

CELEBRATING THE RECONCILIATION

The Eucharist (which means *thanksgiving*) is always a wonderful thanksgiving to God for God's mercy. Our Scripture readings today help us be filled more fully with that "*joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation*" (Rom 5:11).

As Christians we have been given the special privilege and responsibility of beginning to know in a conscious way that God made us, God is with us & that God fills & surrounds us with love, life and light. We have done nothing and we do nothing to deserve this, quite the contrary, it is only by God's graciousness that we receive these blessings. That is why it's all about thanksgiving & joy. Our task is to really appreciate God's love for us & let it change our thinking and our lives, and to help others come to believe & know that they too are graced in the same way.

Everything and everyone as part of life, part of the mystery of Being already belongs to God and is held in unity by the Divine Intelligence, the Word, the Christ, the Divine blueprint for all that is (cfr. Col 1:17). This is why our relationship with God is NOT about being worthy. Who could be worthy? No one is worthy, not pope, bishop, priest, deacon, layperson. God loves us not because we are worthy or we are good but because God is good. God loves us and everyone when we behave well and when we behave badly, (cfr Luke 6:35). Obviously we enjoy God's love more and other people enjoy us more when we behave well. Our bad behaviour just gives us & everyone else a bad time. However it can never exhaust God's patience or diminish God's love. In Jesus we know & believe that God takes away the sin of the whole world so our little contribution is no problem to God! As the Psalm 64 (65) says: *To you all flesh will come with its burden of sin. Too heavy for us our offences, but you wipe them away.*

So we all mess up, like the people in the parable, we all need to be reconciled, we all need to come to our senses, we all need to put our own egos aside and let love restore us & heal us.

If we can say this prayer honestly "*Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed*". Then we can stop worrying about whether we're worthy or not. We can stop pointing the finger and saying *other* people are not worthy. That is doing the judging & condemning that Jesus says we mustn't do. We must not try to do good to make God love us. It'll end in failure. God loves us already. We must let God love us and then the goodness will flow with peace and joy & thanksgiving. (DMA)

The Messenger

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12th September 2010

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Divine Office: Wk 4

Sun	12 th	9am SB Mass; 11am SM Mass 6pm SM Mass
Mon	13 th	No Service (Memory: St John Chrysostom, 347-407)
Tues	14 th	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (Feast: The Triumph of the Cross)
Wed	15 th	2.45pm Funeral Service at Crematorium Margaret Ashton RIP No Evening Service (Memory: Our Lady of Sorrows)
Thurs	16 th	10.00am LT Mass (Memory: Ss Cornelius & Cyprian, d. 253 & 258)
Fri	17 th	No Service (Liturgy: Of the Day or St Robert Bellarmine 1542-1621)
Sat	18 th	10.00am SM Mass followed by Reconciliation until 11.30am (Liturgy: Of the Day, or Our Lady on Saturday)
Sun	19 th	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9am SB Mass; 11am SM Mass 6pm St Michaels - Special Mass 'Moving On-Healing the Past, Enjoying the Present, Preparing for the Future' All Welcome - Light refreshments afterwards

Mass Intentions: For this week: People of the Parish, Parishioners who are unwell, Victims of the Floods in Pakistan, For Spiritual Blessings from the Pope's Visit, Sr Mary O'Brien (60th Anniv Religious Profession), Nessie Beggs RIP Anniv,

For the week beginning 19th Sept: People of the Parish, Parishioners who are unwell, deceased Clergy of the Diocese & Province, Rev John Dunne RIP

New Forest East Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

St Theresa, Totton - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am
Ashurst Community - Sun 9am
Our Lady & St Edward, Lyndhurst - Sun 9am

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Marion Butler, Derry Condon, Petra Daniels, Bill Feltham, Pat Gallanagh, Amanda Gudge, Trevor Handol, Norman Haskell, Jenny Lauder, Bridget Reeves, Pete Thorn, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

NOTICE: Fr. David has to attend a New Forest Pastoral Area meeting this coming Wednesday evening, hence he will not be able to celebrate Mass at that time.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: On Thursday, 23rd Sept at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at St Michaels.

