

The Messenger

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

4th Sunday of Easter 11th May Year A, Weekdays Yr 2; Psalter week 4

9.00am Mass at SB
11.00am Mass at SM
Mon 12th May No Service
(St Pancras, Martyr)
Tuesday 13th May No Service
(Our Lady of Fatima)
Wed 14th May No Service
(St Matthias, Apostle)
Thurs 15th May No Service
Friday 16th May No Service
Saturday 17th May No Service
(St Dunstan, Bishop)

NO Sacrament of Reconciliation straight after Mass today

5th Sunday of Easter 18th May

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's
11.00am Mass at St Michael's

Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 11th May

Anniversaries this week: Patrick Connaughton (12th), James Cummings (17th)

Those who have died recently: George Farrelly, Honora Power

Other Intentions: Leanne Martin (Health), Ruth Rowan (Health), George Watson (Health), Mike Woolf (Health)

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

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

Rev Vincent Convery

Rev Steve Bowler (Deacon & Chair Parish Pastoral Council) Tel:02380 207449

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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)
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

BECAUSE YOU'RE WORTH IT!

You are humble and lowly, you are not wise, not influential, not of noble birth, you are foolish, weak and "nothing at all", you are common and contemptible! There is nothing like a little boost to your self-confidence and ego to set you up for the day. Just read through the Scripture passages for this Sunday to see what I mean.

I heard a comment recently. It was from a tourist guide in India. He said people from the West are lovely people but generally they have "lost their heart". We are too concerned about what is outside (for doing) and have little experience or desire for what is inside (for being). Even more seriously we have lost the language to articulate or describe our loss. Not only have we lost our soul we don't even recognize our loss or know why we're suffering stress, dissatisfaction, anxiety, restlessness and emptiness. The (post-modern) culture we live in has abandoned all spiritual maps of meaning, all great stories. Most films, books and TV dramas give us brief episodic stories and experiences but they come from nowhere and lead nowhere. Someone may show great love or courage but it has no connection with anything beyond itself like the overall purpose and meaning of life, what we Christians would call God. Now everyone is alone to scramble together whatever scraps of meaning they can. Or even at the furthest extreme you can choose whatever meaning you like – that's the ultimate fracturing and breakdown into gross individualism.

So we have to ask ourselves do we want to be poor in spirit, gentle, mourning, hungry and thirsty for what is right, merciful, pure in heart, seeking peace, persecuted in the cause of right, persecuted and lied about because we follow Jesus? Can we locate all this on a spiritual map? Can we see some purpose and meaning to all this?

If we find this difficult it is partly because our culture is giving us very different messages. And religion is never totally immune to culture. Even popular Christian religion reflects the culture as much as it reflects the teaching of Jesus. Religion with its worship, devotions, rules, laws and guidelines should help us to encounter God. The Gospel, the beatitudes are what is given to us when we meet God. Its all about relationship, community, interiority, being present to God and each other. When we start looking at ourselves and others in relation to God then the Beatitudes become very important. They are what make love, forgiveness, joy, giving and receiving, trusting and believing – "Be-attitudes" make it all possible. When our life is all about doing we become empty. We need to discover the world of our being – our heart and soul.

In shallow tribal and materialistic culture there have to be winners and losers, the good and the bad, the right and the wrong, the rich and the poor, the influential and the powerless, the "in" crowd and the nobodies, the "worth-its" and the worthless. In God's gaze none of this means anything, by God's free giving every one is "worth it" and there are no "nobodies".

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Baby Elijah, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, George Raffray, Ruth Rowan, Lilly Ricketts, Norma Rudd, Pauline Sharpley, Susan Soutter, Ronald Stevens, Neil Tisdale, Emmie Walker, Mike Woolf
(If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Linda via the Parish office)



SPRING FAIR & PLANT SALE 17th MAY at St Bernard's 10am-12.30. If you have any prizes for the raffle please take them to the parish shop or leave at the back of the church marked 'for plant sale'. To all the bakers among you- please help by baking a cake and taking it along on the day. Let's pray for a sunny day!

THE MESSENGER: For the next few weeks the messenger will be pre-printed. So please don't be surprised if the information is not up-dated as normal.

OBLIGATORY COLLECTION TODAY FOR THE CLERGY TRAINING FUND This fund is for the training of students for the Priesthood and Permanent Deaconate.

IF YOU NEED A PRIEST IN AN EMERGENCY while the office is closed from 1st -19th May please contact Deacon Stephen Short on 023 80 282011. He will then contact a priest for you.



