

The Messenger

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

10th July 2011

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr A - Divine Office: Week 3

Sun	10 th	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels
Mon	11 th	No Service (Liturgy: Feast, - St Benedict, Founder, Patron of Europe, 480 - 547)
Tues	12 th	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: of the Day)
Wed	13 th	7.30pm SM Evening Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: of the Day, or optnl Memorial - St Henry, Emperor 973 - 1024)
Thurs	14 th	10.00am LT Mass (Liturgy: of the Day, or optnl Memorial, St Camillus of Lellis, Founder, 1550-1614)
Fri	15 th	No Service (Liturgy: Memorial - St Swithun, d 862)
Sat	16 th	10.00am SM Mass followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am (Liturgy: of the Day, or optnl Memorial: Our Lady of Mount Carmel)
Sun	17 th	16 th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A 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, Bishop Crispian, Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Jim Williams RIP, Bob Pease RIP, Eric Evans RIP Anniv, Roy Nicholas RIP.

For the week beginning 17th July: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian, Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Steve & Tina Bowler - Wedding Anniv, Steve Bowler - B'day, Eric Powell RIP Anniv,

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 ANSWER LIES IN THE SOIL!

In Matthew's Gospel, the parable of the sower is given an explanation – the different soil represents the different general responses of people to Christ's word. It is more likely an explanation given with the benefit of hindsight – describing how people actually responded. Matthew's community obviously liked to have things cut and dried and explained. However the parable, by its very nature can admit of many "explanations". It is important not to lose other perspectives.

We should also be asking ourselves what areas of our lives have been fruitful or barren. Where has ignorance, prejudice or other evil influences prevented the word taking root at all? Are we aware of blind spots in our attitudes and thinking? Have we asked God to reveal how selfishness, greed, pride, hatred etc are blinding us to what God is asking of us? In what areas have we received the word with joy and enthusiasm but then have become disillusioned because of the difficulties or because things didn't work out as we were expecting? Have we brought our sadness and disappointment to God in prayer? Have we asked to see things from God's perspective? What good intentions, relationships and personal qualities have been choked off by anxiety, concern about money and security, and addiction to personal pleasures? Have we prayed to be liberated from what is stifling deeper growth and joy? Where has there been growth in our lives and relationships – spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually? Have we thanked God for this and celebrated it?

Just as the parable can be applied to us individually, it can also be applied to our church community at all the different levels. What are the strengths and weaknesses of our parish? What do we concentrate on and what do we neglect? It may be helpful to look at other parishes and see what they are doing. It may be helpful to look at other Christian churches and other world faiths as well. Sometimes others are living the gospel far more generously than we are. We are sometimes strong on piety and weak on actually changing for the better.

As an institution the Catholic Church has its strengths and weaknesses. For example we have been very hot on orthodoxy (getting the right ideas & teaching) but less concerned about orthopraxy (getting the right behaviour). We have been good at telling people what to think and believe and do, but slow to listen to what the Holy Spirit has been teaching others. We have been heavy on ritual, law and morality and light on the Holy Spirit, faith and spirituality. We have emphasised conformity rather than community. We exaggerated the dependence of people upon the ordained ministry and neglected personal relationship with God in faith and other ministries and gifts of the Holy Spirit. We have emphasised the passive receiving of the Sacraments and neglected the active response to Christ's word. In our liturgy we celebrate the Eucharist so much that we have forgotten there are other forms of worship and prayer. In the liturgical prayers we often jump from communion to eternal life as if there is nothing in between. (DMA)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Mervyn Francis, Amanda Gudge, Doreen Holman, Joy Prestage, Norma Rudd, Sarah, Simon Smith, Ronald Stevens, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

SECOND COLLECTION: this week is for the Apostleship of the Sea. See poster & special envelopes for details.

THANKS FROM: Fr Gerry Toner, of the Society of African Missions for the very generous response to the appeal last week which raised £557.19 for their work in Africa.

ANONYMOUS DONATION: last week a parishioner gave £500 to the parish to help towards our repayment of the £40,000 owed to the Diocese. A very big thanks to that person.

HANNAH, ANNA & THEIR FAMILIES would like to thank everyone who helped to make the confirmation Mass last Thursday so special. Thanks to the organisers, all the priests and deacons, the balloon-arrangers and everyone who came to support.

THANK YOU: from Roger & Josie Masters (founders of the *Hand in Hand Trust*) for all the pencils & crayons & drawing materials donated for the children in Peru. Josie left for Peru this morning (Sunday) and she is taking 18 kilos of materials to the children. She received in total 23 kilos! So the remainder will be sent out as soon as possible. Well done everyone.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MASSES: the next few dates for young peoples Masses at St Bernard's are: 31 July, 4 Sept, 2 Oct, 6 Nov, 4 Dec.

9AM CHILDREN'S LITURGY: This will continue through the school holidays as far as possible, so long as our youngsters still come. In both July and Aug there may be one or two Sundays when nobody is here to run it, due to our volunteer shortage (could you help us out in future? Please chat to Clare if so).

THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE LITURGY - RESOURCES

(These can be ordered now from the Parish Shop)

The following are available to be ordered now:

Simple Prayer Book - Standard Edition - CTS, £1.95p

Large Print Mass Book, CTS £1.95

Companion to the Order of Mass (An exploration of the meaning & scriptural resonances of the words of the Mass, using the new translation) CTS, £2.50

Understanding the Roman Missal - the New Translation (A presentation & explanation of the new translation, accompanied by liturgical and spiritual reflections) CTS, £1.95

And With Your Spirit (Missal Music CD) A guide to singing the new English translation of the Mass. CTS £14.95

The following will be available in November 2011 but can be ordered now

People's Sunday Missal - including the Order of Mass new translation. £ TBA

People's Daily Missal - including the Order of Mass new translation. £ TBA

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CAFOD together with the other major aid agencies are calling for a collection to be made on behalf of the people of North East Africa affected by the drought and famine. **A collection will be arranged shortly.**

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE: who worked so hard to put on the Cheese & Wine & Auction Evening. Special thanks to the Martha group for arranging the food & drink; special thanks to Linda for doing hours of organisation; special thanks to parishioners who donated items or promises for the auction; and special thanks to local businesses who donated gifts. Next week we will be able to announce the amount raised for the parish.

Please take note of the businesses who have given generously to the Auction. **Please support them, as they have supported us.**

THE CROFT PUB
LANGDOWN LAWN, HYTHE, 02380 842141

NATURAL TONE
CHEVRON BUSINESS PARK, HOLBURY 02380 897700

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BEAULIEU 01590 612345

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JAZZ AT VESPERS CONCERT: on Saturday, 16th July from 7pm until 9.30pm at the Immaculate Conception Church, 146 Portswood Rd, Southampton. Tickets £5 7 include light refreshments. More information from Joe Croll, 80-869720