

The Messenger

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

PALM SUNDAY 13th April

9.00am Mass at SB

11.00am Mass at SM

3.00pm Stations of the Cross SM

Year A, Weekdays Yr 2; Psalter week 2

Mon 14th Wed 15th April No Service

THE TRIDUUM

Thurs 17th April Mass of the Lord's Supper SM 7.30pm

Friday 18th April Good Friday

Celebration of the Lord's Passion SM 3pm

Stations of the Cross SB 7pm

Saturday 19th April Holy Saturday

Sacrament of individual Reconciliation SM 9.30-10am

Easter Vigil SB 8pm

EASTER SUNDAY 20th April

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's

Baptism Rhiannon Lucy Clare SB during Mass

11.00am Mass at St Michael's

Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 13th April

Anniversaries this week: John Hepplewhite (14th), Bill Feltham (15th),

Those who have died recently: Ellen Pick, Canon Terence Walsh

Other Intentions: Petra Daniels (Health), Honora Power (Health), Ruth Rowan (Health), Brian Weston (Health)

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

Rev David Adams -Parish Priest- based at Our Lady & St Joseph Church, Lymington: Tel: 01590 676696 ;

Rev Vincent Convery

Rev Steve Bowler (Deacon & Chair Parish Pastoral Council) Tel:02380 207449

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New Forest East Pastoral Area: Lyndhurst, Totton & Waterside, Sunday Mass Times

St Theresa, Totton - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am

Our Lady & St Edward, Lyndhurst - Sun 9am, (Holy Day Vigil 7pm)

Parish priest : Rev Innaiah Maddineni : Tel: 023 8086 2270

Rev Andrew Philpott (Deacon)

New Forest West Pastoral Area: Brockenhurst, Lymington, Milford on sea & New Milton

Parish Priest :Rev David Adams Tel: 01590 676696

Rev Stephen Morgan (Deacon)

St Anne-Brockenhurst, Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph-Lymington,
St Francis of Assisi-Milford on Sea.

Parish Priest: Rev Marcin Drabik : Tel: 01425 614968

Our Lady of Lourdes- New Milton

Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass: Lymington and New Milton at 6pm

Sunday: Milford on Sea at 9.00am, New Milton at 10 am,

New Milton 6.30pm Mass in Polish

Lymington at 10:30am, Brockenhurst at 6.00pm

HOW DOES THE CROSS OF CHRIST SAVE US?

Long before the time of Jesus the prophets of the Jewish religion, especially Jeremiah, Ezekiel & Isaiah, had recognised that the Covenant with Moses was not working. They had reached an impasse. They had fallen into a deep pit and there was no way out. Basically they had broken their side of the Covenant and there was now no remedy. A new beginning was needed but only God could do that.

The problem with the first covenant is that it created sin & guilt. By sin I don't mean wrong or destructive behaviour but behaviour that is deemed to separate us from God and from God's love. By guilt I do not mean personal or collective responsibility but self & social hatred & rejection. Personal responsibility is just a fact that must be come to terms with. Immoral & destructive behaviour has to be recognised, confronted and ultimately changed. Neither of these human experiences can negate God's love for us. If you only read half a story you are liable to get it completely wrong. The Jewish people got it completely wrong when they accepted accusation, judgement & condemnation as the last word. Jesus came to bring the true light to this situation.

When the Christian Bible refers to the death of Jesus it relies heavily on metaphors of ransom, payment and blood sacrifice. This is because the first believers in Jesus had to understand the death and resurrection of Jesus in terms of what went before in their own religion. What preceded it, of course, was the Law and the Prophets and all the ritual of animal sacrifice associated with the Jewish religion before the destruction of the Jerusalem temple. While this provided a rich, interpretative framework for the first Christians it is not so important for us now. And in some ways it has become a barrier to the proclamation of the Good News precisely because of its richness, complexity and historical remoteness. We really need to leave behind all these metaphors which if interpreted logically end up completely distorting the image of God. Unfortunately many Christians are still unaware of the implications of these crude metaphors which if used unthinkingly without qualification can make God appear as an angry monster demanding a blood sacrifice in order to be appeased.

Abandoning the biblical imagery may appear dangerously presumptuous if it wasn't for the biblical writing itself attributed to John the Evangelist. The text is: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life" (John 3:16). And in another place we are told quite emphatically "God is love" (1 John 4:8). Jesus remained faithful to his Father, refusing to deny his goodness and compassion even when it cost him his life. Jesus' love for the Father is the expression of God's love for us. Jesus' forgiveness of his enemies is God's forgiveness of us. This is the light, the truth of love and this love takes our sins away. They are taken away not by ceasing to be, for what was and what is will always be. They are taken away in the sense that our behaviour no longer has the power to separate us from God. This power of condemnation was given by the Law but the Law has been abolished as the sole arbiter of our relationship with God. It is replaced by God's invincible graciousness. "Now the sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. (but now the law is abolished so) thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor 15:56). God sacrifices God's self for us to bring us the revelation of the love that reconciles and unites all things in heaven and all things on earth (Eph 1:10; Col 1:20). (DMA)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Baby Elijah, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Morag Horne, Serena Hoskyns, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, George Raffray, Ruth Rowan, Lilly Ricketts, Norma Rudd, Pauline Sharpley, Susan Soutter, Ronald Stevens, Emmie Walker, Neil Tisdale, George Watson

