

The Messenger

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



12th January 2014

The Baptism of the Lord

Year A, Weekdays Yr 2; Psalter week 1

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's

11.00am Mass at St Michael's

Baptism: Anna Marie Taverner 12.15pm SM

Mon 13th Jan No Service

Tues 14th Jan No Service

Wed 15th Jan No Service

Thurs 16th Jan No Service

Fri 17th Jan NO MASS TODAY at SM

(St Anthony of Egypt: Abbot)

Sat 18th Jan NO MASS TODAY at SM

Sun 19th January Second Sunday in Ordinary time

World day of Peace

9.00am Mass at SB

11.00am Mass at SM

Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 12th Jan

For Christian Unity, for Peace, Pope Francis, Bishop Philip, our Priests and Deacons, for all the sick & housebound in our parish, for those in crisis around the world, for all those who have been bereaved.

Baby Elijah & baby Dylan (Health), Ann Candrl RIP Anniv, Barbara Coughlan RIP Anniv, John Cocker RIP, Daphne Gooch RIP, Ann Harding RIP, George Hutcheson RIP, Nita Manghan RIP Anniv, Anthony Richards (Health),

For the week beginning 19th January

All those who Minister Communion or Proclaim the Word, The Parish Pastoral Council, Norman Jones RIP Anniv

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
Our Lady & St Edward, Lyndhurst - Sun 9am, (Holy Day Vigil 7pm)

New Forest West Pastoral Area - 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

BAPTISM: LETTING GOD TRANSFORM OUR LIVES

Baptism is both grace and faith, gift and calling, freedom and responsibility.

Baptism celebrates God's Gift: God is a loving Father/Mother – we are first loved by God; God deals with sin and death through Jesus Christ and offers us free, unmerited, undeserved forgiveness and eternal life – we are set free from sin and death; God gives us the Holy Spirit and so makes us family – we become children of the Father and brothers & sisters of Jesus and of one another - this is Church. God never takes back what is given, even if we abuse it or neglect it. This is why Baptism is never repeated. All this giving of God is the source of our joy and hope.

Baptism celebrates our faith, our calling and our responsibility:

We need to believe and trust God's love. Faith and trust are the only way to receive any kind of love, human or divine. We are called to repentance, that is, called out of ourselves & away from sin into relationship with God and others. In baptism we acknowledge our calling to follow Jesus, to become disciples, to strive to put his word into practice. It celebrates a death to sin and a rising to new life. This is an ongoing, continuous process. From this calling we get a sense of responsibility and a healthy conscience that recognises good and evil.

Baptism is about New Life: Like a stool with three legs this new life has three key components: worship, discipleship and service. Worship and prayer have to be both communal and personal because we are social and individual beings. Discipleship is a striving to follow the way of Jesus, to let our thinking, our attitudes and our actions be guided by him. Service involves caring for others in body, soul and spirit. It means doing what Jesus did through the gifts of the Spirit, having a practical care for those in need, and taking responsibility for society, the world and the planet.

Baptism celebrates the foundation of our faith. Are we living the gift of Baptism? If we have had our children baptised are we giving them any opportunity to experience God's love. After all we can only share what we have received. What we need to do is to absorb, take in, really appreciate God's giving. After that, the scary bit, begin to appreciate our responsibility. I may have money in the bank but if I never take any of it out I cannot benefit from it. We may have been given lots of presents but if we never unwrap them we won't know what they are and we won't be able to enjoy them. Many people have been baptised but too few realise the gifts they have received or the responsibility they have. (DMA)

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, Vicky Carter, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Peter Gray, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Baby Dylan Guilding, 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, Anthony Richards, Lilly Ricketts, Norma Rudd, Pauline Sharpley, Susan Soutter, Ronald Stevens, Neil Tisdale.

(If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Linda via the Parish office)

EVANGELII GAUDIUM: In Evangelii Gaudium Pope Francis calls on us to take up a "pastoral ministry in a missionary style" that will reach everyone without exception or exclusion. Each week the New Forest Pastoral Area website will contain a short extract from Pope Francis's Joy of The Gospel. www.nfwp.org.uk

IF YOU NEED A PRIEST IN AN EMERGENCY: If you or your loved one is in hospital and needs to see a priest, please ask to see the Catholic priest from the hospital Chaplaincy team. Please note there isn't a resident priest at St Michael's or St Bernard's.



FROM THE DIOCESE:

ARE YOU INVOLVED IN PARISH CATECHESIS ?

The Department for New Evangelisation Formation for Mission invites you to an information evening to meet the Formation for Mission team, and to discuss resources and upcoming events.

Thursday 23rd January 2014, 7.30pm—9pm: St Mary's Church, Alton

Tuesday 28th January 2014, 7.30pm-9pm: St Joseph's Church, Christchurch

Thursday 13th February 2014, 7.30pm-9pm: St Edmund Campion Church, Maidenhead

Thursday 20th March 2014, 7.30pm—9pm: Our Lady, Fleet
More dates to follow.

