

The Messenger

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

12th February 2012

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Divine Office: Wk 2

Sun 12 th	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 6.00pm - St Anne's, Brockenhurst
Mon 13 th	No Service (Liturgy: of the Day - 6 th Week Ord. Time)
Tues 14 th	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: Feast, St Cyril, Religious, 827-869 & St Methodius Bishop, 820-885, Patrons of Europe)
Wed 15 th	10.00am Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst (Liturgy: of the Day - 6 th Week Ord. Time)
Thurs 16 th	10.00am Mass at Lyndhurst (Liturgy: of the Day - 6 th Week Ord. Time)
Fri 17 th	No Service (Liturgy: of the Day - 6 th Week Ord. Time or Optnl Mem. The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order)
Sat 18 th	10.00am SM Mass followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.00am (Liturgy: of the Day, or optnl Mem. Our Lady on Saturday)
Sun 19 th	7 th Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 6.00pm - 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, Bishop Crispian (Health), Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Peace in the World, The Pastoral Areas of New Forest East & New Forest, All those suffering from illness, Ted Harding RIP Anniv.

For the week beginning 19th February: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Bishop Crispian (Health), Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Peace in the World, All those suffering from illness, For those seeking employment

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
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 8:30am, New Milton at 10am,
Lymington at 11:30am, Brockenhurst at 6pm

THE RISK OF BECOMING AN OUTCAST

In Jesus' time and culture a leper was anyone with a visibly "offensive" skin complaint. They were excluded from the local community and forced to live away from others. If they approached other people they had to shout "Unclean, unclean" to warn them of the danger of contamination. If someone touched them or anything they came in contact with, they would become unclean too. "Lepers" were regarded as being punished by God for something either they or their parents had done. The victim was further victimised by social and religious rejection.

In the gospel the leper approaches Jesus doubting his good intentions; "If you want to you can cure me!" In some of the earliest Greek manuscripts of Mark's gospel Jesus is described as being: moved with anger. Later manuscripts have the phrase: moved with pity. If Jesus did experience anger was it because he felt affronted, or because he was angry at the suffering caused by sickness and social and religious rejection? Be that as it may, Jesus makes it clear that he definitely does want to cure the person. And that is what he does.

Jesus then sternly warns him not to tell anyone. Jesus is a person who has strong feelings and is not afraid to show them. Is Jesus worried about being treated as unclean? Will this make it virtually impossible for him to move about and preach? Does he want to avoid a whole flood of sick people demanding cures but not interested in what he has to say? One thing is clear, Jesus did not want to be thought of as just another faith healer. He had something greater to accomplish.

Despite his warning the leper cannot keep silent. The result is that Jesus cannot go openly into any town. In other words Jesus suffers the same fate as the leper.

There are many things to reflect on here. People who have suffered physically, emotionally and socially may become bitter and cynical. We would probably feel the same. We may be fortunate to be able to offer help. We mustn't expect immediate gratitude and trust in return. Secondly if you help an outcast you are not going to be appreciated by the people who have done the casting out! When AIDS started claiming its first victims those who provided support and sympathy got the same rejection as the sufferers.

There are many divisions in the world, cultural, political, religious and economic. Those who are trying to overcome divisions, to build bridges get condemned from both sides. Paul's words are relevant: Never do anything offensive to anyone....try to be helpful to everyone at all times. If Christians could become known for this it would help matters considerably. Some prophetic work has been done at both local & international level by the Sant'Egidio Community in Rome. They are showing the way forward. (DMA)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Molly Booth, Russell Bowlds, Marion Butler, Bishop Crispian, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Magdalen Forshaw, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Ken Hemmings, George Hutcheson, Lena Keane, Patrick Martin. Gillian Plummer, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Jason Singleton, Ronald Stevens, Ann Wilton, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

PRAYER POTTERY: The next prayer meeting will be on Tuesday, 28th February at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Michael's. It will be led by Christine Olden & all are welcome.

ST MICHAEL'S CHOIR: The choir are about to start learning new Mass settings for Lent and Easter as a result of the introduction of the new translation of the Roman Missal. New members are urgently required. You do not need to be able to read music, just to enjoy a good sing with friends in a relaxed atmosphere. Rehearsals and attendance at services is very flexible. Please contact Father David or Irene O'Connell

SUPPORT GROUP TO HELP THE BEREAVED

There will be a meeting on **Thursday 16th February** at **6.30 pm** in the Meeting Room at Angel house, to discuss setting up a group to help the bereaved in the parish.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

ECUMENICAL PANCAKES: To celebrate Shrove Tuesday and the beginning of Lent. This will take place at St Bernard's on Tuesday, 21st February at 7.30pm. Usual fun and singing & enjoying some lovely pancakes courtesy of Sandra Deering & daughter Marianne. All welcome.