(If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Linda via the Parish office)

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- + The sick of the parish and those who care for them.
- + Those struggling to come to terms with a bereavement.
- + Those in conflict around the world.
- + The First Holy Communion Candidates: Leon Carbayo-Borges, Carlos Carbayo-Borges & Caitlin Cross as they start their preparation for their First Holy Communion.
- + Our Priests and Deacons.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE organised by the staff at Faith, Hope & Charity. Last chance to buy tickets today . £1 a strip. Money to Church funds. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday at FHC. Winning Eggs distributed next weekend. (Tina Bowler)

PLEASE NOTE: There is not a 10am weekday Mass on Good Friday or Holy Saturday.

QUIZ NIGHT The next quiz night will be held on Saturday 3rd May 2014. Tickets will be available after masses at both churches on Sunday 13th April and after Easter on Sunday 27th April, or you can just turn up and pay on the night. There will be an American supper and as always, tea and coffee will be available but you are welcome to bring along wines and any other drinks you like. Proceeds from this very popular event help towards the Christmas lunch for our more senior parishioners. (Mary King)

DON'T FORGET the Spring Fair/Plant sale 17th May. Are your plants growing well? .(See Veronica if you would like to help or contact the office.)

HOLIDAY I will be away from 1st to 19th May so the office will be closed. If you have anything for the newsletter please let me have it by Thursday 24th April, preferably earlier, as I have to put together three newsletters for the three Sundays I am away. Happy Easter to you all!

Welcome to Rhiannon who will be baptised on Sunday 20th April during the Mass at St Bernard's.

THE RUNCORN PASSION In 2013, Ten Ten Theatre - the Catholic professional theatre company - staged a Passion Play based on the Stations of the

Cross involving over 250 people from the local churches and schools in Runcorn and Frodsham, in the North-West of England. The final performance took place in the town's main shopping centre on Holy Saturday. It was a profound and moving experience for those who took part and for those who saw the event. One year on, they would like to share this experience with you. Starting on Palm Sunday, and continuing throughout Holy Week, they will send out daily emails with prayers written by the people of Runcorn, inspired by the Stations of the Cross. Sign up by emailing to **SUBSCRIBE RP** to office@tententheatre.co.uk to receive this very special way of preparing for Easter They will also make a film of the entire performance of The Runcorn Passion available online for one week only throughout Holy Week.

The Pope Tweets: @Pontifex With Jesus our life becomes full. With him everything makes sense

COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL:

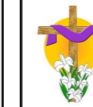


GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: 18th April : A reminder of the collection for the Holy Places on Good Friday, for an area of the world which is suffering much at present. We would like to raise up to the Crucified the cry of peace for Jerusalem but also for the whole world, that, beginning from the Land of Jesus, it may become a City of Peace.

The burdensome situation of social upheaval and open war, has worsened, upsetting at every level the fragile balance in the region and pouring out on Lebanon and Jordan a river of refugees which overflows the increasingly inadequate camps set up to welcome them.

Thanks to the Good Friday Collection, the various Catholic communities of the Holy Land will receive a contribution with which to stay close to the poor and suffering without distinction of creed or ethnicity. (Bishop Philip)

THE EASTER OFFERING 19th/20th April: As is traditional the collection at Easter is for Fr David & Fr Vincent and forms a part of their ordinary income for the year. They will be very grateful for whatever you can give at this time.



Father David, Father Vincent and Deacons Steve and Ian wish you all a blessed and happy Easter

SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK:

CHRISM MASS Tuesday 15th April 11am Portsmouth Cathedral

HOLY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's supper St Michael's 7.30pm; Watching until 10pm.

GOOD FRIDAY 18th April

It is usual practice that on Good Friday there is no holy water in the stoops at the doors or candles at the statues.

- + **Ecumenical Walk of Witness Holbury area** (See poster) Meet **Hardley**- Lighthouse Community Church 10am
- + **Ecumenical Walk of Witness Hythe** (See poster) Meet in St John's car park 10.45 to walk to the area outside Waitrose for 11am
- + **Celebration of the Lord's Passion** St Michael's 3pm
- + **Stations of the Cross** St Bernard's 7pm
- + **Tenebrae service** Our Lady's, Lymington 8pm

Tenebrae is Latin for 'shadows' or 'darkness' The distinctive ceremony of Tenebrae is the gradual extinguishing of candles while a series of readings and psalms are chanted or recited.

HOLY SATURDAY Individual Sacrament of Reconciliation 9.30-10am

EASTER VIGIL Saturday 19th April St Bernard's 8pm

EASTER SUNDAY

Ecumenical Sunrise Service Lepe Country Park (Top car park) 6am
Mass St Bernard's; 9am
Mass St Michael's 11am

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