

The Messenger

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

11th August 2013

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter - Wk.3)

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

6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

(All Liturgies are 19th week of Ordinary Time, Yr 1, unless otherwise stated)

Mon 12th No Service

Tues 13th 10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass

Wed 14th 10.00am Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst
(Liturgy: Memory, St Maximilian Kolbe)

Thurs 15th **THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY**
10.00am Mass at Our Lady's, Lyndhurst
12 noon Mass at St Michael's
6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

Fri 16th 12.30pm - Wedding at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

Sat 17th 10.00am SM Mass followed by Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation until 11.00am

Sun 18th 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's
with Baptism of Harley Lovelock

11.00am Mass at St Michael's

3.00pm Baptism at St Anne's, Brockenhurst
6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

Mass Intentions: For this week: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, The New Forest Pastoral Areas, Anne Harding (Intentions), John Cocker RIP, Terry Francis RIP, Vera May Jackson RIP, Pam Lonsdale RIP, Billy O'Neill RIP, Elizabeth "Betty" King RIP Anniv, Michael McDonnell RIP Anniv, Fred Warrilow RIP B'day Anniv,.

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WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

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New Forest East Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

St Theresa, Totton - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am
St Joseph's (Ashurst) - Sun 9am
Our Lady & St Edward, Lyndhurst - Sun 9am, (Holy Day Vigil 7pm)

New Forest Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass: Lymington and New Milton at 6pm
Sunday: Milford on Sea at 9.00am, New Milton at 11.30am,
Lymington at 10:30am, Brockenhurst at 6.00pm

There is no need to be afraid

In 1934, a group of Christians met at Barmen in Germany. They were alarmed by the increasing power of Nazi ideology over the German churches. In response, and at considerable danger to themselves, this small gathering issued a Theological Declaration. At its heart were words from today's Gospel: 'Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.' The German word for 'kingdom' is of course *Reich*; and this particular 'little flock' would form what is known as the 'Confessing Church', bravely and unshakably opposed to Nazism, often at great personal cost.

Luke's Gospel was written for a Church who knew the reality of persecution, hostility and opposition. In this context, the exhortation 'Fear not' is a refrain. 'Do not be afraid,' say the angels to Zechariah, to Mary, and to the shepherds. 'Do not be afraid,' says Jesus to his disciples. In the face of powerful threats to its existence, Luke's 'little flock' gladly heard the reassurance of those words.

Fear is a potent force in the world today. We fear loss, we fear failure. We fear threats to our treasured way of life. And the media often work to stoke up such fears: fear of crime, fear of immigrants, fear of travellers. Fear can be a crippling, destructive force in people's lives, preventing them from experiencing the fullness of life that God desires for them. In such situations, it's tempting to treat these words as a sort of comfort blanket; something to hide behind while the dangerous, menacing world goes its wicked way.

But the exhortation is not meant as a licence for us to keep our heads down and keep out of trouble. It is a call for Christians to engage with the world, albeit at personal risk. It is an appeal to work for the kingdom, that kingdom of justice, love and peace, at whatever cost to ourselves. It is a summons to set out in faith, not necessarily knowing where it may lead, like Abraham, like our ancestors at the Exodus, like the German Confessing Christians, and like countless others who have recognised themselves as 'strangers and nomads on earth'.

It is a call to action. The Gospel urges us to be 'dressed for action', and to have our 'lamps lit'. There are echoes of the Israelites preparing for their escape from Egypt, and of Matthew's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. We may not know when the call to service will come, but we have to be ready for it. There are eschatological overtones here, with elements of threat as well as elements of promise. The faithful servants will receive their reward, but woe be to those who follow the way of the world, those who are concerned solely for their own comfort and prosperity.

There is no need to be afraid. This does not mean that we can content ourselves with a life of self-indulgence, for we are called to work for the kingdom. And it is not a guarantee that we will be kept free from the perils of this world. Not all of the Christians who met at Barmen would survive the Nazi years. But it is a promise to those who are faithful that whatever happens in this world, the Lord will be with them.

(From *Priests and People* by Fr. Peter Edwards)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Duncan Badley, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Vicky Carter, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Peter Gray, Amanda Gudge, Anne Harding, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, Honora Power, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Pauline Sharpley, Ronald Stevens. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

PRAYER POTTERY: The next Prayer Pottery will take place on this Tuesday, 24th September at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Michael's. All are welcome.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

This is a Holyday of Obligation. It will be celebrated on Thursday, 15th August. Mass times are as follows: 10am at Our Lady's, Lyndhurst; 12 noon at St Michael's, 6pm at St Anne's, Brockenhurst.

TONY & SIMONE CLUETT: will shortly be moving to Lymington to be nearer their daughter. They will be greatly missed. They have been active members of the parish for 40 years. They were co-organisers of the Southampton Deanery Dance for many years, & with the support of Simone Tony has served as Chairperson of the PPC, a Catenian member, a Collection Auditor and the person responsible for co-ordinating the APF Red Box collections in the parish and much more besides. We wish them well.

SAFEGUARDING ANNOUNCEMENT:

Re Safeguarding of those who come into contact with children and vulnerable adults; that is those involved in Children's Liturgy and Eucharistic ministers who visit the sick.

We have finally got all the updated paperwork to enable us to proceed with the safeguarding checks required by the Diocese, and we will be asking all those it affects to complete the required forms during the coming weeks - this may well include rechecks for those who were CRB checked under the old system.

