

# The Messenger

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

**13th October 2013**

**28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter - Wk.4)**

**9.00am Mass at St Bernard's**  
**11.00am Mass at St Michael's**

(All Liturgies are 28th week of Ordinary Time, Yr 1, unless otherwise stated)

Mon	14th	No Service (Liturgy: memorial St Callistus I Pope & Martyr)
Tues	15th	No Service (Liturgy: memorial St Teresa of Avila),
Wed	16th	No Service (Liturgy: memorial St. Hedwig)
Thurs	17th	No Service (Liturgy: memorial St Ignatius of Antioch)
Fri	18th	<b>10am SM Mass</b> (Feast: St Luke, Evangelist)
Sat	19th	<b>10am SM Mass</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation immediately after Mass.
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>29th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> <b>9.00am Mass at St Bernard's</b> <b>11.00am Mass at St Michael's</b> <b>MASS COUNTS DURING OCTOBER</b>

**For the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> October:** Maureen Briant R.I.P., Ann Harding RIP, William Hopper RIP Anniv, Terry Rust R.I.P. Deceased Clergy of the Province, The New Forest Pastoral Areas,

**Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 20th October:** All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, The New Forest Pastoral Areas. Lily and Eric Allen RIP Anniv.

## 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  
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

## OUR FAITH SAVES US

One of the most frequent sayings of Jesus is: "Go in peace, your faith has saved you." Usually Jesus has given a gift of healing. He doesn't say: "Go in peace and remember that Jesus of Nazareth has healed you." Nor does he say: "Go in peace and remember that God has healed you," even though both these statements are true. God in Jesus did, does and will continue to heal and bless us.

This faith that saves is a recognition that God is acting through Jesus and that God will act on our behalf for our salvation and our blessing. This faith is not a work that earns us God's attention. It is not a psychological attitude that we can train ourselves to accomplish. It is the look from the helpless to the Helper. It is the offering of nothingness from the creature to the Creator. It is the emptiness of the sinner who seeks to be filled with the mercy of God.

The purpose of the Church is to invite faith and to nurture faith. Its role is to help people enter into a relationship with God and one another (the two relationships are always inseparable). It should be a community where God's love and grace can be shared. People aren't made for the Church. The Church is made for people.

Some times we try to run before we can walk. We think we can get along fine without the community of faith. We think God is everywhere so we don't need to go to church to pray. But in reality we gradually stop praying altogether. We think God is with us always so we don't need to receive Holy Communion. But we gradually forget God is with us and others and we sink further into a shallow mentality. We think God will always forgive us so we don't need to change. But in reality our bad habits & sins just get stronger and more destructive. We can fall into a negative attitude to others, only seeing their faults. We forget that we have gifts to share and others have gifts that will benefit us.

If, on the other hand, our faith is growing we will have a greater dependency on God, a growing sense of God loving us and being with us always, a growing desire to communicate with God and be in union with God. We will also have a growing practical love for our brothers & sisters in the faith and for all humanity. We will appreciate and use the ordinary helps to salvation, which the Church offers: fellowship, worship, prayer, Scripture and the sacraments. However we will see them as a means to an end, which is union with God and one another in faith, hope and love. More and more we will see God acting through them but not being limited by them.

We will be grateful for the services of the priest but we will remember that it is Christ who loves and saves us. Christ is in fact the only Priest. And, if necessary, the Christ can come to us without intermediaries. We can always seek forgiveness in prayer: "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you etc." We can express our sorrow for sin and we can ask for the grace to change. Whatever our circumstances we can make a spiritual communion. We ask Jesus to fill us with all the graces that would be given were we able to receive sacramental Holy Communion. We can pray for the healing of others and ourselves. We can pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit too! All we need is the nothingness of faith. Jesus will never leave us alone: "Come to me, all you who are burdened." (DMA)

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: Duncan Badley, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Vicky Carter, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Peter Gray, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, Honora Power, Jane Roberts, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Pauline Sharpley, Ronald Stevens. **(If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Linda via the Parish office)**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Maureen Briant, sister of Joe Hayward, and for Terry Rust who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**Fr Vincent will celebrate weekday Mass this week on Friday 18th October & Saturday 19th October at 10am.** Sacrament of Reconciliation will be immediately after 10a.m. Mass on Saturday.

