

# The Messenger

St Michaels Church, (SM) Langdown Lawn, Hythe SO45 5GR  
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**11<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B (Psalter Wk.4)**

**Remembrance Sunday**

**9.00am Mass at St Bernards**

**11.00am Mass at St Michaels**

*6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst*

Mon	12 <sup>th</sup>	No Service ( <i>Memorial, St Josaphat</i> )
Tues	13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass ( <i>Liturgy: 32nd Week of Ordinary Time</i> )
Wed	14 <sup>th</sup>	No Service ( <i>Liturgy: 32nd Week of Ordinary Time</i> )
Thurs	15 <sup>th</sup>	No Service ( <i>Liturgy: 32nd Week of Ordinary Time</i> )
Fri	16 <sup>th</sup>	No Service ( <i>Solemnity, St Edmund of Abingdon</i> )
Sat	17 <sup>th</sup>	No Service ( <i>Liturgy: 32nd Week of Ordinary Time</i> )
Sun	18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>9.00am Mass at St Bernards</b> <b>11.00am Mass at St Michaels</b> <b>2.00pm Baptism at St Bernard's</b> <i>baby Harry James Reeve</i> <i>6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst</i>

**Mass Intentions: For this week:** All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, All who have died as a result of war, Bishop Philip Egan, Eva Joan Bateman RIP, Clare Clifford RIP, Anne McCormick RIP, Jason Singleton RIP, Gert Wallerstein RIP & family, Peter Grimes RIP Anniv .

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## New Forest East Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

St Theresa, Totton - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am  
Geo House (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

## Don't let anyone tell you the Council didn't change much

I want you to be aware during the coming year of efforts to dumb the Council down, of efforts to convince you that the Council didn't change the Church very much. I think it did, and after you recall what kind of Church we lived in before Vatican II, I think you will agree with me, and rejoice with me and be glad for what the Council did do, irreversibly, I hope.

The Council changed the way we thought about God, about ourselves, about our spouses, our Protestant cousins, Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims and Jews, even the way we thought about the Russians. When a handful of bishops kept pushing for conciliar condemnation of Communism, John XXIII kept insisting that that kind of talk would only blow up the world. Pope John and his Council made some preliminary moves that helped end the Cold War. For this, the editors of Time made John XXIII the Man of the Year.

The Jews? The Council reversed the Church's long-standing anti-Semitism. Until the Council, Catholics believed that, if Jews didn't convert to Catholicism, there was something wrong with them. The Council Fathers took another look at that idea and decided that Jews were still living their ancient covenant with God. We decided there was nothing wrong with the Jews; they became our brothers and sisters. **Before the Council**, we thought we were miserable sinners when we were being nothing but human. **After the Council**, we had a new view of ourselves. We learned to put a greater importance on finding and following Jesus as 'the way' (as opposed to what we said in the Creed. It didn't matter so much what we said. What mattered was what we did: helping to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and find shelter for the homeless. That's what made us followers of Jesus.

**Before the Council**, we were told we were excommunicated if we set foot in a Protestant Church. **After the Council** (where Protestant observers were welcomed, given seats of honour, and spoken of no longer as Protestants, but as 'separated brethren'), we stopped fighting the Methodists and the Presbyterians and conspired with them in the fight for justice and peace and marched with them to Selma.

**Before the Council**, we thought only Protestants read the Bible. **After the Council**, we've seen a new Catholic appreciation of the Scriptures; they've been given a more prominent place at Mass; and in many parishes, we have groups gathering every week for Bible study. **Before the Council**, we took pride in knowing that we were the only people on earth who could expect salvation, according to the centuries-long mantra, 'There is no salvation outside the Church.' **After the Council**, we began to see there was something good and something great in all religions. And we didn't think we had all the answers. After Vatican II, we started thinking of ourselves not as 'the one, true Church'. We were 'a pilgrim people'. It was a phrase that summoned up an image of a humble traveller on a journey who (... ) keep on plodding ahead with a hope and a prayer that we will somehow reach our destination. The image was calculated to counter an old self-concept that hadn't stood up to scrutiny - of a triumphal Church that had all the answers, lording it over humankind.

