

OUR FAITH SAVES US

One of the most frequent sayings of Jesus is: "Go in peace, your faith has saved you." Usually Jesus has given a gift of healing. He doesn't say: "Go in peace and remember that Jesus of Nazareth has healed you." Nor does he say: "Go in peace and remember that God has healed you," even though both these statements are true. God in Jesus did, does and will continue to heal and bless us.

This faith that saves is a recognition that God is acting through Jesus and that God will act on our behalf for our salvation and our blessing. This faith is not a work that earns us God's attention. It is not a psychological attitude that we can train ourselves to accomplish. It is the look from the helpless to the Helper. It is the offering of nothingness from the creature to the Creator. It is the emptiness of the sinner who seeks to be filled with the mercy of God.

The purpose of the Church is to invite faith and to nurture faith. Its role is to help people enter into a relationship with God and one another (the two relationships are always inseparable). It should be a community where God's love and grace can be shared. People aren't made for the Church. The Church is made for people.

Some times we try to run before we can walk. We think we can get along fine without the community of faith. We think God is everywhere so we don't need to go to church to pray. But in reality we gradually stop praying altogether. We think God is with us always so we don't need to receive Holy Communion. But we gradually forget God is with us and others and we sink further into a shallow mentality. We think God will always forgive us so we don't need to change. But in reality our bad habits & sins just get stronger and more destructive. We can fall into a negative attitude to others, only seeing their faults. We forget that we have gifts to share and others have gifts that will benefit us.

If, on the other hand, our faith is growing we will have a greater dependency on God, a growing sense of God loving us and being with us always, a growing desire to communicate with God and be in union with God. We will also have a growing practical love for our brothers & sisters in the faith and for all humanity. We will appreciate and use the ordinary helps to salvation, which the Church offers: fellowship, worship, prayer, Scripture and the sacraments. However we will see them as a means to an end, which is union with God and one another in faith, hope and love. More and more we will see God acting through them but not being limited by them.

We will be grateful for the services of the priest but we will remember that it is Christ who loves and saves us. Christ is in fact the only Priest. And, if necessary, the Christ can come to us without intermediaries. We can always seek forgiveness in prayer: "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you etc." We can express our sorrow for sin and we can ask for the grace to change. Whatever our circumstances we can make a spiritual communion. We ask Jesus to fill us with all the graces that would be given were we able to receive sacramental Holy Communion. We can pray for the healing of others and ourselves. We can pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit too! All we need is the nothingness of faith. Jesus will never leave us alone: "Come to me, all you who are burdened." (DMA)

The Messenger

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10th October 2010

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Divine Office: Wk 4

Sun	10 th	9am SB Mass; 11am SM Mass; 3pm SB Baptism Tyler Coulson; 6pm SM Mass
Mon	11 th	No Service (Liturgy: Of the Day)
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 optl Memory: St Edward the Confessor, 1004 - 1066)
Thurs	14 th	10.00am LT Mass (Liturgy: Of the Day, or optl Memory: St Callistus I, Pope & Martyr d. 222)
Fri	15 th	No Service (Memory: St Teresa of Jesus (Avila) 1515 - 1582) 3.30pm - Southampton Crematorium Funeral Service - Urban William Paul RIP
Sat	16 th	10.00am SM Mass followed by Reconciliation until 11.30am (Liturgy: Of the Day, or optl Memories: St Hedwig, Lay Woman, 1174-1243; St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Religious, 1647-1690, or Our Lady on Saturday)
Sun	17 th	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9am SB Mass; 11am SM Mass

MASS COUNTS DURING OCTOBER

Mass Intentions: For this week: People of the Parish, Parishioners who are unwell, Norman Haskell (Health); Paul Henderson (Health); Betty Williams (Health-Peace), Maureen Churchill RIP, Paddy Condon RIP; Margaret Jones RIP Anniv, Urban William Paul RIP, Cora Simpson RIP Anniv,

For the week beginning 17th Oct: People of the Parish, Parishioners who are unwell, Brian Lloyd RIP Anniv, deceased members of the Gallagher & Collins families

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

Pastoral Team:
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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Marion Butler, Derry Condon, Petra Daniels, Bill Feltham, Pat Gallanagh, Amanda Gudge, Trevor Handol, Norman Haskell, Jenny Lauder, Bridget Reeves, Betty Williams, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

THE CAFOD COLLECTION: The amount so far for the Harvest / Autumn collection is a tremendous £856. This does not include the anticipated amount of Gift Aid. Well done everyone, and there is still some more to come in.

