

The Messenger

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

13th November 2011

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Divine Office: Week 1

Readings for All Souls / Remembrance Sunday

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| Sun 13 th | 9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 6.00pm - Brockenhurst |
| Mon 14 th | No Service (Liturgy: of the Day - 33 rd Week) |
| Tues 15 th | No Service (Liturgy: of the Day - 33 rd Week or optnl Memorial - St Albert the Great, Religious, Bishop, Doctor) |
| Wed 16 th | No Service (at St Anne's, Brockenhurst) (Liturgy: Solemnity - St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop, Joint-Principal Patron of the Diocese) |
| Thurs 17 th | No Service (Liturgy: of the Day - 33 rd Week or optnl Memorials - St Elizabeth of Hungary or St Hilda or St Hugh of Lincoln) |
| Fri 18 th | No Service (Liturgy: of the Day - 33 rd Week or optnl Memorial - Dedication of Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul) |
| Sat 19 th | 10.00am SM Mass followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am (Liturgy: of the Day - 33 rd Week or Our Lady on Saturday) |
| Sun 20 th | Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King 9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 6.00pm - Brockenhurst |

Mass Intentions: For this week: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian (Health), Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Peter & Joyce Grimes RIP Anniv, all deceased of the parish.

For the week beginning 20th November: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian (Health), Guidance for choice of new Bishop, for all those who have suffered or been injured as a result of war, Jessie Ward RIP, for all those who lost their lives in the wars of recent times & of the last century.

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 8:30am, New Milton at 10am,
Lymington at 11:30am, Brockenhurst at 6pm

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN

What do we do, as Christians, on Remembrance Day & All Souls Day? We may remember those who are no longer with us on this side of life, people we knew & loved and miss; we may remember those who died in war. We may honour extraordinary courage and self sacrifice and mourn tragic sequences of events, cruel and merciless carnage or a staggering blindness that led to folly on a monumental scale. Whatever the experience of our remembering & our mourning, it will doubtless move us deeply whether we are alone, or with others, being silent or joining together in words & music, shedding tears without or within.

The follower of Jesus can never see war as anything but failure and tragedy. As a well-known song puts it: *the military solution always leads to something worse*. War is never a good thing. In some extreme situations it may be a necessary evil. War invariably creates as many problems as it tries to solve, often it creates more. We can never celebrate it or glory in it. It always represents a failure of the ideal, which is peaceful coexistence. Both innocent and guilty are swept up in its turmoil and become victims. Bodies are broken, scarred and maimed, souls are numbed and traumatised and spirits soar either to heights of self-sacrifice and courage or sink to depths of dark, demonic brutality.

This means that mourning invites us to take a prophetic stance against the cultural and economic dynamics that rely on and exploit war. It calls us to challenge politics of hate and oppression. It calls us to expose the lie that creates an enemy "over there" in order to absolve us from facing our own darkness & problems "over here".

So we mourn and we pray for all the departed and especially for those who lost their lives as a result of war. We are united with the whole of humanity in creation, in sin and death, and united with humanity in redemption and resurrection. Our trust & confidence is based on God's love: When I am lifted up from the earth, says Jesus, I shall draw all people to myself (John); God has imprisoned all people in their disobedience only to have mercy on all people (Romans 11). Sin and death are God's enemies and our enemies and God wants to do away with their destructive power. God has done this by taking away the "sting" of death which is the power of sin to separate us from God. God reconciled us while we were still enemies. So the experience of death is transformed. It no longer symbolises separation from God but now in Christ it becomes the path to eternal life.

This is why we have to pray according to God's possibilities not according to our own impossibilities. That is why the Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. So our prayer is not our own it is the prayer of the Spirit praying within us. The Spirit yearns for the revealing of God's children. The Spirit intercedes according to the mind of God. It is an expression of the eternal desire of God to unite all things in peace (cfr Eph 1; Col 1). We can no more refuse to pray than we can refuse to let God's love flow through us. Just as we have no excuse for withholding God's love from anyone, we have no excuse for blocking the desire of God for them, which is the prayer of the Spirit. (DMA)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Marion Butler, Bill Duncan, Bishop Crispian, Petra Daniels, Mavis, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Ray Holland, Doreen Holman, Gillian Plummer, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Jason Singleton, Ronald Stevens, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

THANKSGIVING MASS - BISHOP CRISPIAN: I have four (4) tickets available on a first come first serve basis for the Mass which will take place at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, on Saturday, 19th November at 11am. There will be light refreshments for all after Mass. (Priests & deacons will be celebrating a special Mass with Bishop Crispian at a later date after the appointment of the new Bishop has been announced)

THANKYOU: The collection for APF/Missio raised £158.45p. This sum is in addition to that given to APF/Missio via the red boxes and organised by Tony Cluett. (see below)

WATERSIDE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: This will take place this week, Thursday, 17th November at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at St Michael's.

