

# The Messenger

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

**13<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent - Divine Office: Wk 1**

Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 5.00pm - St Michaels - Talk on the Eucharist (1)
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	No Service ( <i>Liturgy: of the 1st Week of Lent</i> )
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass ( <i>Liturgy: of the 1st Week of Lent</i> )
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm SM Evening Prayer & Mass ( <i>Liturgy: of the 1st Week of Lent</i> )
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am LT Mass ( <i>Liturgy: Feast, St Patrick, Bishop</i> )
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	3pm SB Stations of the Cross ( <i>Liturgy: of the 1st Week of Lent, CAFOD Lenten Fast Day</i> )
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am SM Mass followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am ( <i>Liturgy: Solemnity, St Joseph</i> )
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 3.00pm SM Baptism - Ruby Grand-Scrutton 5.00pm - St Michaels - Talk on the Eucharist (2)

**Mass Intentions: For this week:** All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, all deceased of the parish whose anniversaries occur at this time; John & Ruth Adams RIP, Rev David Adams (B'day)

**For the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> Mar:** All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, all deceased of the parish whose anniversaries occur at this time; deceased clergy of the Provence

## 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

Pastoral Team:

Rev David Adams (Parish Priest)  
Rev Steve Bowler (Deacon) (023 8020 7449)  
Rev Ian Tobin (Deacon) (023 8089 7354)  
Kevin Barnett (Chair: Parish Pastoral Council)

All correspondence to: The Parish Office,  
Angel House, 6 Langdown Lawn, Hythe SO45 5GR  
Tel: **023 8084 3479**  
e-mail: **watersidecp@btinternet.com**

## EMERGENCE INTO GOD'S FREEDOM & GRACE

Strong presumptions of freedom, responsibility and moral awareness figure highly in the framework of our religious heritage. Everything seems to hinge on responsibility for sin requiring the need for redemption and forgiveness. In Western Christianity in particular, as distinct from Orthodox Christianity, the main way of understanding Jesus, his death & his resurrection is in terms of saving us from sin. The Orthodox tradition sees things more in terms of Jesus as the agent of divinisation - bringing humanity into union with God & by this union freeing us from sin.

Free will and moral responsibility is one of the big philosophical questions. If you want to hear current thinking on this subject then listen to Melvyn Bragg's "In Our Time", Radio 4, Thursday, 10th March 2011. It is available on BBC iplayer. Just don't expect any comfortable conclusions. The prevailing opinion within secular academia seems to be that while acknowledging a strong & all-encompassing determinism it is still personally & socially important to respect the "common sense" assumptions of freedom and responsibility. This is the way we have evolved and this is the way we are, remembering that our action or inaction will always be part of any outcome. Through faith we recognise that only God can be truly free. "You shall know the truth & the truth will set you free" says Jesus. Faith awareness acting through our creative imagination is the beginning of freedom. God has imprisoned all in disobedience only to have mercy on all writes St Paul. A genuine awareness of grace flowers from the "prison" of a deterministic universe.

In our Scriptures, (Genesis & Paul) we see attempts to grapple with these human experiences in relation to the Divine. By evolution we have emerged into self-consciousness in relation to others & to the world and through them to God. Strategies for survival (e.g. deception & male proliferation of sexual partners) that once were useful later became a disadvantage in more intimate & complex societies. The progress of humanity in self-consciousness was also a "fall" into experiences of culpability, alienation and rejection. The gain of the ability to compare and contrast, to determine "good" & "evil" was also the loss of an initial experience of unity and harmony with all that is. We are now masters of analysis & dissection but less skilled at synthesis, at putting people, communities & things back together.

On the intellectual level we struggle with these huge mysteries and questions. We do not have certainty. There is so much we do not understand and cannot know. Not knowing (agnosticism), open mindedness and an appreciation that while many theories cannot be proved to be true, some can be shown to be false or at least inadequate, these are now common secular approaches to life's mysteries. This is why faith, trust & acceptance of reality are the only appropriate ways of "knowing" God.

On the practical level we know by shared experience & wisdom that attitudes, words and actions have consequences, good or bad, in terms of our personal well-being, our social relationships, our co-existence with the animals and the planet and in terms of our relationship with ultimate reality, with the Divine, with God. The stories we tell ourselves, the words we say, the things we do help or hinder. They can take us upwards into higher levels of connection, consciousness, relatedness, into deeper, richer experiences of life, love and truth. They can also drag us back down to lower levels where we are in danger of losing the precious little freedom that we have. The dangers of temptation are real.

Only God, the Absolute beyond us can help us relate to others & the world in a way that doesn't make them "gods". Absolutes in this finite existence only create tyrannies and merciless competition for survival. To enable joy, love and peace in this life you have to be able to sacrifice it, to let it go in favour of that which transcends it. (DMA)

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Amanda Gudge, Fr John Humphreys, Dorothy Minchington, Eileen Shanley, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

**THANK YOU:** The collection for the Cabrini Childrens Society raised £212.90. Thank you for your generosity.

**CAFOD Lent Fast Day:** Friday, 18th March. Please use the CAFOD envelopes which are available today.

**RED BOXES:** Would all Red Box holders please bring their boxes to Mass on Sunday, 20th March. Thank you for your support. **SPECIAL THANKS & RECOGNITION** to Tony Cluett who has been organising the collection in Waterside parish since 1st March 1981 - 30 years service!

**BISHOP CRISPIAN'S PASTORAL LETTER:** My apologies this should have been made available last weekend. It is on the subject of the Anglican Ordinariate. A copy is inserted into the newsletter.

**THANKS TO FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY:** The shop has been able to pay over to the parish another £1500. Thanks to our manager Tina and to all the volunteers & customers that make this fund-raising possible.

