

# The Messenger

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

10<sup>th</sup> June 2012

The Body & Blood of Christ (Year B: Psalter Wk.2)

Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	No Service (Liturgy: Memorial, St Barnabas, Apostle)
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: 10th Week of Ordinary Time)
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am - Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst (Liturgy: Memorial, St Anthony of Padua)
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am - Mass at Our Ladys, Lyndhurst (Liturgy: 10th Week of Ordinary Time)
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	No Service (Liturgy: Solemnity, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus)
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am SMMass followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.00am (Liturgy: Memorial, Immaculate Heart of Mary)
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 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, Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Amanda Bowden (Health), Pauline Etheridge (Health), For All Ministers of the Word & Holy Communion, Kitty Burroughs B'day, For the Good estate of Rev Steven Bowler, Rev Bill O'Connell & Rev Ian Tobin F/M, Shaun & Helen Kitson (Thanksgiving 25th Wedding Anniv & family intentions), Bert Smith RIP Anniv, Ann Wilton RIP

**For the week beginning 17th June:** All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Guidance for choice of new Bishop, All Fathers, spiritual & natural, All Childrens Liturgy Catechists & helpers, Hand in Hand Trust, Amanda Bowden (Health), Jim & Pat Connaughton RIP, Patrick Kirwan RIP Anniv,

## WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastoral Team: Rev David Adams (Parish Priest)  
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## 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, (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

## RECEIVE YOUR OWN MYSTERY

Today we are also celebrating the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (known previously by its Latin title: Corpus Christi).

Jesus was a spiritual genius and artist because he took simple things used in everyday meals and, by a unique association with himself in the death and resurrection he was to experience, he created a transformational ritual. This ritual which we have come to call the "Mass" has been at the centre of Western Catholic Christianity since the beginning.

The Eucharist is first of all the celebration of God's work in Jesus freeing us from sin and death and sharing with us Divine life. For this free, undeserved grace we can only give heartfelt thanks, which is in fact the meaning of the word Eucharist. Secondly the Eucharist is invitation and challenge. The invitation is to be "one body, one spirit in Christ" so that we can no longer regard ourselves as separate from others. Rather we are invited to recognise our responsibilities for others and to others. The call is to treat others as ourselves, to love others as ourselves. This way of love is a challenge to accept the sacrifices love may ask of us. As Jesus gave his life and death for us, so we are called to give our living and our dying for one another. In this way the Eucharist expresses something that is happening in our every day lives: a growing experience of gratitude to God and a growing capacity to love as Jesus has loved us. All this is made possible by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Eucharist reveals the ultimate pattern and purpose of our lives.

In the Eucharist we celebrate the gift of ourselves in God. Holy communion makes a powerful statement that God's life is in us, as the prayer at Mass says: "By the mingling of this water and wine may we come to share the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity". Holy Communion gradually attunes us and confirms us in this mystery of loving union with God. If God can take simple bread and wine and make them his body & blood how much more does God take us and delight in us being the "body and blood of Christ" in the world today. This is not our doing, it is by God's graciousness alone. We are no better than anyone else, it is just that by faith, we are made aware of this relationship. This is the Good News to be shared respectfully with others.

God's big HUG and EMBRACE which is the Eucharist accompanies us at every stage of our lives. It is the hug and embrace of unconditional love which desires the best for us and nurtures the best in us. When we're very young its all hugs and kisses and comfort. As we grow its all hugs, kisses, comfort and encouragement. As we get older its all hugs, kisses, comfort, encouragement and challenge. As we get older still its all hugs, kisses, comfort, encouragement, challenge and a call to loving service and responsibility. We are never ready for so great a gift or for so much love. We respond gradually, sometimes enthusiastically, sometimes indifferently, sometimes we rebel, maybe upset at God for not making things go as we would like. As long as we keep returning to the Source in humility with as much acceptance as we can muster the grace continues its work. Everything is turned to our good once we allow ourselves to be caught up in the flow of God's love which fills the whole creation. (DMA)

Often with the poorest people you cannot completely alleviate their problem but by being with them, whatever you can do for them makes a difference.  
(Brother Geoff, The Missionaries of Charity Brothers)

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Amanda Bowden, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Sheila Godwin, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Lyndsey Keggins, Gillian Plummer, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Jason Singleton, Ronald Stevens, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & MINISTERS OF THE WORD:** The celebration of Corpus Christi on Sunday, 10th June is a fitting occasion for the parish to show its appreciation for your service and for you to renew your commitment to your ministry. This will take place during the Sunday Masses today.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** On Sunday, June 17th Josie Masters will speak at both Masses about her recent trip to Peru for the "Hand-in-Hand Trust" which she & Roger established to help poorer families in early years child-care & education.

