

The Messenger

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

10th April 2011

5th Sunday of Lent - Divine Office: Wk 1

Sun 10 th	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 3.00pm Baptism SM Oliver Nitu 5.00pm - St Michaels - Talk on the Eucharist (5)
Mon 11 th	No Service (<i>Liturgy: of the 5th Week of Lent; Optnl memory, St Stanislaus, 1030-1079</i>)
Tues 12 th	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (<i>Liturgy: of the 5th Week of Lent</i>)
Wed 13 th	7.30pm SM Evening Prayer & Mass (<i>Liturgy: of the 5th Week of Lent, or optnl memory, St Martin I, Pope & Martyr, d.655</i>)
Thurs 14 th	10.00am LT Mass (<i>Liturgy: of the 5th Week of Lent</i>)
Fri 15 th	12 noon. Requiem Mass - Sydney Perkins RIP 1pm Burial of Ashes - Blackfield - S Perkins RIP 2pm Burial of Ashes - Blackfield - Jim Haines RIP 3pm SB Stations of the Cross (<i>Liturgy: of the 5th Week of Lent</i>)
Sat 16 th	10.00am SM Mass followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am (<i>Liturgy: of the 5th Week of Lent</i>)
Sun 17 th	Palm Sunday 9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels

Mass Intentions: For this week: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Jim Haines RIP, Margaret Jones RIP, Sydney Perkins RIP, John Weaver (Peace)

For the week beginning 17th April: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian, Guidance for choice of new Bishop,

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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THE RESURRECTION & THE LIFE

As readers of John's Gospel we have the benefit of knowing the secret identity of Jesus. The Prologue (John 1: 1-18) has told us of the Divine Word (or Plan or Blueprint). Everything has life in this Word and Jesus is the Word made flesh. So when Jesus says he is "the resurrection and the life" we know he is talking not from the limitations of his human nature but from the infinite possibilities of God. We believe the universe has a source beyond itself. It has come into being from "nothingness" and will return to "nothingness". And as Prof Brian Cox has said in *The Wonders of the Universe*, the time of lifelessness, when all the stars have faded will be unimaginably longer than the time of life.

Holding together, reconciling and being reconciled with the mind-boggling & heart wrenching realities of this incredible life is what spirituality is all about. On the one hand the universe is vast beyond our capabilities of imagining, on the other hand each moment, each little sparrow, each person is uniquely precious. As Christians we believe this reality issues from love, is sustained by love and returns to love. But this love takes nothing away from its true reality, its finitude, its subjection to entropy or the 2nd law of thermodynamics. (Not that I understand any of this science, of course!) Just as we are one with the universe and not separate from it, so we are one with the Source of the universe and not separate from that Source.

In him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. He is before all things and in him all things hold together (Colossians 1: 15-17). Accepting, trusting & believing in this Creative Energy of God, the Source, the Word, the Christ, brings us into a deeper relationship and unity through conscious awareness. This is a whole, new life and level of existence. As Jesus says elsewhere: "Very truly, I tell you anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life" (John 5:24).

We need to keep all this in mind when listening to the Lazarus story. If the story is only about physical resuscitation it is of little ultimate use to us. Remember Martha, Mary & Lazarus have all since died. Jesus hasn't called anyone else back from the grave and even our canonised saints have not been able to repeat this miracle.

We notice in the story how Jesus deliberately allows the power of death to run its full course. He doesn't need to fear death as if its an ultimate disaster or tragedy for which there is no remedy, "those who believe in me, even though they die, they shall live" (John 11:25). Do we want to desperately cling on to our present earthly form or rather be one with the Source of the infinite possibility of all forms? The first must die, the second is the well-spring of all life.

So we remember the parable of the Prodigal Son, his father said: "for this son of mine was dead and is alive again, was lost and is found" Luke: 15:24. In Ephesians, Paul quotes the saying: "Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you" (Eph 5:14). In another place Jesus says: "Leave the dead to bury their dead" (Luke 9:60). So Jesus can say to his followers: "Cure the sick, raise the dead to life, cleanse lepers, drive out demons" (Matt 10:8). It is clear from all this that both death and life have deeper meanings beyond the physical pulse. In Hebrews 2:12 we read: *since the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.* (DMA)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Christina Drury, Mervyn Francis, Amanda Gudge, Joan Hopper, Dorothy Minchington, Raphaele Netto, Ellen Pick, Julia Plumtree, Joy Prestage, Eileen Shanley, Ronald Stevens, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

PRAYER POTTERY THIS WEEK: The next ones will be on April 12th & 19th), **at 11am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Michaels.** It is a time for quiet prayer and reflection guided by Christine Olden. All are very welcome.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY : The collection for the Clergy Assistance Fund raised £254.29p.

