

# The Messenger

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

9<sup>th</sup> June 2013

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (Psalter - Wk.2)

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's

11.00am Mass at St Michael's

6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

(All Liturgies are 10th week of Ordinary Time, Yr 1, unless otherwise stated)

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Requiem Mass - Our Lady's Lyndhurst  
Marie Eastham RIP

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Requiem Mass at St Michael's  
Margaret Hall-Patch RIP  
(Liturgy -Feast, St Barnabas)

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Mass at Our Lady's, Lyndhurst  
(Liturgy -Memory, St Anthony of Padua)

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> No Service

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> 10.00am SM Mass then Adoration of Jesus  
in the Bl. Sacrament and Reconciliation to 11am

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's

3.00pm Baptism at St Michael's  
Baby James Stevens

11.00am Mass at St Michael's

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, For the good estate of Rev Steven Bowler, Rev Bill O'Connell & Rev Ian Tobin F/M, Fr Peter Wilkie 60th Anniversary of Ordination, Margaret Hall-Patch RIP, James Maloney RIP, Donal O'Sullivan RIP, Mike Stanley RIP (Musician, singer, songwriter & liturgist), Bert Smith RIP Anniv

**For the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> June:** All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, For all catechists & children's liturgy leaders, Lynne Parker B'day, Patrick Kirwan 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  
St Joseph's (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

## THE POWER TO HEAL & GIVE NEW LIFE

The Gospels give a strong witness to the fact that Jesus preached a new teaching, forgave sinners and healed people who were sick. Jesus was also confident that by nurturing their faith relationship with the Father he was able to give his followers power to heal.

This can be difficult for us today because we have a sense that while Jesus healed (he is God the Son incarnate, after all) we have very little if any experience of healing today. Its interesting to note that Christians in the third century A.D. had similar thoughts. Why aren't healings happening now as they were then? A response eventually emerged that asserted that miracles were needed to establish the Church, but not needed once it was established. St Augustine (4th cent.) held this view but later retracted it because he had come to witness many actual healings. In the long centuries of Christendom healing gifts were usually the domain of the rare saint. Any other healer was viewed with suspicion.

In recent decades and especially since Vatican II (1960's) there have been strong movements or currents within broader Christianity and within Catholicism itself to recover the healing ministry. The restoration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a prime example. While there have been many personal stories of blessings received for body, soul & spirit there have not been enough powerful and dramatic healings to significantly alter people's attitudes or expectations. People are not exactly bursting down the doors of our churches because they have heard that people are being cured of life threatening illnesses as they did when Jesus was walking this earth. The reasons for this are, of course, many & complex.

There is much to discuss here but there is only room for a short response. God gives life & love. Wholeness, holiness & happiness are God's will for everyone. In this life these gifts can only be partially and temporarily received because we are mortal and all material things pass away. Our life is made up of many complex, inter-dependent relationships on many levels, chemical, biological, psychological, social & spiritual. The "health" of any one area can affect the well-being of all the other areas. There is growing evidence (accepted in the secular world) that human beings have some capacity to self mediate (adrenaline, dopamine) and even heal, cfr. placebo effects, immune responses & adult stem cell activity. The first biological life was kick started by electricity & we know the body has its own electrical system animating cellular activity. Psychological & emotional interdependency is well attested (cfr problem of eating disorders).

Stepping now into the domain of faith the Gospels tell us that "power, went out from" Jesus to heal. Jesus, we are told, was also consciously aware of this exchange of healing power. In Jesus all the channels (spiritual, psychological, physical) were open for the free flow of the Divine will to give life & love. All that remained was for this gift of life & healing to be received. Just as in the placebo effect faith is crucial here. There is also a relationship between the strength of this Divine healing energy, mediated through human nature, and the capacity to receive & benefit from it. So it is no surprise some saints have been credited with notable healings. There are also tipping points in nature & in the progression of disease which cannot usually be reversed. There is no ultimate cure for old age or mortality. However, as Scripture says, the power of healing is a gift of the Spirit so anyone may receive it but the capacity to give it will vary person to person according to their relationship with God and others.

So every healing of Jesus was a unique personal encounter, a unique moment of healing given & healing received that could not be indiscriminately replicated. Mediated through the limitations of human nature & received in the limitations of human nature. In this life even the greatest physical healings are only temporary. The ultimate source of life & health can only be in God. (DMA)

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Vicky Carter, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Peter Gray, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Pam Lonsdale, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Tony O'Connell, Honora Power, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Pauline Sharpley, Ronald Stevens. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

**PRAYER POTTERY:** The next Prayer Pottery will take place on Tuesday, 25th June at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Michael's. All are welcome.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Louise & Scott Blacker on the birth of their second child, Edward, (12.25am on 8th June), 8lb 12oz. Mother & baby are doing fine.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** We congratulate Amelia, Natasha, Oscar, Owen & Tegan on making their First Holy Communion last week and we commend their parents for actively engaging in the preparation process.

**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** This Sunday (9th June) at both Masses there will be an opportunity for Ministers to informally renew their commitment to this important service.

