

# The Messenger

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

**19th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 10th August 2014**  
**Year A, Weekdays Yr 2; Psalter week 3**

**9.00am Mass SB**  
**11.00am Mass SM**

Mon 11th August No Service  
*(St Clare, Foundress)*

Tuesday 12th August No Service  
*(St Jane Frances de Chantal, Foundress)*

Wed 13th August No Service  
*(St Pontian, Pope)*

Thurs 14th August No Service  
*(St Maximilian Maria Kolbe, Priest, Martyr)*

**Friday 15th August 10am Mass SM**  
**The Assumption of Our Lady**

**Mass 10am SM; 7.30 pm SB**

**Saturday 16th August 10am Mass SM**  
*(St Stephen, King of Hungary)*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation after the 10am Mass today**  
**20th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 17th August**

**9.00am Mass SB**  
**11.00am Mass SM**

**Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 10th August**  
**Anniversaries this week:** Anne Wyatt (15th), Michael Mc Donnell (16th)

**Those who have died recently:** Mary Cocking, Catherine (Kit) Cockton, Terry Houlihan, Pauline Sharpley, Ron Stevens, Neil Tisdale,

**Other Intentions:** Eileen & Gerry Brady (Wedding Anniv); Krysia Masters (Health), Carmel & Aidan Mc Clatchey (Golden Wedding Anniv); Marta Pugsley (Health), Francesca Wells (private intention)

## WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

**Rev David Adams -Parish Priest-** based at Our Lady & St Joseph Church, Lymington: Tel: 01590 676696 ;

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**New Forest East Pastoral Area:** Lyndhurst, Totton & Waterside,  
**Sunday Mass Times**

**St Theresa, Totton** - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am

**Our Lady & St Edward, Lyndhurst** - Sun 9am, (Holy Day Vigil 7pm)

**Rev Stephen Short** (Deacon)

**Parish priest : Rev Innaiah Maddineni** : Tel: 023 8086 2270

**Rev Andrew Philpott** (Deacon)

**New Forest West Pastoral Area:** Brockenhurst, Lymington, Milford on sea & New Milton

**Parish Priest: Rev David Adams** Tel: 01590 676696

**Rev Stephen Morgan** (Deacon)

St Anne-Brockenhurst, Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph-Lymington,  
 St Francis of Assisi-Milford on Sea.

**Parish Priest: Rev Marcin Drabik** : Tel: 01425 614968

Our Lady of Lourdes- New Milton

**Sunday Mass Times**

**Saturday Vigil Mass: Lymington and New Milton** at 6pm

**Sunday: Milford on Sea** at 9.00am, **New Milton** at 10 am,

**New Milton** 6.30pm *Mass in Polish*

**Lymington** at 10:30am, **Brockenhurst** at 6.00pm

## LITTLE FAITH

In today's Gospel two things are going on simultaneously. As the disciples set off across the lake, Jesus goes up on the mountain to pray (v.23). The biblical idea is of Jesus ascending the mountain, a traditional place for contact with God. In prayer, Jesus returns to the source of all that he is and does.

But while Jesus is in close contact with God the crossing of the lake becomes a conflict, a battle with a heavy sea. Jesus leaves the union of prayer with God to join his struggling disciples. Yet, despite their need for him, his presence strikes fear into their hearts as they cry out, "It is a ghost" (v.26).

Jesus reveals himself to them in a formula, which has a long history in the Bible: "It is I" (v.27). From Moses' encounter with the burning bush (see Ex 3:14), down to the conflicts of the prophets with the false gods introduced into Israel (see Is 43:10; 45:18), this formula was used to speak of the presence of the true God to his people: "It is I". Equally important to moments when God or the Angel of God speaks to his people are the words of encouragement: "Do not be afraid".

Peter's response is typical. At first he is prepared to take a risk upon the word of Jesus. If it is Jesus, he will only have to call him across the water, and he will come (v.28). At first he places his trust in the Lord, but then succumbs to the pressures of the storm around him. However, in this situation he calls on the help of the Lord, and Jesus holds him and keeps him safe (vv.30 -31). In Peter's situation of little faith and doubt, his Lord has stood by him. So it is with all the disciples in the boat. Jesus and Peter get into the boat, the wind drops and all confess: "Truly, you are the Son of God" (v.33).

In the experience of the disciples and Peter we find reflected the experience of every Christian. We often begin with the great courage, which only faith can give us, but such courage of faith dwindles when wind and wave assail it. In this situation we remain ultimately dependent upon the gracious help of our Lord. Without Jesus we can make no headway. Jesus is the one who is close to God, who unfailingly looks to him for guidance and strength, while we go on with the everyday things in our lives, never giving our God a thought. Yet, when difficulties come God is there, coming out of the darkness into our lives. But even then our faith can falter. He sometimes asks us to do strange things: to jump out of the boat into the stormy water. Encouragingly, Peter's story – and the story of disciples who thought Jesus was only a ghost – tells us it is to those of little faith that Jesus still comes, holding us close and leading us into safety and peace which only he can give.

(From "This is the Gospel of the Lord" Year A, by Francis J. Moloney).

