

# 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> October 2011**

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time - Divine Office: Week 4**

Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels
Mon	10 <sup>th</sup>	No Service (Liturgy: Memorial - St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr, d.c. 107)
Tues	11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: Feast - St Luke, Evangelist)
Wed	12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm SM Evening Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: of the Day - 28th Week; or optnl Memorials - St Paul of the Cross, Founder, 1694-1795, Ss John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & alia, Religious, Martyrs, d. c. 1649)
Thurs	13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am LT Mass (Liturgy: of the Day - 28th Week)
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup>	No Service (Liturgy: of the Day - 28th Week)
Sat	15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am SM Mass followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am (Liturgy: of the Day - 28th Week, or Our Lady on Saturday)
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> 9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels with Baptism - George Alexander Krzymuski

**Mass Intentions: For this week:** All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian (Health), Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Nada RIP-(Nick Candri's sister), Raoul Menoscal RIP, William Hopper RIP Anniv, Margaret Jones RIP Anniv

**For the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> October:** All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian (Health), Guidance for choice of new Bishop, For all who work in the parish shop - Faith, Hope & Charity, deceased Clergy of the Province.

## 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

## WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastoral Team: Rev David Adams (Parish Priest)  
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## IMAGES OF THE BANQUET

Isaiah's description of the banquet comes in a short section, chapters 25-27, which scholars agree to be a later interpolation into the text. Whereas most of Isaiah 1-39 is attributed to Isaiah himself, and dates from the eighth century BC, these chapters, which refer to the fall of an imperial city, are probably from the fifth century. The wonderful feast celebrates the end of history as we know it: for God will "destroy death for ever".

However, Isaiah (if I may still call the author that) is as interested in politics as he is in eschatology (the branch of theology concerned with end times); Israel's troubled and precarious existence as a tiny state, tossed and sometimes crushed between surrounding and warring empires, will finally be resolved. Their loyalty to their God will be vindicated, as he brings about their salvation. Yet Isaiah is not narrowly nationalistic. While Israel's shame in front of mightier nations will be removed, at the same time all nations will be invited to the banquet on the mountain of Jerusalem. On the one hand, Isaiah envisages punishment for oppressive nations (the lectionary with its customary delicacy cuts the reading just before the grim fate of Moab is described). On the other hand, the prophet proclaims a future where "the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness" (26:9) and recognise the Lord's rule.

Both Matthew and Luke make use of a version of the parable of the wedding-feast, and their different treatments of it reveal their own theological interests. In Luke, Jesus is urging the wealthy to show hospitality to the poor and the handicapped, who will not be able to repay it. He is concerned to encourage generosity to the needy and to break down social barriers. The second set of guests invited are "the poor and maimed and blind and lame", while the third are summoned from "the highways and hedgerows".

Matthew uses the parable quite differently, to continue his narrative of the conflict between Jesus and the Jewish leaders over the question of God's relation to Israel. Again he presents the story as an illustration of the kingdom of heaven. The motif reappears of the servants who are ill treated and killed, who represent the prophets. The king's revenge on their murderers is described with Matthew's usual lack of squeamishness. He is not interested in whether the second set of guests are poor or maimed (indeed, they seem to be expected to be able to afford a wedding garment). His point is simply that the feast is now open to all-comers. Once again, the challenge is aimed at Jesus' religious opponents: the time of fulfilment is here, and the kingdom of heaven will welcome anyone who accepts the invitation, Jew and Gentile alike.

(From Priests & People, preaching and teaching the Word by Margaret Atkins).

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Marion Butler, Bill Duncan, Rodney Cooper, Bishop Crispian, Petra Daniels, Mervyn Francis, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Jillian Plummer, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Sarah, Jason Singleton, Ronald Stevens, Jim Walker, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

**BISHOP CRISPAN' HEALTH:** Bishop Crispian is now back in Bishop's House convalescing.

**PRAYER POTTERY:** The next prayer meeting will take place on Tuesday, 25th Oct at 11.00am after the morning Mass. It is a time of quiet prayer with spiritual music & readings led by Christine Olden. Everyone is welcome.

**ROSARY BEFORE MASS AT ST BERNARD'S:** Marion Teague will lead the Rosary before Mass at St Bernard's on the Sundays of October.

**OBLIGATORY COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:** This will be for Foreign Missions (*Missio* - formerly APF).

**MASS COUNT:** During October we will take a Mass count at all Sunday Masses for the national Catholic statistics.

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S MASSES:** the next dates for young peoples Masses at St Bernard's are: 6 Nov, 4 Dec.

**PARENTS:** If your children sometimes attend Children's Liturgy and/or the Young People's Masses (including the older children who help), please complete a yellow parent consent form (at the back of St B's) and pass it to Clare Davies or Fr David, or drop it off at the Parish office. This is part of the diocese's requirements for safeguarding your children, and will also let us stay in touch and better support your family. Thanks for your help.