**Before the Council**, we identified 'salvation' as 'getting to heaven.' **After the Council**, we knew that we had a duty to bring justice and peace to the world in our own contemporary society, understanding in a new way the words that Jesus gave us when he taught us to pray, 'thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.' **Before the Council**, we were sin-obsessed. It was even a sin to eat a hamburger on Friday night after the game. **After the Council**, we had a new sense of sin. We didn't hurt God when we sinned. We sinned when we hurt somebody else or ourselves. **After the Council**, we had a new holy hopeful view of ourselves, redefining holiness as the famous Trappist monk Thomas Merton did: to be holy is to be human. **Before the Council**, we were told we were condemned to hell if we made love to our spouses without at the same time making babies. **After the Council**, we knew we had a duty (and the God- approved pleasure) to make love even if we could not afford to have another baby.

**Before the Council**, we thought God spoke directly to the Pope and that he passed the word down the ecclesiastical pyramid to the bishops, then to the priests, then the nuns, and, properly filtered, to us. **After the Council**, we learned a new geometry. The Church wasn't a pyramid. It was more like a circle, where we are all encouraged to have a voice. We are the Church. We have a right and a duty to speak out about the kind of Church we want. When Jesus addressed the multitude on that hillside overlooking the lake, he did not enlighten their minds by reading them the Ten Commandments. He enkindled their hearts by telling what would make them happy. The Council Fathers did not follow the example of the Council of Trent which laid down hundreds of anathemas 'believe these dogmatic propositions or be damned'. They followed the example of Jesus. They did not anathematise anyone or anything. They set a new style of thinking about ourselves as followers of the man who told us how we could have life and have it more abundantly. As Fr O'Malley SJ wrote: *...at stake were almost two different visions of Catholicism: from commands to invitations, from laws to ideals, from definition to mystery, from threats to persuasion, from coercion to conscience, from monologue to dialogue, from ruling to service, from withdrawn to integrated, from vertical to horizontal, from exclusion to inclusion, from hostility to friendship, from rivalry to partnership, from suspicion to trust, from static to ongoing, from passive acceptance to active engagement, from fault finding to appreciation, from prescriptive to principled, from behaviour modification to inner appropriation.* Mere words? I do not think so. They underline my thesis - that the Council helped us all be more real, more human and more loving. The Council helped us realise that the world was a good place. It was good because God made it, and he made it because he loved us and loved the world, too. As should we. (Extracts from Robert Kaiser's 2012 Tablet Lecture)

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Amanda Bowden, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Vicky Carter, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Betty Marek, Judith Morrison, 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 time of prayer will be on Tuesday, 27th November. All are welcome.

**NOVEMBER - MONTH OF PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED:** If you wish to have someone who has died specially remembered in prayer during this month of November please put their name on the slip of paper provided and place it in the basket. All the names will be brought up at the Offertory during the Sundays of the month and collectively those people will be prayed for.

**REST IN PEACE:** The Funeral Service for the late **Jason Singleton** will take place at St Michael's on Tuesday, 20th November at 1pm followed by committal at Southampton Crematorium. The Funeral Service for late **Eva Joan Bateman** will take place at Southampton Crematorium on Wednesday, 21st November at 11.30am.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:** The next meeting will take place on Thursday, 22nd November at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at St Michael's.

\*\*\*\*\***YEAR OF FAITH**\*\*\*\*\*

## The growth of faith

'Faith grows when it is lived as an experience of love received and when it is communicated as an experience of grace and joy. It makes us fruitful, because it expands our hearts in hope and enables us to bear life-giving witness: indeed, it opens the hearts and minds of those who listen to respond to the Lord's invitation to adhere to his word and become his disciples. Believers, so Saint Augustine tells us, "strengthen themselves by believing". [...] Only through believing, then, does faith grow and become stronger; there is no other possibility for possessing certitude with regard to one's life apart from self-abandonment, in a continuous crescendo, into the hands of a love that seems to grow constantly because it has its origin in God.'