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: Baby Blake Proctor, Baby Elijah, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Derek Francis, Mervyn Francis, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Mary King, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Sarah Mc Cann, Krysia Masters, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, Marta Pugsley, Ruth Rowan, Lilly Ricketts, Jim Ross, Norma Rudd, Cath Smith, Susan Soutter, Emmie Walker, George Watson, Francesca Wells.  
**(If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Linda via the Parish office)**



**THANK YOU** to all those who responded to the appeal for 'gardeners', especially to Mr & Mrs Bolger on holiday from Dublin, who bought a bag of compost! Thanks to Wayne, Maria, Peter & Maureen, and Polly who have offered to help, and to Terry & Lexley George who are arranging some help from a local gardener in tackling the overgrown bushes at the back of the church. Thanks especially to Joe Breen who slaved away in the incredible heat removing all the weeds in the car park by hand! Above and beyond the call of duty Joe, but the car park looks great now! Thanks to Joy Lovelock for co-ordinating the volunteers. I'm sure you'll all agree the grounds are looking a lot better already! If you have any plants or attractive pots (not plastic ones) you'd like to donate, see Joy.



**GARDENING FUND** We would like to put a bench at the back of the church so parishioners, especially those without a garden, can come and sit and relax in the peace and quiet. If you would like to donate to the bench, or to a 'gardening fund' for replacing plants when required, please see Linda in the office, or put your donation in an envelope marked 'gardening fund' or 'bench'.

**WELCOME** to Pat Henry who will be talking about Missio-APF. Their last appeal was in 2006. The Red box donations for 2013 was £1,318.



**WANTED** by one of our female parishioners, a Cleaner for 2 hours every Friday morning. If you can help please ring 02380847469



**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** This Friday 15th August Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass times: 10am St Michael's; 7.30pm St Bernard's.

**THE CONFLICT IN GAZA** Last week we read the appeal by Pope Francis for peace in Gaza. This is echoed by CAFOD. We are working with our longstanding partners on the ground in Gaza, Caritas Jerusalem, Catholic Relief Services and Islamic Relief Palestine, who are working round the clock to get food, water, medicine, hygiene kits and emergency supplies to thousands of people, often at great personal risk.

The really pressing need is for aid to get through to the most vulnerable families. Our partners' humanitarian aid workers can't reach some of the worst hit areas without both Israeli and Palestinian authorities agreeing to allow humanitarian access to those in need of aid.

But aid alone is not a sustainable solution to this crisis. We can't continue to watch this cycle of violence, both in Gaza and in Israel. So as well as immediate relief, CAFOD is committed to working for long term peace and justice for the region.

This is why we are primarily asking your parish community to sign a petition asking the Foreign Secretary, Philip Hammond, to push for a comprehensive ceasefire and humanitarian access, and long-term measures to end the suffering and deal with the root causes of the Israel-Palestine conflict.

*Please sign the petition at the back of church*



**The Pope Tweets:** @Pontifex *May we be always more grateful for the help of domestic workers and caregivers; theirs is a precious service.*



*Let's pray for the peoples of Gaza for a lasting end to violence, then to peace and reconciliation.*



*Dear all, Now that we are into August, and the school holidays are upon us, I wish you all a blessed summer. I hope you have some time for rest and relaxation. Summer can be a time when we deepen our relationship with the Lord, if we have a little more time for daily prayer and spiritual reading. May God bless you over these months.*



**RCRS (Roman Catholic Religious Studies) HOME STUDY COURSES** available for Roman Catholic GCSE and A-level Religious Studies for pupils not able to attend a Catholic Secondary School. *The courses prepare students to take the Edexcel GCSE examination in Religious Studies (Roman Catholic Papers).* The A-level course is tutored from a Roman Catholic perspective and prepares students to take the OCR A-Level Religious Studies examination (Philosophy of Religion and Religious Ethics). Full details of both courses are available on their website: [www.romancatholicreligiousstudies.co.uk](http://www.romancatholicreligiousstudies.co.uk).



**CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE TO 'THE JOURNEY':** Father PJ Smith, *Head of Educational Chaplaincies and Youth Ministry*, is organising a coach to the Youth 2000 festival in Walsingham this summer from 21-25 August. The festival is called *The Journey*. For more info see website <http://www.youth2000.org/>. If you, or someone you know, aged 16-30, would like to go, check the diocesan website soon to book



**MARYVALE CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS** The Formation for Mission Team is offering the chance to study for a Certificate in Catechesis, awarded by Maryvale Institute in Birmingham. This course is open to anyone who wishes to study their Faith systematically and be able to explain it to others. It is for all parish catechists as well as those who simply want to give an account of their Faith to others. A special introductory taster evening will take place at the new Maryvale Centre in the Diocese of Portsmouth - St Edward the Confessor, Chandlers Ford - on September 10th at 7.30pm - 9pm.



**DIVINE MERCY RETREAT** (*with Confraternity of the Rosary*) from 11am to 4pm Saturday 16 August at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, led by Father Andrew. Includes procession, prayers, devotions, a talk, Holy Mass 12:15pm, Divine Mercy prayer, Benediction, veneration of the Divine Mercy picture and relics. All Welcome. Contact Janet Tel. 023 9282 0744 for more info.

**NEXT WEEK: SPECIAL COLLECTION for CAFOD to help with humanitarian aid to those suffering in Gaza.**

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

- + Eileen & Gerry Brady's Wedding Anniversary (10th August)
- + Carmel & Aidan's Golden Wedding Anniversary (14th August)
- + All those who benefit from working with the Missions, for those who work for Missio APF, for those who donate and for those who collect.
- + The people caught up in conflicts in the Middle East & the Ukraine. Those who have lost their lives, those who are grieving, and all those injured and left homeless in the bombing.

**WHAT'S ON**

**CAFOD PORTSMOUTH SUPPORTERS' MEETING** CAFOD Portsmouth will be holding a meeting for all supporters on Sat 13 September from 10am - 1.30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School (Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX). **To book a place** please ring 01252 329385 or email [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) by 8 September.

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