

The Messenger

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

12th August 2012

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B (Psalter Wk.3)

Sun 12 th	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst
Mon 13 th	No Service (Liturgy: 19th Week of Ordinary Time)
Tues 14 th	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: Memorial, St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr)
Wed 15 th	THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY 10.00am - Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst 12.00 noon - Mass at St Michael's 7.30pm - Mass at St Bernard's
Thurs 16 th	10.00am - Mass at Our Ladys, Lyndhurst (Liturgy: 19th Week of Ordinary Time)
Fri 17 th	No Service (Liturgy: 19th Week of Ordinary Time)
Sat 18 th	10.00am SM Mass followed by Reconciliation until 11.00am (Liturgy: 19th Week of Ordinary Time)
Sun 19 th	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 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, Bishop Crispian (Happy Retirement), Bishop elect Philip Egan, Marysia Pawlowska (Health), Jim & Emmie Walker (Diamond Wedding Anniversary), William Farrelly RIP, Gillian Plummer RIP, Michael McDonnell RIP Anniv, Lorraine Wilks 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

FORGIVENESS AT THE READY

We rarely think of a God who gets depressed at our hardened attitudes, a God whose good mood changes to sadness when he sees how mean we are with the forgiveness he offers so generously. In today's second reading Paul tells us how not to grieve the Holy Spirit of God:

Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anyone, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Paul was the one who had grieved the Holy Spirit. He was the man who persecuted Christ by hunting down the disciples with military precision and determination, chasing them into foreign cities, arranging their trials and attending their executions. Paul was committed to the violent oppression of the infant Christian community until he was confronted with a large paradox - the forgiveness of the one he was persecuting. The persecuted Christ forgave him readily. That experience overwhelmed Paul; it turned his life around; it gave him a sense of his own worth stronger than the sense of his own sin; it committed him to sharing the forgiveness he had received from Christ.

Paul hoped that other Christians could come to the same truth that he had experienced. The hurt God who forgave Paul did not delight in Paul's wrongdoing nor fasten onto his wrongdoing. Like the Father in the parable of the prodigal son, God's forgiveness does not reduce the wrongdoer to a servant but reaffirms his worth as a son. This is appreciative grace. Paul saw how Christ moved beyond his sins and called him to new possibilities. That delighted Paul. He appreciated it so much that he started doing the same himself. He hoped that forgiveness would catch on.

We know from our experience that there is a kind of forgiveness which is used as a putdown to humiliate others, which exploits people's shame, which dotes on their past wrongs. This kind of forgiveness is a new sin. The forgiveness Paul writes about is a reflection of God's forgiveness: it is readily given, it is not begrudged, it is offered freely.

Paul has a deeply held belief that if we keep God's forgiveness in Christ before us, that saving image will always help to shape our forgiveness. If the forgiving Christ stands before us, it becomes more difficult to refuse forgiveness to those who have hurt us.

Our faith tells us that God has made an eternal habit of forgiveness; he is a professional forgiver, not least because he has so much practice. The only way we can become accomplished forgivers is to forgive readily. Practice makes perfect. When we forgive readily, we don't hoard hurt and grudges, we don't assemble a junk-room of spitefulness. Not only does that keep our lives uncluttered, it is always a sure way of cheering up the Holy Spirit of God.

(From Seasons of the Word by Denis McBride)

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, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Sheila Godwin, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Judith Morrison, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Pauline Sharpley, Jason Singleton, Ronald Stevens, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

WILLIAM FARRELLY RIP: Mr William Philip Farrelly sadly passed away in Southampton general Hospital on August 8th 2012 aged 75 years. William used to attend St Michaels but has been unwell for some years. The Requiem Mass for William will take place in St Michael's Church on Wednesday, 22nd August at 1pm and will be followed by burial at Blackfield cemetery.

PRAYER POTTERY: the next meeting will be on Tuesday, 25th September at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Michael's. The prayer time is led by Christine Olden and comprises of music, quiet time & readings. All are welcome

HEALING MASS: will take place at Geo House (St Joseph's) on Monday, 3rd September at 7.15pm. There will be a visiting speaker who is rather special & well worth listening to.

CHILDREN'S MASS & LITURGY DURING AUGUST:

There will not be a Children's Mass next week due to the Children's Mass for First Communion this week. Our next Children's Mass will be 2 September. There will be no Children's Liturgy during August but will resume as usual in September. If anyone would like to join our team of catechists for Children's Liturgy please contact Fr. David!

