

The Messenger

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

1st Sunday of Lent Sunday 9th March

9.00am Mass at SB
 11.00am Mass at SM

3.00pm Stations of the Cross SB

Year A, Weekdays Yr 2: Psalter week 1

Mon	10th March	No Service
Tues	11th March	No service
Pause for prayer 10-11am SM		
Wed	12th March	No Service
Thurs	13th March	No Service
Fri	14th March	Mass 10am SM
Sat	15th March	Mass 10am SM

Sacrament of Reconciliation straight after Mass

Sunday 16th March

Second Sunday of Lent

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's
 11.00am Mass at St Michael's
 12noon Baptism Annabelle Winter Keogh SM
 3.00pm Stations of the Cross SM

Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 9th March

For Fair Trade networks in the Diocese, for the sick of the parish and those who care for them, for those whose homes and businesses have been flooded, for all those in conflict around the world.

Anniversaries this week: Norah Manghan (12th)

Those who have died recently: Sir David Price

Other Intentions: Baby Dylan (Health), Baby Elijah (Health), Fr Shaun Budden (B'Day), Fr David Adams (B'Day), Tony O'Connell (Health),

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

Rev David Adams -Parish Priest- based at Our Lady & St Joseph Church, Lymington: Tel: 01590 676696 ;

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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

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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.

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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

EMERGENCE INTO GOD'S FREEDOM & GRACE

Strong presumptions of freedom, responsibility and moral awareness figure highly in the framework of our religious heritage. Everything seems to hinge on responsibility for sin requiring the need for redemption and forgiveness. In Western Christianity in particular, as distinct from Orthodox Christianity, the main way of understanding Jesus, his death & his resurrection is in terms of saving us from sin. The Orthodox tradition sees things more in terms of Jesus as the agent of divinisation - bringing humanity into union with God & by this union freeing us from sin.

Free will and moral responsibility is one of the big philosophical questions. If you want to hear current thinking on this subject then listen to Melvyn Bragg's "In Our Time", Radio 4, Thursday, 10th March 2011. It is available on BBC iplayer. Just don't expect any comfortable conclusions. The prevailing opinion within secular academia seems to be that while acknowledging a strong & all-encompassing determinism it is still personally & socially important to respect the "common sense" assumptions of freedom and responsibility. This is the way we have evolved and this is the way we are, remembering that our action or inaction will always be part of any outcome. Through faith we recognise that only God can be truly free. "You shall know the truth & the truth will set you free" says Jesus. Faith awareness acting through our creative imagination is the beginning of freedom. God has imprisoned all in disobedience only to have mercy on all writes St Paul. A genuine awareness of grace flowers from the "prison" of a deterministic universe.

In our Scriptures, (Genesis & Paul) we see attempts to grapple with these human experiences in relation to the Divine. By evolution we have emerged into self-consciousness in relation to others & to the world and through them to God. Strategies for survival (e.g. deception & male proliferation of sexual partners) that once were useful later became a disadvantage in more intimate & complex societies. The progress of humanity in self-consciousness was also a "fall" into experiences of culpability, alienation and rejection. The gain of the ability to compare and contrast, to determine "good" & "evil" was also the loss of an initial experience of unity and harmony with all that is. We are now masters of analysis & dissection but less skilled at synthesis, at putting people, communities & things back together.

On the intellectual level we struggle with these huge mysteries and questions. We do not have certainty. There is so much we do not understand and cannot know. Not knowing (agnosticism), open mindedness and an appreciation that while many theories cannot be proved to be true, some can be shown to be false or at least inadequate, these are now common secular approaches to life's mysteries. This is why faith, trust & acceptance of reality are the only appropriate ways of "knowing" God.

On the practical level we know by shared experience & wisdom that attitudes, words and actions have consequences, good or bad, in terms of our personal well-being, our social relationships, our co-existence with the animals and the planet and in terms of our relationship with ultimate reality, with the Divine, with God. The stories we tell ourselves, the words we say, the things we do help or hinder. They can take us upwards into higher levels of connection, consciousness, relatedness, into deeper, richer experiences of life, love and truth. They can also drag us back down to lower levels where we are in danger of losing the precious little freedom that we have. The dangers of temptation are real.

Only God, the Absolute beyond us can help us relate to others & the world in a way that doesn't make them "gods". Absolutes in this finite existence only create tyrannies and merciless competition for survival. To enable joy, love and peace in this life you have to be able to sacrifice it, to let it go in favour of that which transcends it. (DMA)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Baby Dylan, 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, Gabrielle Hennig, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Peter Mitchell, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, Helen Pick, George Raffray, Ruth Rowan, Lilly Ricketts, Norma Rudd, Pauline Sharpley, Susan Soutter, Ronald Stevens, Emmie Walker, Neil Tisdale, Helen Whitty.
(If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Linda via the Parish office)

PARISH REGISTER - we are constantly updating the register with parishioners details. If your details have changed, or you think you may not be included on the register, please let us know. An accurate parish register is essential to provide the best service to parishioners. Please complete one of the New Parishioners Forms in the porch & hand it in to the Parish office. Thank you.