HIGH COURT ACTION & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE:

The Bishop has issued an explanation of the Church's reasons for this action & given a robust defence of Fr Wilfrid Baldwin. Copies of the statement are available at the back of church and online at www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MASSES: the next date for young peoples Mass at St Bernard's is: 4 Dec.

PARENTS: If your children sometimes attend Children's Liturgy and/or the Young People's Masses (including the older children who help), please complete a yellow parent consent form (at the back of St B's) and pass it to Clare Davies or Fr David, or drop it off at the Parish office. This is part of the diocese's requirements for safeguarding your children, and will also let us stay in touch and better support your family. Thanks for your help.

THE PARISH FINANCIAL RETURN: My thanks to Eileen Brady, Angela Falder, Carmel McClatchey & Tony O'Connell, members of our parish finance committee for work done to complete and approve the annual parish return for the year Sept 2010 to Aug 2011. Thanks also to all those who audit the weekly collections so faithfully, Eileen Brady, Louise Croll, Ron Kelly, Gill Lewis, Tony & Simone Cluett & Derek Hewitt. The financial return and a summary sheet will be made available in due course.

HOW GIFT AID BENEFITS THE PARISH: During the last year Gift Aided first collections raised **£31660** for the parish and the tax refunded by the Government on this sum amounted to **£7915**. Thanks to Carmel for administering the Gift Aid for our parish & thanks to everyone who is able to be part of the scheme. If you are a tax payer & are not yet a gift-aider please consider enabling the parish to benefit still further by your offering.

MISSIO/APF RED BOX COLLECTIONS: Special thanks to Tony Cluett who has been co-ordinating the Red Box collectors & collections for several decades!! As always those supporting this charity have been very generous. However more local collectors are now needed. If you think you could help please see Fr David in the first instance.

CAFOD CHRISTMAS GIFTS: Copies of the CAFOD Christmas catalogue are at the back of the churches. See if there is anything you'd like to give.

WATERSIDE FOOD BANK: Please could we have more donations of non-perishable food items for the food bank. And thanks to Terry, Louise & Theresa for getting donated items to the bank.

OUR PARISH SHOP - FAITH HOPE & CHARITY

(just by the side of Waitrose) a great selection of Christmas cards, calenders & gifts for sale. Please do pop in and support the shop.

RAFFLE TICKETS: are on sale after Mass in both churches. The draw will take place at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 3rd December in St John's Hall, Hythe.

OAP CHRISTMAS LUNCH: on Thursday, 8th December from 12noon to 2pm at St Bernard's Hall. Sign-up forms are at the back of both churches. Please tick if you need a lift or are vegetarian. The deadline is 4th Dec as food has to be ordered.

THANKS TO MIKE SLIPPER & THE NEW CAVALIER JAZZ-MEN for an evening of great music and entertainment last week. Thanks to everyone who donated raffle prizes & who helped out in any way. Mike was able to donate £340 to parish funds as a result of the evening. Great effort Mike!

GEO HOUSE (ASHURST): is offering an Autumnal weekend of refreshment, relaxation & reflection 18th-20th November. See the poster for full information for this & other events.

ADVENT COURSE AT ASHURST (NOW GEO HOUSE): This course will focus around the new CaFE resource "**Saints - Helping us today**". The course will be on Thursdays at 7.30pm: 17th Nov; 24th Nov; 1st Dec; 8th Dec; 15th Dec. The series of presentations covers Therese of the Child Jesus & Holy Face, Benedict, Francis of Assisi, Patrick, Ignatius of Loyola & Catherine of Sienna. Just turn up on the night.

DIOCESAN EVENTS COMING UP: "Stay Awake": A day of prayer for Advent. Sat 26th Nov 9.30am- 4.00pm. A variety of workshops on Advent themes will be offered. Come for all or part of the day. No charge. Please bring a packed lunch. Led by DPF. St. Stephen's Church & St. Peter's School, Olivers Battery Road North, Winchester. SO22 4JB. For a booking form visit <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/forms/stayawake>

Stop! Get Ready! Go! 'You must come away to a lonely place all by yourselves and rest a while'.

Our third annual conference will be structured around the theme of prayer. It is a great opportunity for people in the diocese to gather together for practical sessions, input, prayer, reflection and liturgy.

The dates are Fri 3rd - Sun 5th Feb 2012 Led by Department for Pastoral Formation (DPF) Venue: Hallmark Hotel, Durley Chine Road, Bournemouth, Dorset BH2 5JS. More details on the Diocesan website.

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