**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:** Linda will be in the parish office on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10.00am until 4pm. Outside of these times messages left on the answer machine will be frequently monitored.

If you need to communicate with Linda you may do so in two ways:

by leaving a message on the office answerphone 02380 843479; by email watersidecp@btinternet.com

or by writing a message and putting it in the envelope. Mark the envelope "For the attention of the Parish Administrator", then put the envelope through the letter box of the house or in the collection plate. Do not leave it in the church.

If you need to book a Baptism, a wedding, funeral or have a Mass said, check first with Linda to make sure the date is free in the parish diary, then she will ask Fr Vincent about his availability.

**WEEKENDS IN OCTOBER:** These are designated for the collection of Diocesan and National statistics so there are Mass Counts at all Sunday Masses during October.

**OBLIGATORY COLLECTION FOR THE MISSIONS:** Next Sunday, (20th October) there will be a collection for *Foreign Missions*.

**OUR THANKS** to Terry George and Eileen Kenny who, after several years, have decided to step down from reading the Holy scripture at Mass. If you wish to be included on the Reader's rota see Win Cocker at St Michael's, or Helen Kitson at St Bernard's, or Deacons Ian or Steve.

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?** Please let the parish office know so pastoral arrangement can be made. Some parishioners are in and out of hospital and we haven't been informed. You also have to tell the nursing staff if you wish to see a Catholic priest or Chaplain.

**NEW TO THE PARISH?** Then you are most welcome. Please make yourselves at home and perhaps introduce yourself to the duty Welcomer. There is a parish registration form in the porch for you to fill in for the church records. Please put it through the door of Angel house.

## QUIZ NIGHT.

Thank you to Dave King & the Martha group for yet another successful Quiz night. The Quiz night in October made £218.00 Well done everyone!

**RUNNING FOR CAFOD** Cathy Smith and Oscar and Rhiannon will run in the Mini South Run and the Great South Run on 26 and 27 October respectively. Please support this great effort by all of them. Sponsorship Forms are at the back of each Church together with brown envelope for the money. Please indicate on the form if you are a girl aiding your donation and if you have put donation in envelope.

**IS FAITH GOOD FOR HEALTH?** Free public lecture by author and top level speaker Professor Andrew Sims. 7.30pm Thursday 17 October. *Lecture Theatre A, Building 46 (Physics A), Southampton University SO17 1BJ.*

**AN EVENING OF HEALING** with Little Way Healing Ministries 7pm-9:30pm, Monday 21 October, Highfield House Hotel, 119, Highfield Lane, Southampton SO17 1AQ. Fr. Laurence Brassill OSA, Mrs. Pauline Edwards and team offer an evening of teaching and healing. Everyone is welcome. No need to be a churchgoer to attend. Tea and coffee provided. Jesus said: *'Lay your hands on the sick and they will be healed'*. **Come and see.**

**CHRISTMAS CARDS.** Please support the parish shop- Faith, Hope & Charity. It contributes a great deal to the parish finances every year. They have a good selection of Christmas cards. Buy early- avoid the rush! Christmas cards will be on sale in church after Mass this Sunday.

**CALLING ALL COOKS & JAM MAKERS!** Brenda Atkinson has had a glut of apples on her tree this year and can't use all of them. She would like to offer them *free* to parishioners but you will have to pick your own! She lives near the British Legion at Blackfield. If you are interested see Deacon Steve or Ian after Mass for the address.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND HOLY COMMUNION** for St Michael's: your rotas are ready for collection.

**PARISH OFFICE:** Linda will be in the Parish Office Tuesday 15th and FRIDAY 18th October for this week only. Back to normal next week.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day.** Thank you to all for your kind donations. The parish has so far raised £675.32.

For the Ideal Girl or Girl Voucher visit  
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