

The Messenger

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

13th January 2013

The Baptism of the Lord Yr C (Psalter Wk. 1)

9.00am Mass at St Bernards

11.00am Mass at St Michaels

6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

Mon 14 th	No Service (Liturgy: of the Day)
Tues 15 th	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: of the Day)
Wed 16 th	10.00am Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst (Liturgy: of the Day) 1.00pm SM Requiem Mass Elizabeth Sinclair RIP
Thurs 17 th	10.00am Mass at Our Lady's, Lyndhurst (Liturgy: Memorial, St Anthony of Egypt)
Fri 18 th	Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins.
Sat 19 th	10.00am SM Mass then Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation until 11am. (Liturgy: of the Day)
Sun 20 th	2 nd Sunday of 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 Phillip Egan, For Christian Unity, For All Readers, Ann Harding (B'day), John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Barbara Moran (Welfare & Intentions), Judith Morrison (Peace), Tony O'Connell (Health), Mary McCarron RIP, Nora Murphy RIP, Elizabeth Sinclair RIP, Barbara Coughlan RIP Anniv

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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 9.00am, New Milton at 11.30am,
Lymington at 10:30am, Brockenhurst at 6.00pm

EXPERIENCING A RADICAL GIFT AND CALLING

It is a truism that as a culture we have all but lost any meaningful initiation rites to mark the decisive break between juvenile and adult status. Anthropologists have given fascinating accounts of what they could observe of these rites as they still survive in indigenous cultures. A constant theme is that almost overnight, the boys and the girls matured. In our overprotective, risk-averse society how do we prepare our young people for the demands life, especially the Christian life, will make on them? How do we model for them an adult who is mature spiritually and psychologically as well as simply physically? What is on offer to nurture mature adult spirituality for both men and women distinctively? It is obvious that in our culture, something is awry both psychologically and spiritually and the evidence of adult immaturity is everywhere to be seen.

There is no doubt that the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) has helped greatly to form adult Christians who accept the summons of the gospel with energy, dedication and courage. Their stories of hearing, of being intrigued, challenged, of deciding to re-orientate their lives through baptism illustrate, I believe, a reality that can also be addressed as we celebrate this feast.

Jesus was a man of his time, but totally transparent to the Father. Seemingly he was drawn by the charismatic power of John's preaching. He may, conceivably, have been one of his disciples – 'Someone is following me ...' (Mark 1:7) – and was moved to seek ritual cleansing as a sign of solidarity with his sinful, but repentant people, and also dedicate himself to the as yet unclear call of his vocation. His time of endurance and testing in the desert would complete his initiation process: First the surrender to the Father's call in the ritual baptizing, then to the temptations which would strengthen his resolve, finally to ministry.

But this is only one way to think about the story. The Gospel passage links with the passage from Isaiah to suggest that in Jesus we have the mysterious servant who will be endowed 'with my spirit' and who will be a power for social transformation and healing. He will surpass his mentor, John, in that his life, death and resurrection will endow the rite of baptism with an untameable power: the energy of the Holy Spirit. His baptism is the decisive break with his former, 'hidden' life, the mature decision to engage with his destiny. This waiving of his personal freedom inaugurates, so to speak, a new order. It is also the model for spiritual maturity: being radically open to the way God works in one's life.

As with the Epiphany, this feast is not just an occasion to recall. It is an invitation to a challenge: to rediscover the full meaning of our Christian initiation. It is to appreciate that we share the same Spirit; that we are not to be effete, risk-averse Christians, but committed to an ongoing transformation both of ourselves and our milieu. It is especially apposite for the majority of us who were baptised as children because it can prompt or even evoke a scrutiny of what we understand ourselves to be in virtue of our baptism. (by Deacon Kevin McKevitt from *Priests & People* December 2003)

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, Tony O'Connell, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Ronald Stevens. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

ACCESS TO THE CHURCHES FOR PRAYER: If you want to go to the church at any time to pray before the Blessed Sacrament access is available via the code lock. If you do not know the code lock please ask Fr David in person.

PRAYER POTTERY: The next Prayer Pottery will take place on Tuesday, 29th January at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Michael's. It is led by Christine Olden. There will be prayer, music & quiet reflection. All are welcome.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: This Sunday, 13th January there will be a voluntary appeal for S.P.U.C. The Society for the protection of the Unborn Child.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: begins on Friday, 18th January ending on Friday, 25th January.