INVITATION TO A SPECIAL MASS: On Sunday, 19th Sept at 6pm in St Michaels we will be celebrating a special Mass: *Moving On - Healing the Past, Enjoying the Present, Preparing for the Future*. At our parish meeting earlier in the year it became apparent that there is still a lot of hurt, disappointment, anger and upset over the collapse of the new church venture. The Mass is an opportunity to recognise this, to let go more deeply and to move on more hopefully. There will be light refreshments afterwards. Please tick the sheet at the back of the church if you intend to come so we can cater for the right number. We look forward to seeing you all there.

CHILDREN'S MASS: On Sunday, Sept 26th the 9am Mass at St Bernard's will be geared more especially for children and young people who will be invited to participate as readers, servers, musicians etc. We hope to do this subsequently on the last Sunday of the month. PLEASE INVITE any families you know to come and join us.



The Handbook for the Papal Visit is being distributed throughout England, Scotland and Wales over the coming weekends. **There are plenty of copies left so please take one. If you can't afford the suggested donation (£2) please give what you can.** Please put any money in the appropriate wall box at the back of church. You are invited to follow the Pope's visit on television, radio or the internet & take part in the prayer.



2 SEATER SOFA/SETTEE: Doreen Holman has a 2 seater sofa if anyone wants it. It is cream colour, velvety fabric, in good condition. It is free. Transport can be arranged. If anyone is interested contact Fr David.

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CAFOD GROUP: The first meeting will be on Monday, 20th September at 7.30pm

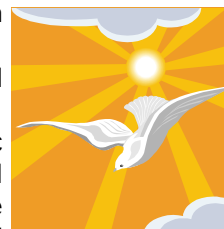
at 46 Kings Ride, Blackfield, SO45 1ZN. (Phone Louise on 80-898213 for directions.) ALL WELCOME. The purpose of the Parish CAFOD group is not fundraising which will continue as normal, but discussion of CAFOD campaigns etc.

CAFOD 50th ANNIVERSARY: Totton parish are celebrating with a party on Saturday, 2nd October at 7.30pm in St Theresa's Church Hall. There will be drinks and nibbles. All welcome.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY: Friday, 1st October will be the Harvest fast day. CAFOD envelopes will be distributed the weekend before and Louise or Clare will say a few words after Mass on that weekend.

CELEBRATE WEEKEND: 9th & 10th October 2010:

The 3rd Celebrate weekend is to be held at St Marys College, Southampton. *Celebrate* is a Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference for people of all ages, a chance for Christians to come together, learn more about their faith and feed the spirit inside. Adults £30; 16-22yrs £20, 3-15yrs £10, under 3s free. For more information and to book contact Peter & Lynda Szymanski 023-80-292058 or via peterszymanski@hotmail.com or ask Angela Slattery after Mass at St Bernard's.



THE ST MARTHA GROUP: Some people who filled in the St Martha group questionnaire cannot get to the social events on a Saturday night because they have young children or they are working or they do not like

to go out at night. Of course, we would love to see you at one of our events, but understand that there are other demands on your time.

One person suggested a donation box at the back of church for those who cannot attend but would like to support the event.

We are always happy to take donations, but if you cannot attend an event please do not think leaving a donation is compulsory.

However, if you do wish to make a donation, please put it in an envelope, clearly marked St Martha group, and put it in the collection plate on a Sunday. Thank you.

JAZZ EVENING: The 7th Parish Jazz Night is at St Bernard's Hall on **Saturday, 16th October** with the new Cavalier Jazzmen. Starting at **8pm**. Tickets are £6.00. Raffle prizes. Proceeds will go towards improving parish facilities.



Tickets after Mass or from parish shop - F.H.C.