For more information contact [Fr David O'Sullivan](mailto:Fr.David.O'Sullivan)

CAFOD GROUP MEETING ON TUESDAY 14 JANUARY

New members will be very welcome. 7.30 pm at 46 Kings Ride, Langley SO45 1ZN. Further information available from Louise Croll 80898213.

WE WISH FATHER VINCENT A HAPPY HOLIDAY!

He will be back with us on 26th Jan.

Please note: *There will not be a weekday Mass on Fri 17th or Sat 18th January or Fri 24th or Sat 25th January.* Fr Peter Wilkie will be celebrating Mass on Sunday 19th January instead of Fr David.

THANK YOU FOR THE CRIB COLLECTION: The amount given was £74.96. This will be forwarded to the Diocese to be sent on to the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre in their assistance to needy children in the Holy Land.

PRAYER POTTERY HAS A NEW NAME! 'Pause for Prayer'

All are welcome for quiet prayer, scripture readings, and music. We all have busy lives these days, but once a month is not much to ask to spend some time with the Lord, where you can reflect on your life and lives of others and pray for friends, family and anyone who needs our prayers. One hour of your time once a month for quiet reflection. The next Pause for Prayer is on 28th January at the new time of 10-11am in the Chapel at St Michael's. Christine Olden.



FOOD BANK Fr Vincent invites you all to support those in our area who are in dire need at this time and to bring tins and packages of food for the Foodbank. Please leave the items in front of the altar every Sunday.

COLLECTION FOR SPUC: THE WHITE FLOWER APPEAL today

12th January. Please give generously.

There is also a postcard to send which states "Midwives should be allowed to work in the NHS without participating in abortions. I hope the pending appeal against Mary Doogan & Connie Wood will be dropped." Please take one & post it to show your support.



WELCOME to Anna Marie Taverner who is being baptised today at 12.15pm at St Michael's



Pope Francis has been declared Time's Person Of The Year. Let's look back on 2013,

1. He spoke out against frivolous spending by the Church

The average set of cardinal's clothes costs as much as \$20,000. In October, Pope Francis urged officials to dress more modestly and to not squander such money. In the same month, he ordered a German bishop to explain how he had spent \$3 million on a marble courtyard.

2. He invited a boy with Down's Syndrome for a ride in the Pope-mobile

During a general audience, Pope Francis invited Alberto di Tullio, a 17-year-old boy with Downs Syndrome, to ride in his Popemobile while thousands watched. The boy and his father were said to be "choked up" when he was embraced by the Pope.

3. He embraced and kissed Vinicio Rivaa

November saw Pope Francis embrace Vinicio Riva, a man scarred by a genetic disease. Fighting agonising pain on a daily basis, such an act restored the faith of a man who says he is often mocked in public.

4. He denounced the judgment of homosexuals

Pope Francis has stated several times that the Church has no right to interfere spiritually in the lives of gays and lesbians. Though Francis maintained the right of the Church to express opinions on homosexuality, he believed that Christians should not judge or ridicule.

5. He held a major ceremony at the chapel of a youth prison in March

The Pope held a major Holy Week service at Casal del Marmo jail for minors, rather than the Vatican. During the service, the pope washed and kissed the feet of 12 young offenders to commemorate Jesus' gesture of humility towards his apostles on the night before he died. During the service, he broke tradition by washing the feet of women and Muslims.

6. He urged the protection of the Amazon Rainforest

During his visit to Brazil, Pope Francis met with natives who have been fighting ranchers and farmers attempting to invade their land. He encouraged that the Amazon be treated as a garden and protected, along with its native people.

7. He personally called and consoled a victim of rape

A 44-year old Argentinian woman, raped by a local policeman, was one of thousands to write a letter to Pope Francis in 2013. The woman was surprised when she later received a phone call from Francis himself-- who consoled the woman.

8. He snuck out of the Vatican to feed the homeless

More recently, it has been discovered that Pope Francis regularly leaves the Vatican at night to feed the homeless. Dressed as an ordinary priest, he joins Archbishop Konrad Krajewski to feed the poor of Rome.

9 He auctioned his motorcycle to benefit the homeless In October, Francis donated his own Harley Davidson motorcycle to fund a hostel and soup kitchen in Rome.

10. He acknowledged that atheists can be good people

Earlier in 2013, Pope Francis spoke out against the common interpretation within the Church that atheists, by nature, are bad people. He stated that, "Atheists should be seen as good people if they do good." After meeting the Pope, the openly atheist president of Uruguay, Jose Mujica, compared Francis to a friendly neighbour.

And in 2014 his call for Peace.

World day of Peace, next Sunday, 19th Jan- Pope Francis made an impassioned new year's peace address, saying the heart of humanity seemed to have gone astray and too many people were indifferent to war, violence and injustice. "What on earth is happening in the hearts of men? What on earth is happening in the heart of humanity?" he said to tens of thousands of people in St Peter's Square on the day the Roman Catholic Church celebrates its World Day of Peace. "It's time to stop!" he said, departing from his prepared text "Everyone must be committed to building a society that is truly just and caring," he told the crowd, acknowledging the many peace banners and blue balloons held aloft.

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