

The Messenger

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

15th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 13th JULY 2014 Year A, Weekdays Yr 2; Psalter week 3

9.00am Mass SB
11.00am Mass SM

Mon 14th July No Service
(St Camillus of Lellis, Founder)

Tuesday 15th July No Service
(St Swithun, Bishop)

Wed 16th July No Service
(Our Lady of Mount Carmel)

Thurs 17th July No Service
(St Bonaventure, Religious, Doctor of the Church)

Friday 18th July 10am SM Requiem Mass for Neil Tisdale

Saturday 19th July 10am Mass SM

Sacrament of Reconciliation after the 10am Mass today

16th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 20th July

9.00am Mass SB
11.00am Mass SM

Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 13th July

Anniversaries this week: Bridget Adams-Auger (16th), Joy Prestage (17th), Sidney Stubbington (17th), Beryl Callus (17th)

Those who have died recently: Catherine (Kit) Cockton, William (Bill) Egan: Bishop Philip's father, Pauline Sharpley, Mae Kelly, Ron Stevens, Neil Tisdale, Ellen Patricia Terry.

Other Intentions: Fr Alan Williams (Ordination)

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)

Rev Stephen Short (Deacon)

Parish priest : Rev Innaiah Maddinani : 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

THE ANSWER LIES IN THE SOIL!

In Matthew's Gospel, the parable of the sower is given an explanation – the different soil represents the different general responses of people to Christ's word. It is more likely an explanation given with the benefit of hindsight – describing how people actually responded. Matthew's community obviously liked to have things cut and dried and explained. However the parable, by its very nature can admit of many "explanations". It is important not to lose other perspectives.

We should also be asking ourselves what areas of our lives have been fruitful or barren. Where has ignorance, prejudice or other evil influences prevented the word taking root at all? Are we aware of blind spots in our attitudes and thinking? Have we asked God to reveal how selfishness, greed, pride, hatred etc are blinding us to what God is asking of us? In what areas have we received the word with joy and enthusiasm but then have become disillusioned because of the difficulties or because things didn't work out as we were expecting? Have we brought our sadness and disappointment to God in prayer? Have we asked to see things from God's perspective? What good intentions, relationships and personal qualities have been choked off by anxiety, concern about money and security, and addiction to personal pleasures? Have we prayed to be liberated from what is stifling deeper growth and joy? Where has there been growth in our lives and relationships – spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually? Have we thanked God for this and celebrated it?

Just as the parable can be applied to us individually, it can also be applied to our church community at all the different levels. What are the strengths and weaknesses of our parish? What do we concentrate on and what do we neglect? It may be helpful to look at other parishes and see what they are doing. It may be helpful to look at other Christian churches and other world faiths as well. Sometimes others are living the gospel far more generously than we are. We are sometimes strong on piety and weak on actually changing for the better.

As an institution the Catholic Church has its strengths and weaknesses. For example we have been very hot on orthodoxy (getting the right ideas & teaching) but less concerned about orthopraxy (getting the right behaviour). We have been good at telling people what to think and believe and do, but slow to listen to what the Holy Spirit has been teaching others. We have been heavy on ritual, law and morality and light on the Holy Spirit, faith and spirituality. We have emphasised conformity rather than community. We exaggerated the dependence of people upon the ordained ministry and neglected personal relationship with God in faith and other ministries and gifts of the Holy Spirit. We have emphasised the passive receiving of the Sacraments and neglected the active response to Christ's word. In our liturgy we celebrate the Eucharist so much that we have forgotten there are other forms of worship and prayer. In the liturgical prayers we often jump from communion to eternal life as if there is nothing in between. (DMA)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Baby Blake Proctor, Baby Elijah, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Derek Francis, Mervyn Francis, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Mary King, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Leanne Martin, Sarah Mc Cann, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, Sharon Poole, Ruth Rowan, Lilly Ricketts, Jim Ross, Norma Rudd, Cath Smith, Susan Soutter, Emmie Walker, George Watson,

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

BRAVE DAVE KING and his daughter Christina were very brave!! They completed the Ben Nevis Midnight challenge. *'Christina and I reached a very cold summit of Ben Nevis at 3.15 on Sunday morning 6th July after a 4.75 hour climb, most of that in the dark and also across a large area of snow not far from the top, and then a further 4.25 hours for the trip back down. It was tough going. The weather was kind(ish) and we were rewarded with some stunning views when day broke on the way back down. So many thanks for the kind donations towards the event, it was really appreciated. The total I have raised is about £750 and Christina has raised a similar amount, so well worth the effort.'*



SECOND COLLECTION TODAY Apostleship of the Sea (Obligatory) This is the Church in action amongst the seafarers of the world. The object is to provide for the spiritual and material well-being of them all, regardless of religion, race or rank.