Foodbank: At present there is a particular shortage of long life milk, toilet rolls, tinned fish (for example tuna, salmon, pilchards or sardines); sugar; and custard (tins or packets) plus the usual tinned and packed goods. If you can help with any of these items they will be greatly appreciated.

WHAT! A CHRISTIAN EASTER EGG! Buy yours now! These are chocolate eggs that mention Jesus and explain the meaning of the feast day on the packaging. *The Real Easter Egg gives consumers their first ever chance to buy an Easter egg that not only tastes good but does good, bringing to light the Easter themes of hope and new life. I believe there will be widespread support for the product from the faith community and wider afield with many millions likely to be interested. The Real Easter Egg is a chance to educate and do good - giving money to charitable projects.* (Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu.)

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER- Thank you to Jo Culver for volunteering to be our Rep for WWDP and to all those who represented St Michael's at the WWDP on Friday.

THANK YOU from Irene Francis to Patricia Bradley, Mary King & Phil Hopkins who have kindly taken over the task of washing the Altar Linen at St Bernard's on a rota basis. Irene is very grateful.

THE CREAM BINS at both churches look like swing bins for rubbish, but they are in fact there for stamps, old mobile phones and foreign coins for CAFOD. If you have any of the above your donations will be gratefully received.

APF RED MISSION BOXES - What do you do with your spare change? Why not pop it in a Red Mission box and help the Missions overseas. Our parish donated over £700 to the APF in 2013. Amazing for a parish of this size! The APF are very grateful for your generosity. Why not pick up a red box from the office and start collecting during Lent!

APF COLLECTORS Your magazines are in the office.

Beginning Lent "Insanity is defined as doing the same thing over, and over again, yet expecting different results." This definition can be a good beginning reflection as we examine the choices we will make in the days ahead. This is the time of year to ask some uncomfortable questions. *How often do we fail to hear the cry of the poor? How often do we fail to forgive and how often do we fail to see our own failings?* Today we pray for all those who genuinely desire a change of heart.

WELCOME to Annabelle Winter Keogh who will be baptised today at St Michael's

The Pope Tweets: @Pontifex *In life we all make many mistakes. Let us learn to recognize our errors and ask forgiveness.*

Introduction to Lent In his Lenten message for 2014, Pope Francis takes inspiration from the words of St. Paul (Cor 8:9), and asks us to contemplate Paul's invitation to live "a life of evangelical poverty." Embrace his call by fasting from or "giving up" material things, including food, superfluous to your basic needs; "taking up" charitable habits directed to helping and caring for others; and "lifting up" those in need through giving alms, praying and participating in devotional practices.

Significant Wedding Anniversaries - amended notice

The Diocese's sixth Significant Anniversaries Mass and Reception will be celebrated at 11 am on Saturday 28th June 2014 at St Bede's, Basingstoke for those celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2014. Bishop Philip will preside at the Mass. Attendance is by invitation; if you are celebrating one of these anniversaries, please fill out the online form available on www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by clicking 'Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass 2014' or alternatively, email anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

EWTN Lent Reflections - Bishop Philip & Priests of the Diocese Don't miss Bishop Philip accompanied by priests of Portsmouth Diocese on EWTN Global Catholic Television this Lent as they offer special seasonal reflections. Starts Sunday 9 March.

CABRINI CHILDREN'S SOCIETY has written to say while they undergo restructuring they will not be seeking any fundraising from parishes (*Annual Parish Appeal, Good Shepherd Appeal etc*). They thank us for all our support.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY There are two Fridays in the year when we are asked to spend less on our food for those days and give what we save to the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development (CAFOD) Collections are usually taken on the 2nd Sunday of Lent & the Sunday after the first Friday in October. **The collection for Lent is Sunday 16th March.**

VOCATIONS: Fr. John Chandler, is now our diocesan vocations promoter and asks prayers for the ten students at present in formation and the 17 attendees at the latest preliminary discernment session.

YOUTH RETREAT 4-6th April at Oaklands school- age from Confirmation upwards. Contact the office for further information.

Things to do in Lent this week:

Please pick up a list of dates for Lenten activities with this newsletter.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: St Bernard's, Holbury Sunday 9th March 3pm :

PAUSE FOR PRAYER: 11th March 10-11am St Michael's., Hythe.

BBC RADIO 4 LENT TALKS starts Wednesday 12th March 2014 Six people well known in their fields reflect on the story of Jesus' ministry and Passion from the perspective of their own personal and professional experience.

CAFOD SOUP LUNCH: Thursday 13th March at St Bernard's hall. Tickets are £5 and will be on sale after Mass and from our parish shop-Faith, Hope & Charity in Hythe. All proceeds to CAFOD. All are welcome.

CAFOD: LENT FAST DAY Friday 14th March. *'Tonight, one in eight of us will go to bed hungry. For some, finding food is a daily struggle. CAFOD is working with poor communities around the world on our behalf, so they can put food on the table. Fast Days are our opportunity to support that vital work. When you get your Fast Day envelope please give as much as you can so that hunger doesn't remain a fact of life.'*

TOTTON: Stations of the Cross 7pm every Friday during Lent, St Theresa's Church, Totton

BROCKENHURST: 10am every Friday during Lent: Meditation followed by silent prayer and Benediction.

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