We understand that for those who have visited the sick for some time as Eucharistic ministers this may raise some issues, if this is the case we will be happy to discuss any concerns you may have, but it is a diocesan requirement so we hope that this will proceed without any problems. Further information will be included in all the packs sent out giving details of who to contact with any queries. Thank you for all you do in the parish and we look forward to working with you during this process.

Helen Kitson and Polly Read

To the Clergy and People of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish, Totton (28th July 2013)

As you know, after the summer, Fr. Kevin O'Brien will be leaving the parish in order to become the parish priest of Our Lady of the Assumption parish in Thatcham, and Fr. Ignatius Maddineni will take up residence as your new priest.

I wish publicly to thank Fr. Kevin for his wonderful ministry in Totton and to ask your prayers for him. I also ask your prayers for Fr. Ignatius to whom, I am sure, you will give a most warm welcome. Like Fr. Kevin, Fr. Ignatius will have the challenging task of taking forward, with your support, the works that need to be done to the hall, the church and the presbytery to bring them up to standard. Please keep this project in prayer before the Lord.

For some time now, St. Joseph's, Ashurst, which is the house of the Montfort Missionaries, has formed a 'chapel of ease' or Mass centre for the Totton parish. However, once the changeover of priests has taken place this autumn, Mass will no longer be celebrated there by the priest from Totton. This will enable the Montfort Fathers to develop their own mission activities according to their own schedules etc. It will also consolidate the Eucharistic community of St. Theresa's, Totton, whilst freeing Fr. Ignatius to provide additional support, as required, within the New Forest East Pastoral Area. I acknowledge that some people may be inconvenienced by this decision, and I offer my apologies. The last Mass at Ashurst will be said by Fr. Kevin on 1st September 2013. After this date, I would kindly ask everyone to join the rest of the parish community at St. Theresa's, Totton for the usual Sunday Masses there at 6.00 pm (Saturday) and 10.30 am (Sunday).

With my prayers and best wishes. In Corde Iesu,
+Philip Bishop of Portsmouth

CHRISTIAN FAMILY ACTIVITY DAYS: at St Dominic's Priory, Sway on 13th - 15th August. See poster or flyers for details. For more information speak to Lucy Maguire on 01202-483922

SATURDAY 31st AUGUST is now a QUIZ NIGHT.
Tickets on sale 18th and 25th August, American supper, 7 pm start and £4.00 per ticket.



YEAR OF FAITH:

May the Eucharist be administered to non-Catholic Christians also? Holy Communion is the expression of the unity of the Body of Christ. To belong to the Catholic Church, one must be baptized in her, share her faith, and live in union with her. It would be a contradiction if the Church were to invite to Communion people who do not (yet) share the faith and life of the Church. It would damage the credibility of the sign of the Eucharist. Individual Orthodox Christians may ask to receive Holy Communion at a Catholic liturgy, because they share the Eucharistic faith of the Catholic Church, although their Church is not yet in full communion with the Catholic Church. In the case of members of other Christian "ecclesial communities" or denominations, Holy Communion may be administered to an individual if there is a grave necessity and evidence of faith in the Real Presence in the Eucharist. Joint celebrations of the Eucharist / Lord's Supper by Catholics and Protestants are the goal and the wish of all ecumenical efforts; to anticipate them, however, without having established the reality of the Body of Christ in one faith and in the one Church is dishonest and therefore not allowed. Other ecumenical liturgies, in which Christians of various denominations pray together, are good and are also desired by the Catholic Church.
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MESSAGE FROM FR DAVID FOR THIS TIME OF TRANSITION

The changes to the pastoral area announced last week will soon be upon us. I am appealing to all of you to help me to keep the Waterside parish flourishing.

There will be a number of supply priests coming and going throughout September as I had booked my holiday for September before the moves were announced, and so had Fr Vincent. Please make these supply Priests welcome.

The Deacons will need your prayers and support as they will have to oversee this transitional period.

When Father Vincent arrives late September I am sure you will all make him feel very welcome.

He will be undertaking all pastoral duties- Masses and the Sacraments. He will be visiting the sick and housebound.

May I point out that no parishioner is to take it upon themselves to introduce any new initiative. If you wish to start a new initiative please let the Deacons or Linda know and they will discuss it with me as your Parish Priest in consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council as required. Similarly if you have any concerns, please let the Deacons or Linda know and they will discuss it with me.

Please continue to take responsibility for your church. I hope all the parish ministries, committees, groups and all who help in any way, will continue to meet and serve the community.

I hope you will all be vigilant and make sure the church is locked and please report any vandalism.

Linda is hoping to start work in the office on Tuesday 24th September. Her days for working in the office will be Tuesday and Friday.

If you need to communicate with Linda you may do so in two ways:

by leaving a message on the office answerphone 02380 843479 or by writing a message and putting it in the envelope provided at the back of church. Mark the envelope "For the attention of the Parish Secretary" Then put the envelope through the letter box of the house. Do not leave them in church.

If you need to book a Baptism, a wedding, funeral or have a Mass said check first with Linda to make sure the date is free in the parish diary, then ask Fr Vincent about his availability.

I would ask you all to remember us in your prayers as we make the move from Waterside to Lymington. God bless you all. Fr David.

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