FOR CHURCH READERS: Refresher session to be led by Rev Kevin O'Brien, Parish Priest of Totton on Saturday, 3rd March 2012, 10am-1pm, finishing with soup lunch. Venue; Geo House (Ashurst)

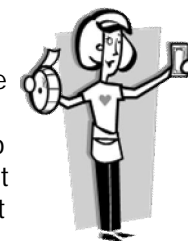
FOR MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Refresher session led by Rev David Adams, on Saturday, 17th March 2012, 10am-1pm, finishing with soup lunch. Venue; Geo House (Ashurst).

PLANT SALE/SPRING FAIR; SATURDAY 19 MAY

The annual Plant Sale is being widened this year into a Spring Fair which will include the traditional plants but also offer giftware, jewellery, crafts as well as home made cakes and a grand raffle. **Gardeners**, please get planting and **craft experts** please get crafty! Raffle prizes welcome. Info on plants from Veronica (80897458, other items Tina at Faith Hope and Charity (80207882) and publicity Louise (80898213)

THE MEAT RAFFLE IS BACK: Tickets will be on sale from Sunday 4th March £1 a ticket.

Prize- Meat voucher for Sargent's the butchers at Dibden Purlieu. The draw will be after 11am Mass at St Michael's on Sunday 1st April- just in time to buy your meat for Easter Sunday! The profit from the meat raffle will go towards the cost of the Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner in December.



BINGO WITH FISH & CHIP SUPPER: on Saturday, 17th March at St Bernard's Hall. Tickets will be on sale between 12th February & 11th March at both churches. It is being organised by the St Martha Group.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY 2 MARCH: GIVE IT UP DURING LENT FOR CLEAN WATER

This Lent CAFOD invites us to help people living without one of God's most precious resources - clean water. A child dies every 20 seconds because of diarrhoea caused by dirty water. **For this Lent only, the UK Government will match pound for pound every donation given to CAFOD**, giving us the chance to help thousands more people to gain access to clean water and other vital services.

4 March: Collection at Mass. Pyramids and boxes available for "Give it Up" collection all through Lent

8 March: Soup Lunch at St Bernard's Hall: 12.30 pm (Tickets from 19 March)

11 March: Sale of Fair Trade goods outside both Churches after Masses. (Fairtrade Fortnight)

18 March: Clean Water Campaign: Thirst for Change. Please sign cards for delivery to Prime Minister to encourage him to keep water and sanitation high on the international agenda.

22 March: Coffee Morning and raffle at 46 Kings Ride, Langley SO45 1ZN at 10.30am.

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

'Let Justice Prevail' Prepared by the Christian women of Malaysia **2 pm Friday 2nd March, St John's Church, Hythe.** The speaker will be Rev Eileen Wetherell. All are welcome- men, women and young people. **Please note:** As usual, there will be a collection at the Service. If you are a gift aider then please use the brown envelopes in your Service booklet. If you are not a gift aider then just put your donation in the basket. Cheques payable to: Women's world day of prayer. Thank you.



THE LIFE OF CHRIST - WINTERSHALL:

This will be on Sat 23rd June, 10am until 4pm. Fifty-one people have signed up for Wintershall. The tickets have been bought (£15.00 per adult, £7.50p per child). The coach has been booked, £9.00 per person. Louise Brown will contact you regarding payment. Additional tickets can still be purchased but private transport will need to be arranged. Contact Louise Brown or Rev Steve Bowler.

Come to the Water: Spirituality: personal and global **23rd to 26th March 2012.** Join other people seeking personal transformation leading to a more peaceful world — at the **Geo House Lenten Retreat (St Joseph's, Ashurst).** Over four relaxing days, in warm and welcoming surroundings in the New Forest National Park—this retreat is a perfect way to prepare for the dying and re-birth of Easter. Retreat guide: Fr Donal Dorr SPS is a missionary priest, eco-theologian and author.

ARE YOU ON A BARGAIN HUNT??? Our shop, FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY has a sale on of their new gifts. Pick up a bargain before they're all gone! **CHILDREN'S CLOTHES NEEDED:** age 5yrs & upward. Drop them off to the parish shop, opposite the side of Waitrose in Hythe.

For the Ideal Gift or Gift Voucher visit
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