**PRAYER POTTERY:** next meeting Tuesday, 26th June at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Michael's. The prayer time is led by Christine Olden and comprises of music, quiet time & readings. All are welcome

**HEALING MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S, ASHURST:** These will be on Mondays: June 18th, July 2nd, 6th August, 3rd September at 7.15pm. Fr Des Connolly SMM will be celebrating these initially. (St Joseph's is at the rear of Geo House).

**PETERS PENCE:** On Sunday, 24th June there an obligatory 2nd Collection for Peter's Pence. This is a contribution from the local churches to the costs of the Papal ministry & administration.

**Celebrating Marriage 2012:** On Saturday, 16th June 2012 there will be a special Mass with the Bishop at St Bede's, Basingstoke for couples in our diocese celebrating significant wedding anniversaries during 2012. If you are celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th anniversary during 2012, or any anniversary over 60 years, please let your parish priest know as soon as possible so that you can be sent an invitation. Attendance will be by invitation only and numbers are limited. For more information contact: Katja Babei, Advisor for Marriage and Family Life. kbabe@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Tel: 01329 835583

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** "Celebrate" - Catholic Charismatic Conference - on 29th-30th September 2012, at St Mary's College, Bitterne, Southampton. A Faith-Filled family event with something for everyone, children especially catered for. The theme is a "Highway to Holiness". There will be teachings, worship, Mass & Reconciliation available all in a very friendly & relaxed & joyful atmosphere.

**SNUG - THE COCKER SPANIEL:** Last Tuesday a fisherman found Snug's body floating in the main channel between Lepe & the IOW. He kindly removed the collar but understandably couldn't take him on board. On Wednesday evening a couple walking their dog at Inchmery found his body washed up on the beach. They went out of their way to contact us and we were able to recover his body and arrange cremation. Thanks to St Francis & St Anthony and the angels & thanks again to many people from the parish & local communities who helped in different ways & to all who expressed sympathy.

**WISDOM WORDS:** "The best way to make your dreams come true is to wake up" (Paul Valery) Ritual and Dogma are like candles. They can illuminate part of our darkness when we're stumbling around trying to find our way; but they cannot illuminate all our darkness. And when the day dawns, the candle is no longer needed. (Anon.)

## CAFOD CAMPAIGN

### GIVE IT UP DURING LENT FOR CLEAN WATER

Following the receipt of some further donations and pyramids, the total for the collection has reached an amazing £2817.47 which will be doubled by the Government under the special Aid Matching Scheme to £5634.94. CAFOD has written to express thanks for this great generosity which will enable them to make a lot of difference to poor people's lives. The collection is now closed.

**NEXT ST MARTHA GROUP EVENT:** This will be a Quiz Night and American Supper and will take place at 7pm on 16th June in St Bernard's Hall. Tickets are on sale from this Sunday, 20th May. Any items suitable to be **RAFFLE PRIZES** will be gratefully received please hand them in to the Parish Shop, or to one of the Martha Group or to Fr David at church.



## WINTERSHALL TRIP IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Date of Trip:** Saturday, 23rd June

**Departure Time:** The coach will leave St Michael's at 8.00am

**Return Journey:** The coach will leave Wintershall at 4.30pm arriving back at St Michael's at approximately 6.00pm.

There is a 10 minute walk from the coach park to where the play begins.

The audience is requested not to move about during the scenes.

Very limited light refreshments are available for purchase. Toilet facilities are available.

### What you need to bring:

- A packed lunch, including drinks
- Suitable footwear for grass & country walking
- Raincoat or umbrella, sunscreen &/or hat  
(Check the weather forecast the night before)
- A light, folding garden chair or rug to sit on.

**Walking with Prayer – A day with the Labyrinth** on Saturday 23rd June 2012 1000-1600 at Wisdom Centre, Romsey  
A quiet day of reflection, encouraging each of us to explore our life of prayer as an ongoing journey. Throughout the day there will be opportunities to walk the labyrinth in the grounds of Wisdom House, to take a prayer walk to Romsey Abbey and the river nearby. The suggested donation for the day is £22 and lunch will be provided. Please telephone 01794 830206 or email reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk to find out more.

**NEW WATER HEATER AT ST BERNARD'S:** We have installed a new water heater in the kitchen at St Bernard's. It should be able to deliver constant hot water for washing up, washing hands etc. This is being paid for by funds raised through parish social events organised by the St Martha group. We have also installed paper towel dispensers in the toilets there.

**OPEN EVENING:** St Anne's Catholic School & Sixth Form College are holding an Open Evening on Wednesday, 27th June, 6.00pm - 8.00pm. See the poster in the porch for more information.

For the Ideal Gift or Gift Voucher visit  
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