GOING INTO HOSPITAL? If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick *before your stay*, please speak to Fr Vincent after Mass. If you wish to see the Catholic chaplain or receive Holy Communion in hospital, you -or a relative on your behalf , must specifically request this from the hospital staff or directly from the Chaplaincy Team (Level D).



CAN'T GET TO THE LIBRARY? NO ONE WHO CAN EXCHANGE BOOKS FOR YOU? The Home Library Service is for people who are no longer able to get to the nearest library due to frailty or mobility problems and don't have anyone living locally to borrow books for them. If you know someone who could benefit from this, then please talk to staff at your nearest library. Or you can telephone 0845 603 5631 (Or call 01329 225928 standard and local call rates apply to this number) or email using the form at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/library/using-the-library/library-access/home-library-service.htm>



PLEASE NOTE: NO WEEKDAY MASS Friday 16th & Saturday 17th May.

SUNDAY 18th MAY Fr Vincent is away. A priest from the Verona Fathers will be saying Mass and their will be a Mission appeal afterwards.



PAUSE FOR PRAYER Tuesday 27th May 10-11. Chapel at St Michael's church. All welcome.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION WHOHAVE VOLUNTEERED TO GO OUT TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND. Fr David has not forgotten you! He is waiting for further information re the Diocesan training day on Safeguarding then he will get back to you. His apologies for the delay.

MARCHWOOD YOUTH AND COMMUNITY WORKER

The Handy Trust urgently needs a Youth & Community Worker for the Marchwood Area to start a.s.a.p. 22.5hrs a week. *All applicants need a recognised youth work qualification and must be prepared to undertake an enhanced DBS check.* See poster at back of church



The Pope Tweets: @Pontifex *Inequality is the root of social evil.*



COLLECTIONS FOR MAY 18th MAY APPEAL FOR VERONA FATHERS



REQUEST FROM BISHOP PHILIP. To celebrate the occasion of the canonisation of Saint John XXIII & Saint John Paul I wish to ask every parish across the Diocese to offer a Mass on Sunday 11th May (Fourth Sunday of Easter) in thanksgiving for Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II. *The intention would be to ask the prayers of the new saints for vocations to all states of life and ministry within our Diocese, but especially to the sacred priesthood. In that Mass, please also pray for all our seminarians presently in formation for the priesthood.*

With my prayers and best wishes,

In Corde Iesu,

+Philip



Devastating news about Anne Maguire, teacher who died tragically yesterday. May God bless and strengthen everyone at Corpus Christi School. +Philip

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- + Father Robert Byrne the Auxiliary Bishop Elect of Birmingham who will be ordained on 13th May at St Chad's Cathedral.
- + The sick of the parish and those who care for them.
- + Those struggling to come to terms with a bereavement.
- + Those in conflict around the world.
- + The First Holy Communion Candidates: Leon Carbayo- Borges, Carlos Carbayo-Borges & Caitlin Cross as they start their preparation for their First Holy Communion.
- + For answered prayer
- + For the Waterside area in which we live.
- + The street Pastors- that the management committee will work well together; with integrity, wisdom and discernment, keeping Jesus at the centre of everything

A PRAYER WALK IN THE HOME: For the month of May please pick up a 'prayer walk in the home' It is a decade of the rosary with a difference.

⇒ **WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA?**

CHRISTIAN AID SUNDAY 11TH May

Evening service 6.30pm Cornerstone Hythe URC. .Speaker Mary Jackson from Christian Aid. All arewelcome.

DIBDEN METHODIST CHURCH warmly invites you all to their Anniversary service on **Wednesday May 14th** at 2.30pm at the Methodist Church in North Road. *Please enter by the door at the rear of the church.* The speaker is Mrs Sue De' Jong & the soloist/pianist will be Mrs Val Mead both from St Andrew's church. There will be refreshments afterwards. If you wish to attend please advise Jackie Abern on 023-8084-8610 A.S.A.P.

CORNERSTONE HYTHE URC Women's Guild- Invites the women of the Waterside Catholic Parish to their Anniversary Service on **Thursday 15th May** at 2.30pm The speaker will be Mrs Alison Boon. The Service will be followed by tea in the hall.

BL. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN & THE NEW EVANGELISATION: Rev Dr. Stephen Morgan will give a talk in Joseph's Place, Lymington on Thursday, **29th May at 7.30pm.** All are welcome. Stephen was recently awarded a Doctorate from Oxford University on the subject of Newman. (Congratulations on your Doctorate Deacon Stephen!)

For the Ideal Gift or Gift Voucher visit
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