WEEKENDS IN OCTOBER: These are designated for the collection of Diocesan and National statistics so there are Mass Counts at all Sunday Masses during October.

RED BOXES: Would Red Box holders please bring their boxes to church on Sunday, 3rd October 2010. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Approved Minutes of the July PPC meeting are available for consultation on the church noticeboards.

SUNDAY EVENING MASS: After discussion at last weeks PPC meeting it has been decided to discontinue the Sunday evening Mass. The **last** Sunday evening Mass will be today on **Oct 10th**. While it has been convenient for a few people it has not drawn a sufficient & consistent core group able to assume responsibilities. It will also be expensive to keep the church heated in the winter for such a small group.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Any parent who considers that their child is ready to prepare for their 1st Holy Communion should contact Fr David. Once it is known how many children will be involved we can decide the best way forward.



CONFIRMATION: The parish is inviting young people, usually from the age of 14yrs upwards, to confirm their faith in God's love for them and to make a personal response to God's call. Anyone who wishes to go forward to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation should contact Fr David after first receiving their parents consent.



ONE WORLD ECUMENICAL SERVICE: This will take place at St Johns Church, Hythe on Sunday, 17th October at 6.30pm. Please do your best to support this event and show our solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ in our neighbouring churches. All are welcome.

ALLOTMENTS: The area behind St Michaels church has become a wilderness. Is there anyone who might like to turn it, or part of it, into an allotment? Please contact Fr David.

2 Timothy 2: 10-13 Here is a saying you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

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News from the Department for Pastoral Formation

1. Stewardship Award

I am delighted to tell you that the Diocese has won the International Catholic Stewardship Council's Award for Stewardship: Total Diocesan Effort. We are the first diocese outside the USA to receive the award in the twenty five years or so that it has been running.

2. Advent Resource

The Stewardship Writing Group has developed a set of 6 leaflets for weekly reflection, 'Stewards of God's Story', which use the Sunday Gospels from the First Sunday of Advent to the Feast of the Baptism. These will be available for free download from the diocesan website, or in printed packs (£1.75 per pack) which must be ordered from Eileen Stephenson by 29th October.

3. Baptised People: Light in Darkness – Hallmark Hotel, Bournemouth, 21st-23rd January 2011

An opportunity to explore how we are called, as baptised people, to share our faith and experience with others. We will approach the theme through practical sessions, input, prayer, reflection and liturgy. The weekend will be led by members of the Department for Pastoral Formation and others. Bookings must be received by Friday 19th November.

4. Bereavement Questionnaire

Many thanks to those who responded to the questionnaire sent to Bereavement and Loss groups. The ideas suggested have been collated by the Diocesan Bereavement and Loss Group and will be available as a booklet. Contact: Katja Babei

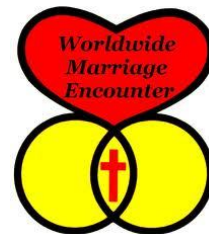
5. Communicating Christ

Monika and Nicky have developed a ten session training course for new and existing catechists which they are piloting in North East Hampshire Pastoral Area over the next two terms. It will then be run in other areas of the Diocese. Contact: Monika Chmelova

6. Pastoral Council Guidelines

The Diocesan Guidelines for Pastoral Councils have been updated to reflect the organisation of the Diocese into Pastoral Areas. See <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/docs/2010-Guidelines-for-Pastoral-Councils-September.pdf> or contact the Department for a printed copy.

MARRIED COUPLES: Would you like to experience a marriage enrichment weekend organised by Worldwide Marriage Encounter? It's a residential weekend designed to deepen and strengthen good marriages, away from the distractions of everyday life. It's not marriage counselling, therapy or a retreat, but a positive experience that can benefit any couple of any age group. The next weekend to be held in the South takes place in Hertfordshire from 22 - 24 October. Details: Mary & Chris Farrall 02380 275401 or <http://wwme.org.uk>



JAZZ EVENING: The 7th Parish Jazz Night is at St Bernard's Hall on **Saturday, 16th October** with the new Cavalier Jazzmen. Starting at **8pm**. Tickets are £6.00. Raffle prizes. Proceeds will go towards improving parish facilities. Tickets after Mass or from parish shop - F.H.C.



RAFFLE PRIZES: Thank you to all those who have donated Raffle prizes so far for the Jazz evening. If anyone else has anything suitable we would be very grateful. Please hand them in to the Parish office or to Fr David after Mass