OFFICE CLOSED The office will be closed Tuesday 22nd & Thursday 24th July. If you need any Mass intentions or items for the newsletter for that week please get them to me by morning of *Thursday 17th* at the latest.



SAD NEWS It is with great sadness that I have to announce the death of Horace Tisdale., known to everyone as Neil, who passed away on 5th July.. Neil's Requiem Mass will be 10am Friday 18th July at St Michael's Church. May he rest in peace.



SAD NEWS It is with great sadness that I have to announce the death of Ron Stevens, husband of Phyl, who passed away after a long illness on 6th July. May he rest in peace.



SAD NEWS It is with great sadness that I have to announce the death of Pauline Sharpley, who passed away recently. May she rest in peace

CHANGES TO PASTORAL AREAS & NEW DEANERIES: see the latest diocesan E news for all the details.

Summary of how the changes will affect us:

- 1) The pastoral areas of New Forest East & New Forest West will be merged into one pastoral area - *The New Forest Pastoral Area*.
- 2) This will become part of the new Deanery covering Bourne-mouth, Avon-Stour & the New Forest.
- 3) The Area Pastoral Council has been stood down to be re-constituted later to incorporate the whole of the New Forest. Thanks to all those who served on the Area PC.
- 4) Contrary to some rumours which have been reported, there are no plans to close any churches on the Waterside at present. Bishop Philip has made it clear he is not in favour of closing churches and wants to keep them open as far as possible.(Fr David)



END OF TERM FAIR TRADE PRESENTS As the summer term rattles to a close, we begin to think of presents for teachers, classroom assistants and all those who have helped us through the academic year. Remember to think 'Fair Trade' when you shop for flowers, chocolates wine and stationery. Shopping Fair Trade improves lives.



The Pope Tweets: @Pontifex ... *To live as true children of God means to love our neighbour and to be close to those who are lonely and in difficulty.*



livelife – Protect and Cherish Life www.dayforlife.org

Day for Life – 27 July 2014 – the day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life – will this year call upon young people in particular to protect and cherish life from conception to natural death. There will be a mandatory second collection in parishes to support Day for Life. Proceeds of the collection will go to The Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other pro-life related activities supported by the Catholic Church in England and Wales.



ASSISTED DYING BILL- Archbishop Peter Smith has asked urgently that the following notice be included in all newsletters. It invites Catholics – particularly those with direct experience of care of a dying person in a family or as a healthcare professional – to write to a member of the House of Lords.

Please write to a member of the House of Lords *The Bill to legalise "assisted dying" - meaning assisted suicide - will be debated in the House of Lords on 18th July 2014. There will be a free vote because it is not government legislation. If passed, this Bill would place vulnerable people at serious risk. Especially if you have direct experience of caring for a dying person, either as a family member or as a health or social care professional, please write before 18th July to a Peer to tell them your views. For more information, including details of how to write to a Peer, please visit www.catholicchurch.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO WRITE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND CERTAINLY BEFORE 18TH JULY.*

COLLECTIONS FOR JULY

27th July: Day for life (see above)

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- + Those struggling to come to terms with a bereavement or illness.
- + All flower arrangers.
- + Fr Paul Leonard (see below)
- + Bishop Philip's dad, Bill, who died after a short illness.

WHAT'S ON



FLOWER FESTIVAL There will be a Flower festival in the Catholic church, Lymington on

Saturday 19th July: 10.30-4pm;

Sunday 20th July: 12noon-4pm

& Monday 21st July: 10.30-4pm.

The flower arrangers from St Michael's will be joining the flower arrangers from Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph, Lymington, St Anne's Brockenhurst & St Francis of Assisi, Milford on sea for this event. Please support them. View the flowers, have some refreshments, take part in the Tombola and the silent auction. Please note: Parking on the Sunday will be difficult as it is the Lymington Carnival that day. Enjoy!



PAUSE FOR PRAYER Tuesday 22nd July St Michael's 10-11am

CAFOD We ask for your prayers and support for Father Paul Leonard from Leigh Park who's undertaking the gruelling 12 mile 'Tough Mudder' obstacle course on behalf of CAFOD this autumn & training hard for it at the moment. Good luck Father Paul! www.justgiving.com/Paul-Leonard11

DISCERNMENT WEEKEND RETREATS taking place at St Joseph's House of Prayer in Ashurst:

□ A Weekend for Women: Fri 12 Sep—Sun 14 Sep

The cost for each weekend retreat is £80 full board. Contact Fr. John Chandler john.chandler27@gmail.com for more info and a booking form

For the Ideal Gift or Gift Voucher visit

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