THANKS: to Kevin Barnett for acting as chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council over the past two years. Kevin has stepped down due to extra work commitments. And thanks to Deacon Steve Bowler who accepted his election as new chairperson.

WATERSIDE FOOD BANK: There is a continuing need for regular donations of food for Waterside Foodbank. Especially in these times of economic difficulty, there is a growing number of individuals and families suffering hardship through redundancy, illness, unemployment, homelessness, etc. Collection boxes are in the foyers of St Michael's and St Bernard's churches, with leaflets listing the types of food needed. We are in Lent - the ideal time to be generous to those in need, and to resolve to continue to donate regularly throughout the year ahead.

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH - LENTEN EVENTS

Stations of the Cross; - 3pm on Fridays; 15th Apr at SB.

Lenten Talks: *Become One Body, One Spirit in Christ - Deepening our understanding of the Eucharist in our lives.*
There is one remaining session at St Michaels, on this Sunday, 5pm - 6pm: 10th April.

Holy Week Services:

Palm Sunday, 17th April

Chrism Mass

11am, Tues, 19th Apr at Portsmouth Cathedral

Reconciliation Service: 7.30pm, Tuesday, 19th April in St Michaels. Fr Peter Wilkie will preach at this.

Maunder Thursday: 8pm, Thurs, 21st April
Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Michaels.

Good Friday: Ecumenical Walk of Witness (Holbury) 10.00am, starts at New Hope Church, Hardley roundabout to Blackfield Baptist Church for service at 11.00am. Ecumenical Service (Hythe), 10.45am for 11.00am, outside Waitrose.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion:

3pm, Fri, 22nd April at St Michaels.
7.30pm, Stations of the Cross at St Michaels

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil, 9pm, on Sat. 23rd Apr at St Bernards.

Easter Sunday: 9am Mass at SB
with Baptism of Oscar Davies
11am Mass at SM

CAFOD RAFFLE VOLUNTEERS: - Could you help selling CAFOD raffle tickets this spring, as a great way to raise funds for poor communities? Great prizes, and the chance to win one for your parish. No experience or special skills needed, just a winning smile and the desire to help a good cause. If this sounds like you (and you are 16 or over) please contact the CAFOD Portsmouth office at portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or 01252 329385 by the end of April 2011.

GREAT SOUTH RUN - Do you enjoy a challenge? Would you like to help CAFOD in a different way this year? We are looking for runners to take part in the Great South Run in Portsmouth on Sunday 30 October (10 miles), or, if you are aged 3-8 or 9-15, in the Mini (1.5 km) and Junior (2.5 km) Great South Runs! We will be there on the day to cheer you on! For more information and/or to register please contact Sian Hughes: shughes@cafod.org.uk or 020 7095 5333

ECUMENICAL STUDY GROUPS FOR LENT 2011 - WATERSIDE CHURCHES TOGETHER (SOUTH) The last date and venues are as follows: Tuesday, April 12th. There is a group at 1.30 for 2.00pm at Blackfield Baptist Church (Hampton Lane, Blackfield) and 7.00 for 7.30pm at Waterside Methodist Church (Chapel Lane, Fawley).The groups are open to all.

PLANT SALE: The annual plant sale will be held on the 14th May 2011. Now is the time to start sowing those seeds or deciding which plants could be potted up. Oh yes - and pray for good weather. Any queries or offers of help to Veronica Chadwick tel. 80897458

JUST LISTEN! Because we have 2 ears we think that we listen well. We may hear well, but do we listen effectively?

On **Saturday, 14th May, 10.30am – 3.30pm (coffee from 10.00am)**, the Acorn Christian Healing Foundation will provide an introduction to listening skills called 'Just Listen'. It will be of interest to anyone who would like to explore how to listen more effectively. Can you spare time to listen to others? Do you visit the sick or house bound? Are you a Catechist helping with Children's Liturgy, or preparing children for Holy Communion or Confirmation? Do you listen to others who come to you with problems? Then this day is for you.
Cost: £7.50. Advance booking is essential. Please bring a packed lunch (tea and coffee will be provided)

Booking forms are available from Fr David. If you would like to go but don't have transport, please let Fr David know as he may be able to pair you up with someone else who is attending.
Venue: St. Edward the Confessor, 191-193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2DU

WELL DONE TO: Mike Slipper & the Jazzmen. Mike wrote: " A lively evening with Jazz, Table Magic and a raffle raised over £288 for Comic Relief. I take this opportunity to thank you for your contribution towards the raffle, which obviously boosted the amount raised".

GARDENER / HANDYMAN NEEDED: by elderly couple on a part-time basis. Please ring 023-80-840288



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