**CHILDREN'S BOOKLETS:** If your child has one of the colour-in Mass booklets that we produced some months ago, please contact Clare for a printed set of edits to cut out and stick onto it, to show the new wording of the Mass responses.

## SHORTAGE OF PRIESTS & CHANGES THAT WILL AFFECT OUR PARISH:

Some of you will know that the parish priest of New Milton, Fr Gerrit Vervenne, has now retired. The Diocese is unable to provide a replacement, and the Bishop has accepted Fr Danny McAvoy's offer to serve Lymington, New Milton, Milford-on-Sea & Brockenhurst. However he will need help to do this. Our Vicar General, Fr Vincent Harvey, has asked Fr David Adams & Fr Richard Sakson (chaplain to the Dominican Sisters at Sway) to assist Fr Danny on a permanent basis. St Anne's, Brockenhurst will lose their Sunday morning Mass and will only be able to have one Sunday Mass at a time when a priest is available. Therefore Fr David Adams has been asked to provide a Sunday evening Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst, one Mass on holydays and one weekday Mass at Brockenhurst. The weekday Mass at St Anne's will take place on Wednesday mornings at 10am. This will take effect from 1st November 2011.

**Therefore from 1st November there will no longer be a Wednesday evening Mass at St Michaels.** This will not have a major effect on the parish as this Mass has not been well attended. Brockenhurst will remain part of Lymington parish and part of the New Forest Pastoral Area. Our Pastoral Area, New Forest East, will remain the same, consisting of Lyndhurst, Ashurst (now Geo House), Totton & the Waterside.

**THIS WEEKEND:** CAFOD envelopes for the Autumn Fast Day collection can be returned via the second collection at the end of Mass today.

**SPONSORSHIP REQUEST:** One of our youngest parishioners is doing the 'Mini' Great South Run for **CAFOD!** Please find out more and support him: sponsor forms at the back of both churches.

**PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN DISCERNMENT GROUP:** Fr Mark Hogan, our diocesan vocations promoter is launching a new discernment group. This group is aimed at young men & women (18-30), who are looking to deepen their relationship with Christ and who are asking themselves how best to serve God in the future. This might be marriage, priesthood or religious life. The initial launch of this group is on Friday, 14th Oct at St Joseph's Church, St Michael's Rd, Basingstoke, RG22 6TY, from 7.30pm until 9.30pm, which includes Mass & a meal & a short presentation. Any one interested please contact Fr Mark at [vocasst@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocasst@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**ADVENT COURSE AT ASHURST (NOW GEO HOUSE):** This course will focus around the new CaFE resource "**Saints - Helping us today**". The course will be on Thursdays at 7.30pm: 10th Nov; 17th Nov; 24th Nov; 1st Dec; 8th Dec; 15th Dec. The series of presentations covers Therese of the Child Jesus & Holy Face, Benedict, Francis of Assisi, Patrick, Ignatius of Loyola & Catherine of Sienna. Just turn up on the night.

**Vocations Discernment for Women,** The Daughters of Wisdom warmly invite women of the Portsmouth Diocese to spend a companionable day with them on: Saturday, 22nd October 2011 from 10am - 4pm. A light lunch will be provided. The aim is to take 'time out' from the rush of everyday life to relax, reflect, discuss and pray, in order to support you in discerning where God might be calling you. You can find the Sisters at Wisdom House, Romsey, SO51 8EL. Please telephone: 01794-830206 or email [reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk](mailto:reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk) in advance of the date to register your interest and to find out more. The website is: [www.daughtersofwisdom.org.uk](http://www.daughtersofwisdom.org.uk)

The next **Finance Committee Meeting** is on Thursday, 27th October at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room.

**OUR PARISH SHOP - FAITH HOPE & CHARITY** (just by the side of Waitrose) needs **second hand clothes** urgently. They also have a great selection of **Christmas cards** available.

**WATERSIDE CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE:** The centre can provide free & confidential support to anyone affected by cancer whether, patient, relative, carer or friend. We are located within the grove centre in Hythe. Please feel free to drop in between 10.00am & 4.00pm Monday to Friday to chat with our trained volunteers. If required, professional counselling and complementary therapies are available by appointment. Leaflets giving more information are available at the back of both churches.

**SPECIAL THANKS:** to Ron & Beaty Kelly for donating a very fine table & six chairs for the Parish Meeting Room & for arranging the transport of the same!

**AUTUMN JAZZ:** with The New Cavalier Jazzmen (including our own Mike Slipper) on **Saturday, 5th November from 7.30pm.** Venue: **St Bernard's Hall.** Raffle & American Supper (Bring your own refreshments & a plate of food to share. People requiring special diets must bring their own). Tickets are £7.00 each. Tickets are available from Mike Slipper (023 8084 3908), from Faith Hope & Charity Shop, Hythe & from St Bernard's & St Michaels Churches.