THANKS TO EVERYONE at St Bernard's & St Michael's who helped to put away cribs and Christmas decorations and to get the churches ready for the next liturgical time.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 17th January at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at St Michael's.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 24th January at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at St Michael's.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS:

ELIZABETH SINCLAIR RIP: Elizabeth's Requiem Mass will take place at St Michael's Church on Wednesday, 16th January at 1.00pm. The Committal will take place at Southampton Crematorium, West Chapel, at 3.15pm.

ANN MORGAN RIP: Ann's Funeral service will take place at Southampton Crematorium, East Chapel, on Wednesday, 23rd January at 11.45am

We extend our condolences to all the bereaved families and we pray for those who have died. May they rest in peace and rise in glory, through Christ our Lord. Amen

PASTORAL TEACHINGS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM BISHOP PHILIP:

There are copies at the back of the churches of pastoral teachings given by Bishop Philip on "The Care of the Dying" & the "Liverpool Pathway". If further copies are required they can be found on the Diocesan website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or you can ask Fr David.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Parents, please contact Fr David if your child is in Year 3 at primary school and will be 8 yrs old in 2013 and you wish your child to make their First Holy Communion. At the moment we are only able to offer support for a home & parent centred programme of preparation.

CHURCH CLEANING AT ST BERNARD'S: At the moment two generous ladies, Veronica & Mary (one of whom worships at St Michael's) keep the church at St Bernard's clean. They would greatly appreciate some help. If anyone feels they can offer some help please see Fr David.

BEING CATHOLIC IN A SECULAR CULTURE. How does our relationship with Jesus lead us to respond to the world around us? **Speaker: Bishop Philip Egan.** Wed. 20th Feb in Reading; Thurs. 7th March in Christchurch, Tues, 19th March in Portsmouth. Evenings 7.30pm until 9.00pm. For more details see the poster at the back of church.

ANNUAL WATERSIDE CHURCHES TOGETHER WORSHIP at St. Andrews, Dibden Purlieu on **Sunday 20th January at 6.30pm.** Jan Hyter, local ecumenical co-ordinator says: *Please urge as many of your fellowship to attend as possible. In these times, Christians must stand united in fellowship and prayer. We are so blessed that there are ecumenical projects on the Waterside. These and other things need our prayers. Please do come!*

SPIRITUALITY WORKSHOP IN BROCKENHURST: There will be an opportunity to experience **Godly Play** on Saturday, 9th February, 10am to 3.30pm at St Saviour's Church Hall. Those of us who attended the Praying with your Children and Grandchildren Day two years ago were impressed and moved by the demonstration of this approach to the presentation of the Gospel. We have asked the presenter (Carolyn Pritchard) to come back and give us a whole day, with an emphasis on both adults and children this time. There is no expectation that people who come will then use Godly Play as catechists. If you decide to come you will discover an approach to the Gospel that will renew your connection to the stories that you have been hearing all your life. Please let Mary Dunn know if you are coming: (01590 622301; email: dunnmary@mac.com)

YEAR OF FAITH: "EXPLORE YOUR FAITH DAYS"

at St Joseph's Chapel, Geo House, Lyndhurst Rd, Ashurst: All Saturdays, 10.00am to 4pm. Starts with Mass, bring your own packed lunch, tea & coffee provided. Donations welcome to cover the cost of the day. February 2nd - David Matthews; March 2nd - Geoff & Gina Poulter; April 6th - Fiona Castle, (& more afterwards!)

CATHOLIC PARLIAMENTARY AND PUBLIC POLICY INTERNSHIPS:

For the last ten years the Catholics Bishops Conference has organised Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year we are looking to offer at least 6 internships: Three interns will be placed with Christian MPs at Westminster, two in public policy with CAFOD and one in a media internship in Archbishop's House Westminster.

All internships will run from September 2013 - July 2014 and include accommodation and subsistence allowances.

Full details and an application form can be found on our website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/catholic-internships>

Completed application forms must either be emailed to interns@cbcew.org.uk or posted to: Michaela Kelly, Head of HR, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX. The closing date is 9am on 25th February 2013 and Assessment days will be 25th and 26th March 2013.

If you know anyone who may be interested in this opportunity, please encourage them to apply. (This notice has been included at the request of Bishop Philip)

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