

THE WORD IS NEAR IT IS IN OUR LIVES

I think the Scripture readings for this weekend have something useful to say to us. Moses tells us: The word is very near to you. It is in your mouth and in your heart.

This is a gift we need to use to the full. If we could really tune into our deeper selves, the true self that is in God then the way of life, love and truth will shine out more clearly. We will hear the word of God not just spoken generally but spoken to us individually and to us collectively as a community. We do need to hear the prophetic word for our situation. The obstacles to that word are the different forms of fear and self-interest.

Our second reading, from Paul's letter to the Christians at Colossae, tells us we are part of a much bigger story, God's story in God's creation. This should give us encouragement and hope. God is doing a great work of reconciliation and peace. If we trust in the Spirit given to us and working through us (and given to others and working through others too!) then we will be used by God in a positive way. Even our difficulties and disappointments can be used by God to renew us and make us better able to serve.

Our Gospel has the heretic Samaritan doing what it takes to inherit eternal life. While in contrast the orthodox, observant temple priest and Levite pass by on the other side. If they help the injured person they will become contaminated and unable to do their religious duties. The point of the parable is that it is more important to do the right thing (orthopraxis) than to have our own ideas of being in the right (orthodoxy). (DMA)

The Messenger

St Michael's Church,
Langdown Lawn
Hythe SO45 5GR

11th July 2010
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St Bernard's Church
Southbourne
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TIMES OF SERVICES

Sun	11	9 am	SB	15th Sunday of the Year
		11 am	SM	15th Sunday of the Year
		6 pm	SM	15th Sunday of the Year
Tue	13	10 am	SM	Word & Communion Service
Wed	14	7.30 pm	SM	Evening Prayer & Mass
Thu	15	10 am	LT	No Service Today
Sat	17	10 am	SM	Mass
		11 am	SM	Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30
Sun	18	9 am	SB	16th Sunday of the Year
		11 am	SM	16th Sunday of the Year
		6 pm	SM	16th Sunday of the Year



Mass Intentions:

For the week beginning 11th July: People of the Parish, Parishioners who are unwell, Benefactors of "Living our Faith", Eric Evans RIP, Members of the McCulla Family RIP, Steve & Tina Bowler Wedding Anniversary

For the week beginning 18th July: People of the Parish, Parishioners who are unwell, Benefactors of "Living our Faith", Eric Powell RIP

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:

Rev David Adams (Parish Priest)
Rev Steve Bowler (Deacon) (8020 7449)
Rev Ian Tobin (Deacon) (8089 7354)
Kevin Barnett (Chair: Parish Pastoral Council)

Parish Administrator:

Helen Hughson (Mon & Tues only 9am—2pm)

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Brida Auger, Nigel Bolton, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Bill Feltham, Pat Gallanagh, Trevor Handol, Amanda Gudge, Jenny Lauder, Nora Newman, Bridget Reeves, Sheila Krzymuski. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT A PRIEST URGENTLY: If a person is being taken to hospital they, or someone on their behalf should ask the hospital staff to contact the Roman Catholic chaplain. If the person needing to see the priest is at home, for daytime emergencies ring Fr Peter Wilkie on 01590-643276; for night time emergencies please ring Fr Vincent Harvey (St Edmund's, Southampton) on 023-80-333589.

Tina and Steve would like to express their sincere thanks for all the cards, flowers, Masses and kind words that they have received in memory of Kathleen. Special thanks to Fr Peter and Deacon Hilary for celebrating the Mass and to Christine and the flower arrangers for the beautiful flowers. Thanks also to Irene and Tony for their help with the service and to Win, Ann and Eileen for preparing all the food. It was greatly appreciated. Finally thank you for the generous donation to the Roof fund and CAFOD. God Bless you all.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR RESIGNATION: After working for the Parish for over three and a half years I have decided to leave this employment in order to concentrate on my own small business. I will be leaving on 20th July but before I go I would like to thank those parishioners who made themselves known to me, especially during my early days at the Parish when it was based at Holbury. They will know who they are. My early days were not exactly easy as I took over the office duties at the end of a very difficult era for the Parish. We then had the fire at St Michael's and a break-in and the associated mess at St Bernard's, all of which added to my usual daily tasks. However during this period of time certain individuals offered their support and were appreciated for that. On the whole though it really has been an interesting time here and I have enjoyed meeting the people and facing the various challenges which I have been tasked with. I wish you all good health and happiness and (despite being regarded as a pagan by some!), I would hope to see an increase in the number of cars outside St Michael's at every mass when I drive by!

Helen Hughson

SPECIAL THANKS TO CLERGY & PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED SO FAR TO THE DIOCESAN FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN - "LIVING OUR FAITH".

If you are still considering whether you can make a contribution, please return the pledge form to Fr David when you have made your decision.

YOUNG PEOPLE & THE POPE'S VISIT: We have 4 places for any young people (16yrs to 20yrs) wishing to go to hear Pope Benedict address young people in Central London on Saturday, 18th September. It will be a full day event (early start & late finish) with large crowds attending so it will require stamina! Places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis and the parish will cover the cost. The organisers would like a reply ASAP, so please contact Fr David right away if you are interested. Further details will be given then.

WATERSIDE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: the next meeting is on Thursday, 29th July at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at St Michael's

Pair of Solid Wood Extending Ladders each 14 Rung. Free to anyone who can collect. Phone Malcolm Kitson Tel: 07989289781.

CAFOD: ACT ON POVERTY— You can help by signing a card telling the Prime Minister we want him to take action on AID, BUSINESS FAIRNESS and CLIMATE CHANGE. We need 10,000 messages to make an impact. Cards will be available to sign after Masses on 18th July.

APF—Mill Hill Annual Mission Mass 2010 offered for all our members by Fr Frank Thompson MHM at 7.30 Wednesday 21st July at Christ the King Bitterne Road, Southampton followed by a film: "Parkari Kohli" Pakistan. Everybody welcome. Tea and Biscuits.

Ordinations to the Priesthood - Sat 24th July 2010 11.00am. (The choir will assemble at 9.00am.) St. John's Cathedral, Edinburgh Road, Portsmouth, Hants. PO1 3HG

2 SEATER SOFA/SETTEE: Doreen Holman has a 2 seater sofa if anyone wants it. It is cream colour, velvety fabric, in good condition. It is free. Transport can be arranged. If anyone is interested contact Fr David after July 16th.

