it may, perhaps be a necessary evil. But as the truth is difficult to attain and motives so mixed and suspect that necessity is hard to discern clearly. War invariably creates as many problems as it tries to solve, if not more. We can never celebrate it or glory in it. It always represents a failure of the ideal, which is peaceful coexistence. Both innocent and guilty are swept up in its turmoil and become victims. Bodies are broken, scarred and maimed, souls are numbed and traumatised and spirits soar either to heights of self-sacrifice and courage or sink to depths of dark, demonic brutality.

As the situation in Afghanistan continues to fester our patient, persistent prayer must be for a peaceful resolution. If we think the policy should be different then we should lobby our MPs. We can ask God to give us strength and courage in the struggle for peace. But we cannot ask God to do the things we should be doing ourselves! Evil triumphs when people do nothing and let it triumph. The best tribute we can give to those who lost their lives in war is to do all in our power to stop war happening again. That means building a world on principles of respect, fairness, equality and freedom. Such a world will not come about without struggle. It is an ongoing struggle because sin is always present in human life. The kingdom of God is present now but it will only flourish and transform the world if we let it. What is important is to continue the struggle in us and in the world because that is the good and right thing to do.

We pray for all the departed and especially for those who lost their lives as a result of war. We are united with the whole of humanity in creation, in sin and death, and united with humanity in redemption. Our trust & confidence is based on God's love: *When I am lifted up from the earth, says Jesus, I shall draw all people to myself (John); God has imprisoned all people in their disobedience only to have mercy on all people (Romans 11)*. Our prayer is not our own it is the prayer of the Spirit praying within us. The Spirit yearns for the revealing of God's children. The Spirit intercedes according to the mind of God. It is an expression of the eternal desire of God to unite all things in peace (cfr Eph 1; Col 1). We can no more refuse to pray than we can refuse to let God's love flow through us. Just as we have no excuse for withholding God's love from anyone, we have no excuse for blocking the desire of God for them, which is the prayer of the Spirit.

In this life each one of us is at different stages of growth and consciousness. No one is better than anyone else. We all have our different situations and needs. Some are awakening to their true selves, their Christ-self, some are being purified by great love or great suffering, some have come through suffering into new life in God and are no longer self obsessed but are free to help others. Many are still constructing or protecting their own little world, the false self which is always fragile and insecure, always "passing away". As long as they believe this is who they really are and this is what life is about they are trapped. It's the wide road that leads no where except to strife & war & unhappiness but we all walk it to some extent. Still our love and prayer helps everyone in so far as they want to receive it. So it is with people who have left this life, they are either being purified, or have been fully reunited with God or are still trapped in some "hell" of their own making. Nonetheless our love, prayer and compassion extends to them all, surrounds them all & helps them all: just as God helped Adam & Eve after they were expelled from the garden and sewed fig leaves together to make clothes for them. (DMA)

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***This week we will be offering Masses for:***

*People of the Parish, Parishioners who are unwell, All the Departed, deceased of the Mulvenney & Brown families & Eric Parker RIP, Bill Tople, Viv & Pete Blake*

***Next week (15th November) we will be offering Masses for:***

*People of the Parish, Parishioners who are unwell, All the Departed*

Total Roof Fund collected to date

**£7409.46**

(Target - £13500)

**Thank you all, for your continued generosity**

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Kath Breen, Anne Candrl, Petra Daniels, Dave Donoghoe, Pat Gallanagh, Trixie Johnson, Stuart King, Jane McClatchey, Joan Olden, Lisa Parker, Bridget Reeves, Jack Smith, Bill Topple. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

**CLIMATE JUSTICE: URGENT ACTION NEEDED BY ALL** - 2009 is a crucial year for a global Climate Change Agreement. **What YOU can do:** Join Climate Justice Mass Mobilisation in London on 5th December: THE WAVE: Archbishop Vincent Nichols and Archbishop of Canterbury are among speakers. More information on <http://www.cafod.org.uk/copenhagen>. Copies of article by Cardinal Keith O'Brien in the porch.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8th NOV** Traditionally Remembrance Sunday is a day to remember all those killed or injured in conflicts around the world. On Remembrance Sunday this year, we will *also* be remembering all the departed & all our friends and relatives who have died. When you come into the **11a.m. Mass at St Michael's** please write the names of your loved ones on the paper provided and put it in the basket. The basket of names will be taken up in the offertory procession. Readings for Sunday Masses will be as for All Souls ( Isaiah 25: 6-9; Psalm 26; Romans 5: 5-11; Mark 15:33-39; 16: 1-6).

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** We will start again this Sunday at St Bernard's. Help is needed with this so if you would be willing to give Clare and Hilary a hand with the sessions, we'd love to hear from you. Call Hilary on 023 8084 3173.

**PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE:** will meet on Thursday, 12th November, 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at St Michael's. The committee members are: Francis Waddington, Angela Falder, Carmel McClatchey and Fr David.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** will meet on Thursday, 19th November, 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at St Michael's.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>st</sup> 10.00 – 15.00 at St John's Hall, Hythe. PLEASE SUPPORT THE PARISH** with donations of unwanted gifts, alcohol for Bottle stall, cakes or preserves for the cake stall. All will be gratefully received. Please leave donations at St Bernard's, St Michael's or at Faith Hope & Charity Shop. THANK YOU. And please remember to sell those Raffle Tickets!

**'BE THE CHANGE' A Symposium** On Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> November from 2.00–6.00pm in New Extension in Holy Family Church. The afternoon will help people to come to a deeper understanding of where we are as a society, how we got here, and what we can and must do if we want to see: an ecologically sustainable, socially just, spiritually fulfilling, human presence on the Planet. Short films and video clips will be used to highlight the message of "Be the Change". Tea, Coffee and light refreshments provided.

**BLUE CHRISTMAS:** A candlelit service for those who find the approaching Christmas season difficult to cope with. Come and pray for inner peace for yourself and others close to you. Everyone is welcome. Friday, 11th December 7.30pm, St Michael's Catholic Church, Hythe.

**EASYFUNDRAISING** - provides *Waterside Catholic Parish* with an additional income stream but without parishioners having to make extra donations or contributions. Just simply shop online as you would normally. Some of the UK's best-known retailers are participating in the easyfundraising programme and every time you shop simply by using the links provided you will raise funds for St Michael's Roof Fund for FREE. Simply log on to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk). Then register and after you have registered choose Waterside Catholic Parish—Hythe as your sponsored charity - and then start shopping! For every purchase you make, money will be donated to the cause! Happy shopping - and thank you for your support.