## JOINT ECUMENICAL SERVICE AT ST BERNARD'S:

This is advance notice that on Sunday, 30th June at 6.30pm there will be a Christian Unity Service at St Bernard's. Rev Steve Bowler will lead the service. Please do your best to attend. Encouraging Christian Unity is an important work and is Jesus' on-going prayer. Besides we wouldn't want to be embarrassed by a poor representation!

**MARGARET HALL-PATCH RIP:** Margaret died on 21st May aged 94 yrs. She had been in a nursing home for the last couple of years. She and her husband, who died some years ago, were generous supporters of the parish. Her Requiem Mass is on Tuesday, 11th June at 12 noon in St Michael's.

Our condolences and prayers are with the families, friends and relatives who have lost loved ones and with all those who have been recently bereaved.

**MARIE EASTHAM RIP:** Marie was a parishioner at Lyndhurst for many years. She was well known to our parishioners who are involved in the Catenians. Together with her husband Ken she was very active in the church and attended Mass both on Sundays and during the week. Her Requiem Mass will be held on Monday, 10th June at 12 noon at Our Lady of the Assumption and St Edward church, Lyndhurst. If you are hoping to attend be advised that both parking space & seating space at the church is severely limited. Many parishioners and Catenians will be hoping to attend.

## FR PETER WILKIE - DIAMOND JUBILEE OF

**ORDINATION:** On 4<sup>th</sup> June Fr Peter is celebrating his 60th anniversary as a priest. We will have a collection for him on June 16th. And on Sunday, 23rd June Fr Peter will say the 9.00am Mass at St Bernard's & then join us for the 11.00am Mass at St Michaels after which there will be light refreshments.

**YEAR OF FAITH:** (Newsletter insert from the Diocesan website) **How important is the Eucharist for the Church?**

The celebration of the Eucharist is the heart of the Christian communion. In it the Church becomes Church. We are not Church because we get along well, or because we happen to end up in the same parish community, but rather because in the Eucharist we receive the Body of Christ and are increasingly being transformed into the Body of Christ. Dig Deeper: Corresponding CCC section (1324-1327). Source: YOUCAT 211

**CAFOD RALLY IN LONDON TO END FOOD POVERTY:** The (From the BBC News website) UK has committed to giving an extra £375m to help feed the world's poorest children. The aid is part of a £2.7bn global agreement aimed at preventing millions of infant deaths. Prime Minister David Cameron led a high-level summit where delegates committed to supporting a historic reduction in "under-nutrition." Meanwhile, thousands of people have joined a rally in London to call on the G8 to end world hunger. **UK church leaders** have called on the G8 to tackle tax avoidance by firms working in developing countries. **The leaders of the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales** have joined international charities in a campaign called "If...", warning that displacement of small farmers from their land, unfair terms of trade and tax avoidance all contribute to hunger among the poor. Speakers at the rally in Hyde Park included the Microsoft founder Bill Gates, who set up "If..." with Archbishop Desmond Tutu, film director Danny Boyle and Archbishop of Canterbury. In a video message, The Most Reverend Justin Welby, urged campaigners to keep up the pressure on world leaders to tackle global hunger, saying there was an opportunity to "end hunger in our lifetimes". He told activists: "We've come to celebrate the opportunity we have to end hunger in our lifetimes. "The only way that's going to happen is by mass movements of people, like yourselves, getting together."


## DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

23rd-30th August 2013 ..... together with the Bishop. If you would like to join this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes contact Fr John Cooke 01489 572797 or office@stmm.org.uk, or the Diocesan Web site: <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/>.

**SUNG MASS of St. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA:** Friday June 21st. 7.30pm at **St. Boniface Church, 413 Shirley Road, Southampton** with "Cantores Michaelis" from the University of Southampton, directed by Keith Davis. Mozart: Organ Solo Mass, Haller: *Iustus ut palma*, S.S.Wesley: *Wash me thoroughly*, Walton: *Set me as a seal*, Gregorian Chant for the Day, and Salve Regina

**CANCELLATION:** Unfortunately we have had to cancel the **Bingo & Fish & Chips** evening because not enough helpers are available that weekend. We do apologise for any inconvenience and disappointment.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

**Skittles & BBQ:** Saturday 31st August 7p.m. @  St Bernard's

**Quiz night and American supper :** Saturday 5th October 7 p.m. @ St Bernard's.

**COME FOLLOW ME – A GROUP FOR DISCERNING YOUNG CATHOLICS:** This discernment group is aimed at young men and women aged 16-30, who are looking to deepen their relationship with Christ and who are asking themselves how best to follow Him in the future. It is for all who are open to the possibility that God is calling them to the priesthood or religious life. **The gatherings are usually on the 2nd Friday of each month at St. Joseph's Church, St Michael's Rd, Basingstoke RG22 6TY. They begin with Mass at 7:30pm, are followed by a delicious meal in the presbytery, an informal presentation on a theme related to vocation discernment, and finish at 9:30pm. The next gathering will be on Friday 14th June with Fr Paul King speaking about The Holy Spirit in Discernment.** If you are able to come, or are over 30 but would still like support discerning your vocation, please contact Fr Mark Hogan:-Tel: 01256 323595 or Email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Any under 18s will also require a parental consent form which can be obtained from the same email address.

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