**FAIRTRADE SALE:** We sold Fair Trade goods worth £241 in the last two weeks; that is really very generous and will help poor people in many countries. Thank you very much. Remember that Fair trade goods are always on sale from our Parish shop.

## WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH - LENTEN EVENTS

**Stations of the Cross:** - 3pm on Fridays; 18th Mar at SB; 25th Mar at SM; 1st Apr at SB; 8th Apr at SM; 15th Apr at SB.

**Lenten Talks:** *Become One Body, One Spirit in Christ - Deepening our understanding of the Eucharist in our lives.* We will use an interactive DVD. This is designed to promote the new English translation of the Mass which will be introduced in part in Sept 2011. **There will be five sessions at St Michaels, on Sundays, 5pm - 6pm: 13th Mar; 20th Mar; 27th Mar; 3rd April; 10th April.**

**Reconciliation Service:** 7.30pm, Tuesday, 19th April in St Michaels.

## Holy Week Services:

**Palm Sunday, 17th April**  
**Chrim Mass**  
11am, Tues, 19th Apr at Portsmouth Cathedral

**Maunder Thursday:** 8pm, Thurs, 21st April  
Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Michaels.

**Good Friday:** Ecumenical Walk of Witness (Holbury)  
10.00am, starts at New Hope Church, Hardley roundabout to Blackfield Baptist Church for service at 11.00am.  
Ecumenical Service (Hythe), 10.45am for 11.00am, outside Waitrose.

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion:**  
3pm, Fri, 22nd April at St Michaels.  
7.30pm, Stations of the Cross at St Michaels

**Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil, 9pm,** on Sat. 23rd Apr at St Bernards.

**Easter Sunday:** 9am Mass at SB; 11am Mass at SM



**CAFOD SOUP LUNCH:** on Thursday, 24th March at 12.30pm at St Bernard's Hall. Tickets are £5. On sale after Mass & from the shop. All proceeds to CAFOD.

**Coffee Morning in Aid of CAFOD:** Wednesday 23rd March anytime between 10.00 and 12.30.  
Amanda's house - Robin Cottage, West Common, Langley  
Come for a cup of coffee or tea and a slice of cake to raise money for CAFOD this Lent.

Whilst I am very happy for people to decide last minute that they'd like to come, if you know you will definitely attend could you kindly let me know (at church or by phone 80891112) - just so I have an idea how much baking I need to do!!! We are about halfway down the left fork of West Common; there is not an awful lot of parking space in the lane so lift shares could be a good idea. Young children are of course very welcome too.

**ON BEING COMFORTABLE WITH SILENCE IN PRAYER:** On Saturday, 26th March 2011, from 10am until 3.30pm in St Saviour's Church Hall, Brockenhurst. Please bring a packed lunch. Suggested donation of £10. Please book by contacting Mary on 01590 622301, or [dunnamary@mac.com](mailto:dunnamary@mac.com).

**ECUMENICAL STUDY GROUPS FOR LENT 2011 - WATERSIDE CHURCHES TOGETHER (SOUTH)** The dates and venues are as follows: March 15th, 22nd, 29th & April 5th, 12th. On each date there will be a group at 1.30 for 2.00pm at Blackfield Baptist Church (Hampton Lane, Blackfield) and 7.00 for 7.30pm at Waterside Methodist Church (Chapel Lane, Fawley). The groups are open to all.

**BRAVE DAVE KING:** is taking part in the Ben Nevis Challenge to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society. Please sponsor him. See him after Mass at St Michaels or go online: <http://www.justgiving.com/David-King/3>. See poster for more details.

**LENTEN TALKS ON DVD:** 8 of 10 Sessions remaining by internationally famous Christian speaker: J. John "The 10 Commandments" **At St. Joseph's House of Prayer, Ashurst at 7.30pm on Thursdays & Fridays in Lent;** 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March, 31<sup>st</sup> March & 1<sup>st</sup> April, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> April. Contact: Peter & Lynda 023 80292058, Email: [peterszymanski@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peterszymanski@hotmail.co.uk)

**MARTHA GROUP:** Date for your diary: Quiz Night with American Supper, on 9th April, 7pm at St Bernards. Tickets £4, on sale soon

**JAZZ FOR COMIC RELIEF:** Mike Slipper & the Jazz Band will be playing at **The Croft Public House on Friday evening, 18th March** to raise funds for Comic Relief. Please go along & support. Also Mike would be grateful for any raffle prizes that could be used to raise money for the cause.

**PETITION RE: LOCAL CHILDREN'S CARDIAC FACILITIES:** Please sign the Daily Echo petition campaigning for the retention of local children's cardiac facilities at Southampton General hospital. Our thanks to Fiona Wiffen for bringing this to our attention.

**QUALITY BEDROOM FURNITURE AVAILABLE FREE:**  
Collection only please. Lined oak set comprising 3 x double wardrobes, 1x5 drawer chest, 1 x dressing table.  
1 x single bed, 1 x foldup Z bed.  
Contact Phil Connolly on 80-844008

**WARNING RE: ST BERNARDS CHURCH & HALL USERS:** Sadly, last Tuesday evening while someone was helping an elderly person into the hall their car was stolen. The keys were left in the ignition only for a matter of seconds. The thieves were hiding close by at the side of the hall. **ALL CHURCH & HALL USERS** please be extra careful regarding your vehicles & property. Please DO NOT leave the church door unlocked; DO NOT let anyone see, or over hear mention of, the security code. At time of printing the persons car had not been recovered & her insurance company will not pay out. Please pray for all concerned.



**For the Ideal Gift**  
**Faith, Hope & Charity**  
**8 ST JOHN'S STREET, HYTHE SO45 6DA**  
**Tel: 023 8020 7882**