(Pope Benedict XVI, *Porta Fidei* ['The door of faith'] para 7)

**EXPLORE YOUR FAITH:** At Geo House (St Joseph's, Ashurst) on the first Saturday of each month inspired by the naming of 2013 as the 'Year of Faith' by the Holy Father Pope Benedict, we will be launching our 'Explore your faith days. Starting at 10am with Mass the day includes prayer, music, talks and sharing. Bring a packed lunch. Refreshments available. December 1st Geoff & Gina Poulter—Catholic Bible School

**ADVENT RETREAT** (at Geo House, St Joseph's, Ashurst). We are very fortunate to have Fr James McCaffrey OCD to lead our Advent Retreat. 7th- 9th December 2012 Theme: 'Prayer in the Gospels and prayer in our everyday lives' Book now on reception@geohouse.org.uk or 023 8029 2337

## CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES FOR LOCAL CHILDREN:

The last date for collection is: Sunday, 25th November. How to prepare a box: Decide if the gift is for a boy or girl & what the age is to be. Take a shoe box (or something similar) & wrap box & lid in Christmas paper. Fill it with "goodies" - see list at back of church. Put an unsigned Christmas card in the box. Hold the box together with string or an elastic band. Attach a label to the string or band (not to the box) with "boy" or "girl" & the age. Leave the box at the back of church for collection. If you can't fill a shoe box why not buy a selection box. They will go to local children too via the Waterside food Bank.

**WATERSIDE FOOD BANK:** are happy to receive any of the following seasonal items: tinned ham; instant coffee, Christmas pudding, Christmas cake, long life cream, box of biscuits, children's selection box, box of chocolates, large chocolate bar, nibbles (e.g. peanuts), Christmas crackers, mince pies.

**URGENT APPEAL FROM PARISH SHOP - FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY:** If you have any unwanted winter clothes could you donate them to our shop. They are urgently in need of children's, men's & women's winter clothes.

**CAFOD SPONSORED RUNS:** Many thanks from CAFOD and the parish to our three parishioners who raised money by running in various races in recent weeks. David McElhenney raised £590 in doing the demanding Clarendon Marathon. Oscar ran in the Great South Mini Run and raised £113 and Cathy Smith raised over £300 (£80 from the parish) by completing the Great South Run. Warmest thanks to all who sponsored them.



The **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**, organised by the St Martha group, for the senior members of our parish will be at a different venue this year. Thanks to the generous hospitality of Roisin Kerr, it will be at The Old Mill, Lime Kiln Lane, Holbury on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 12.30 for 1pm**. If you would like to a end, and/or require a li , please sign the forms at the back of the Church as soon as possible. **We shall be closing the list on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November so we can order the food...and the wine and sherry of course!**

If you are thinking about buying your **CHRISTMAS GIFTS** why not pop into the **parish shop**- Faith, Hope & Charity- for inspiration? We have a range of new gifts, Traidcraft goods, a fine selection of Christmas cards, Advent calendars and Advent candles, Catholic diaries and calendars. Hurry- the diaries are selling fast!



## Date for your diary-



the parish **CHRISTMAS FAYRE** is on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 10 a.m. - 1.30pm in St John's Hall, Hythe**. Please come along to support your parish.

The **RAFFLE TICKETS** If you sell all your books you can always have more to sell of course! **All ticket stubbs and money back by 25<sup>th</sup> November please**. Thank you so much for your help. If you have any good quality raffle prizes we can use for the main raffle on December 1<sup>st</sup> all contributions will be gratefully received.

Forthcoming event: **Quiz Night** A quiz night to be held on Saturday 24th November. St Bernard's hall. 7pm start, tickets £4. Tickets will be available shortly.

**FROM MIKE SLIPPER: 9TH PARISH JAZZ EVENING:** A disappointingly small but enthusiastic number attended the event where some fine music was performed. The evening, nevertheless, raised the sum of £260.00 for the Parish Funds, generated from tickets sales and an excellent raffle.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who over the past nine years have supported these evenings, for it has been an enjoyable 'journey'. I feel I must mention my wife who has supported me so well, and also offer a thank you to Veronica from St. Bernards for her help on these evenings. (*Our thanks to Mike and the Jazzmen for a great evening & for the very welcome contribution to parish funds - Fr.D*)

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