MGR PHILIP EGAN - BISHOP ELECT OF PORTSMOUTH.

Mgr Philip's ordination to the Episcopate will take place on Monday, 24th September at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. He released the following statement: *It is with trepidation and yet with profound trust in the loving mercy of the Sacred Heart of Christ, that I accept the Holy Father's appointment as the new Bishop of Portsmouth, in succession to dear Bishop Crispian. I look forward with joy to working with my fellow priests and with all who minister in parishes, schools and other contexts, caring for the people of God. May we all together be in the closest communion of heart and mind with our Holy Father, Pope Benedict, and faithful to his call to new evangelisation. The ministry of the Bishop, as the chief shepherd, priest and teacher of the flock entrusted to him, involves carrying the Lord's Cross in a particular way. So as I begin this ministry and look to the years ahead, I sincerely ask you for your prayers, together with those of our brothers and sisters in the other Christian communities and indeed of every person of faith and goodwill. May Mary, Queen conceived without original sin, and St. Edmund of Abingdon, obtain for us a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that all may come to know, serve and love Our Lord Jesus Christ.*

THE YEAR OF FAITH: (Oct 2012 - Nov 2013). This was announced by Pope Benedict last year. It is an invitation to every Catholic to re-discover the riches of their faith. "The Year of Faith will have to see a concerted effort to rediscover and study the fundamental content of the faith"; "if we interpret it (the 2nd Vatican Council) guided by a right hermeneutic, it can be and can become increasingly powerful for the ever necessary renewal of the Church"; "In order to arrive at a systematic knowledge of the content of the faith, all can find in the Catechism of the Catholic Church a precious and indispensable tool" (Extracts from Porta Fidei). Materials and national events are being prepared by the Bishops of England and Wales. Our own Diocese is preparing a booklet to guide us through the year and offer suggestions as to how we might respond. **See also the Geo House / St Joseph's, Ashurst programme which has a number of "faith days" planned.**

CAFOD SUPPORTERS MEETING ON SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER AT BASINGSTOKE: FEEDBACK ON LENTEN APPEAL SUCCESS AND HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE SPENT. Plus question and answer session on any aspect of CAFOD's work and news of forthcoming activities. ALL WELCOME. Full details on poster in the church porches or from Louise (80898213). Booking is requested.

CAFOD - GREAT SOUTH RUN: - entrants need to register now for this event. See poster in church porch for details.

URGENT APPEAL - WATERSIDE FOOD BANK: Demand has been great over the last few months and especially this week because of the RBS banking crisis. I am so grateful to the members of The Waterside Catholic Parish for your regular & continued support, but was wondering if you would be able to make a special appeal for particular food items that we are running short of. The most urgent are: 1 litre cartons of UHT milk; Tins of powdered milk; Coffee; Rice pudding; Sugar; Instant mash potato; Tins of tomatoes. (from Jan Hayter - co-ordinator - Waterside Food Bank)

BEST WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAY PERIOD: Our prayers and best wishes go out to all our parishioners who are on holiday during this time. Also we welcome any visitors to our church who are holidaying in this area. We pray for a happy and refreshing vacation experience and for safe travelling for everyone.

BBO/SKITTLE NIGHT SAT 25TH AUGUST: - Tickets WILL BE ON SALE for this event 5th-19th August. Tickets £6, family ticket £16. The evening will start at 7pm and is being organised by the St Martha group.



ROOF REPAIRS AT ANGEL HOUSE: Many of you will have noticed the scaffolding at Angel House at the moment. The Finance Committee approved the work being carried out to renew the felt and batons under the tiles. Many years ago the parish was made aware of the poor state of the roofs of both the church and the house. This was due to the poor quality roofing felt used when the building was erected and which was not of a breathable material. This led to the rotting of batons, shifting tiles and subsequent leaks. Necessary repairs to the church & house have been carried out in the last four years but a complete renewal was always needed. A recent leak in the house roof indicated that the time was right to do the whole roof. This applies to the church as well but at the moment we can only afford to do the house. As the old felt was removed it became clear that the roof joists are only 3" x 2" timbers and not the 6" by 2" as one would expect. Understandably our roofers, Richard & Steve have been working somewhat cautiously! Weather permitting the work should be finished next week.

WANTED: ELECTRIC COOKER & FRIDGE-FREEZER: If anyone is replacing their electric cooker and/or fridge freezer & they are still usable, please let Fr David know. A parishioner family is in need of them.

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