

BAPTISM: LETTING GOD TRANSFORM OUR LIVES

Baptism is both grace and faith, gift and calling, freedom and responsibility.

Baptism celebrates God's Gift: God is a loving Father/Mother – we are first loved by God; God deals with sin and death through Jesus Christ and offers us free, unmerited, undeserved forgiveness and eternal life – we are set free from sin and death; God gives us the Holy Spirit and so makes us family – we become children of the Father and brothers & sisters of Jesus and of one another - this is Church. God never takes back what is given, even if we abuse it or neglect it. This is why Baptism is never repeated. All this giving of God is the source of our joy and hope.

Baptism celebrates our faith, our calling and our responsibility:

We need to believe and trust God's love. Faith and trust are the only way to receive any kind of love, human or divine. We are called to repentance, that is, called out of ourselves & away from sin into relationship with God and others. In baptism we acknowledge our calling to follow Jesus, to become disciples, to strive to put his word into practice. It celebrates a death to sin and a rising to new life. This is an ongoing, continuous process. From this calling we get a sense of responsibility and a healthy conscience that recognises good and evil.

Baptism is about New Life: Like a stool with three legs this new life has three key components: worship, discipleship and service. Worship and prayer have to be both communal and personal because we are social and individual beings. Discipleship is a striving to follow the way of Jesus, to let our thinking, our attitudes and our actions be guided by him. Service involves caring for others in body, soul and spirit. It means doing what Jesus did through the gifts of the Spirit, having a practical care for those in need, and taking responsibility for society, the world and the planet.

Baptism celebrates the foundation of our faith. Are we living the gift of Baptism? If we have had our children baptised are we giving them any opportunity to experience God's love. After all we can only share what we have received. What we need to do is to absorb, take in, really appreciate God's giving. After that, the scary bit, begin to appreciate our responsibility. I may have money in the bank but if I never take any of it out I cannot benefit from it. We may have been given lots of presents but if we never unwrap them we won't know what they are and we won't be able to enjoy them. Many people have been baptised but too few realise the gifts they have received or the responsibility they have. (DMA)

The Messenger

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St Bernard's Church, (SB) Southbourne Ave, Holbury, SO45 2NT

9th January 2011

The Baptism of the Lord - Divine Office: Wk 1

Sun	9 th	9.00am Mass at St Bernard's 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 3.00pm SM Baptism: Keeley Cullen
Mon	10 th	No Service (<i>Liturgy of the Day</i>)
Tues	11 th	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (<i>Liturgy of the Day</i>)
Wed	12 th	7.30pm SM Evening Prayer & Mass (<i>Liturgy of the Day, or optl Mem.</i> <i>St Aelred, Abbot, 1109 - 1167</i>)
Thurs	13 th	No Service (<i>Liturgy of the Day, or optl Mem.</i> <i>St Hilary, Bishop, Doctor, 315 - 367</i>)
Fri	14 th	No Service (<i>Liturgy: of the Day</i>)
Sat	15 th	10.00am SM Mass followed by Reconciliation until 11.30am (<i>Liturgy of the Day or Our Lady</i>)
Sun	16 th	2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass at St Bernard's 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 3.00pm Baptism at St Bernard's: Henry Jacob Schnugh

Mass Intentions: For this week: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Anne Candri (Health), Bishop Crispian Hollis (Health), Amelia Reider (Health), Nita Manghan RIP Anniv, Eileen Simpson RIP Anniv.,

For the week beginning 16th Jan: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Anne Candri (Health), Bishop Crispian Hollis (Health), Ann Harding (B'day)

New Forest East Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

St Theresa, Totton - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am
Ashurst Community - Sun 9am
Our Lady & St Edward, Lyndhurst - Sun 9am

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Marion Butler, Anne Candrl, Petra Daniels, Pat Gallanagh, Amanda Gudge, Bishop Crispian Hollis, Jim & Doris Lamb, Sandy Nicholas, Bridget Reeves, Norma Rudd, Eileen Shanley, May Sycamore, Betty Williams, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

BISHOP CRISPIAN - Health Concerns: Bishop Crispian has advised clergy that he will be cutting down on his engagements in the coming months on the advice of his doctors. So we will keep our Bishop in our prayers in the meantime.

PRAYER POTTERY: There next Prayer Pottery will be on Tuesday, 25th January from 11.00am until 12 noon. It takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Michaels, Hythe. It is led by Christine Olden and all are welcome for quiet Scripture, prayer and reflection. If you want any more details please contact Christine on 023-80-848754.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 20th January at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at St Michaels.

THANK YOU FOR THE CRIB COLLECTION: The amount given was £163.11. This will be forwarded to the Diocese to be sent on to those supporting the Christian schools in Palestine.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: A retiring collection will be taken this Sunday, 9th January, for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC). The society works to raise public awareness about the sanctity of life at all its stages, from the unborn child to those nearing the end of their lives. It endeavours to bring concerns about the sanctity of life issues to members of the Houses of Parliament.

"WHISPERS ON THE WIND" Anne Candrl has produced another lovely collection of poems and this time there are beautiful colour illustrations too. Anne is donating copies to our church and to Oakhaven Hospice. If anyone buys a copy at church all the proceeds will go to church funds. The price is £7.50p.

ST BERNARD'S: Preliminary Training for new Ministers of Holy Communion - 1 session only either Tuesday, 11th Jan at 7.30pm until 8.30pm at St Bernard's, or Saturday, 15th Jan at 12 noon until 1pm at St Bernard's. Those who kindly accepted the invitation to be Ministers at St Bernard's will begin their ministry from the start of February 2011. Please look out for your Rota which is available this weekend.

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just one world **ON POVERTY:**

Letter from

the Prime Minister. Some months ago nearly 100 parishioners signed cards to the Prime Minister asking him to act to help the poorest in the world. On 28th October your cards and many thousand more were delivered to him. He has now replied very positively; a copy of his letter is on the notice board at both Churches. Now we need to keep him to his promises! (Louise Croll)

KEEP RE IN THE CURRICULUM: Government proposals on a new style English Baccalaureate have left out R.E. from the Humanities subjects. On behalf of Catholic schools we need to raise concerns over this, first of all to our MP. Letters & emails can also be sent to: Dept for Education - The School Performance Data Unit, 2nd Floor, Dept. for Education, Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT; email: mailbox.performancedatateam@education.gsi.gov.uk.

THANKS TO AN ANONYMOUS DONOR FROM THE PARISH the family in difficult circumstances mentioned last week has been given a brand new washing machine. Thanks also to another anonymous parishioner who gave a cash gift. Also another person had offered a second hand machine. So well done those people and thanks to everyone for prayers.

OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, LYMINGTON: The closing date for applications for a reception place in September 2011 is on Saturday, 15th January 2011. Introductory leaflets are available at the back of the church or can be obtained directly from the school. Contact details are as follows: Tel: 01590-672711; email: adminoffice@ourladyst-joseph.hants.sch.uk Website: www.ourladyst-joseph,hants.sch.uk

PLEASE EVERYONE SUPPORT THE PARISH SHOP. The shop does not sell only second-hand items. There are lots of **NEW** gift items, Bibles, Rosaries, devotional books, cards & craft items, also Fair-trade goods, jewellery and scented & decorative candles and more besides.

Also please donate quality unwanted clothes & other items, (but NOT electrical goods or videos). The parish depends on the shop & the volunteers who help for significant financial support.