

# The Messenger

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

15<sup>th</sup> January 2012

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time - Divine Office: Wk 2

Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 6.00pm - St Anne's, Brockenhurst
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	No Service (Liturgy: of the Day - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week Ord. Time)
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: Memorial, St Anthony of Egypt, Abbot, 251-356)
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst (Liturgy: of the Day - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week Ord. Time) Beginning Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am Mass at Our Lady's, Lyndhurst (Liturgy: of the Day - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week Ord. Time, or optnl Memorial, St Wulstan, Religious, Bishop, 1008-1095)
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	No Service (Liturgy: of the Day - or optnl Memorials, St Fabian, Pope, Martyr, d. 250, or St Sebastian, Martyr, d. 288)
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am SM Mass followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am (Liturgy: Memorial, St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr, 291-304)
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 6.00pm - St Anne's, Brockenhurst

**Mass Intentions: For this week:** All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Bishop Crispian (Health), Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Peace in the World, Christian Unity, Gerry Brady (B'day), Fr Michael Cronin (Health), Ann Harding (B'day), Anna Hayes (B'day)

**For the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> January:** All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Bishop Crispian (Health), Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Peace in the World, Christian Unity, For the New Forest & New Forest East Pastoral Areas, Norman Croucher RIP

## 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

## THE INVITATION

If we have experienced something of God's love (which was celebrated at our Baptism) we will also experience an attraction. This will be to compassion, goodness, virtue, holiness or some other quality of God. Inevitably we will be attracted to Jesus who embodied all these godly qualities. This attraction draws us and is, itself, a kind of invitation. The invitation is to "come and see" where Jesus lives. This is not just about a house in Capernaum, it is about the whole mystery of God. Jesus, the Christ, the Divine Word of God lives with the Father before all time, & Jesus is in me, Jesus is in my sisters and brothers, Jesus is in the poor and suffering, Jesus is in the word, Jesus is in the Eucharist. Jesus, as eternal Word made flesh, is the personal, discernible, knowable face of God present in all creation.

The invitation is then, to journey in this relationship with God made visible in Jesus. The Scripture readings for this Sunday highlight three key elements of that journey. These are prayer (listening to & talking with God); life-style (how we relate to others) and service (how we help others).

Samuel (1st reading) shows some of those attitudes that help prayer. Are we ready to respond to God? Do we cherish the "word" God gives us in prayer? Prayer has to be real, rooted in everyday life yet open to the great mystery which permeates everything. We should express to God how we really feel, think and what we have done and are doing. This honesty is absolutely vital for us. God knows everything already. Our greatest temptation in prayer is to hide our dark side from ourselves and then imagine we are hiding it from God. God has great blessings for us of grace and transformation but we can't receive them if we don't acknowledge that we need them. Scripture will help unmask the areas we'd rather not see. Persevering in this embarrassing struggle with God is the discipline of prayer.

The most important area where we need help and change is in our relationships with others. Excessive dependence, exploitation, abuse, and ill-treatment of others, as an individual or member of a group need to be changed. The change has to start from within and can only come from God, even though God's presence may not be explicitly acknowledged.

God is not going to leave us idle. There are a multitude of good works to be done. This good news must have begun to happen in us already. I have to receive good news from God myself in order to be good news for others. The good work is first of all, believing & being & from this it is doing. For the doing we need to discern the right path for us. This brings us back to prayer, to God's word & to the help, support & guidance of others who can be trusted. (DMA)

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Marion Butler, Barbara Coughlan, Bishop Crispian, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Magdalen Forshaw, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Ken Hemmings, Goerge Hutcheson, Patrick Martin. Gillian Plummer, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Jason Singleton, Ronald Stevens, Ann Wilton, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

**PRAYER POTTERY:** The next prayer meeting will be on Tuesday, 31st January at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Michael's. It will be led by Christine Olden & all are welcome.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Parents, please contact Fr David if your child is in Year 3 at primary school and will be 8 yrs old this year and you wish your child to make their First Holy Communion. If you think your child is ready to begin receiving Holy Communion but does not yet match the age criteria mentioned above, contact Fr David also. At the moment we are only able to offer support for a home & parent centred programme of preparation.

**WATERSIDE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 19th January, at 7.30pm in the meeting Room at St Michael's.

**WATERSIDE FINANCE COMMITTEE - REPORT ITEM:** As required by the Diocese, we have recently undertaken the Quinquennial Building surveys for the two churches & the presbytery at Hythe. These surveys cost £2350 in total. Thankfully, at the moment, there are only minor things that need to be attended to immediately. Other more expensive issues are: The fence at St Michael's which will need to be repaired or replaced at some stage; and we are still trying to work out the best way forward with regard to the toilets at St Bernard's.

**UNITED CHRISTIAN SERVICE - WATERSIDE:** All the Waterside Churches are invited to participate in the annual united service which will take place at: Waterside Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, Fawley on Sunday 22nd January at 6.30pm. Fr David has to be at Brockenhurst at that time so if anyone can represent the Catholic community it would be good.

**THANK YOU TO:** a parishioner, who wishes to remain anonymous, who has paid for the repair of the hand rails on the steps leading to the main doors at St Michael's, and has also repaired and strengthened the hand rails & brickwork on the ramp leading to the side door at St Michael's. It is a much needed improvement and is greatly appreciated.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY:

**FOR CHURCH READERS:** Refresher session to be led by Rev Kevin O'Brien, Parish Priest of Totton on Saturday, 3rd March 2012, 10am-1pm, finishing with soup lunch. Venue; Geo House (Ashurst)

**FOR MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** Refresher session led by Rev David Adams, on Saturday, 17th March 2012, 10am-1pm, finishing with soup lunch. Venue; Geo House (Ashurst).

**THE LIFE OF CHRIST - WINTERSHALL:** We are planning a parish/pastoral area outing to experience this amazing dramatization of the life of Christ. This will be on Sat 23rd June, 10am until 4pm. More information to follow.

**THANKS TO:** Louise & all the members of the parish CAFOD group and to all the parishioners who attended the CAFOD event to celebrate the 50 years of the charity.

**DO YOU LOVE FLOWERS?** Have you ever thought that you would like to arrange flowers, but don't know where to start? Well now you can find out. In conjunction with Blackfield Flower Club we are having some very basic workshops at St Bernard's Hall. This will start at St Bernard's Hall on Thursday, 2nd February at 10.00am. Why not come along and have fun with flowers? For details of what you need to bring ring Monica on 80-892930.

**A DAY OF PRAYER** organised by the Diocese will take place on Saturday, 4th February 2012 at St. Swithun Wells Primary School, Hillcrest Avenue, Chandlers Ford, Hants. SO53 2JP. The theme of the day is 'Prayer: tools for the toolbox'. It will include a variety of sessions, led by Department of Pastoral Formation members and others, enabling people to experience different ways of praying, as well as a quiet room for silent prayer. **The day starts at 10.30am (tea/coffee will be available from 10.00am) and will end at 4.00pm. Feel free to come for all or part of the day. Please bring a packed lunch. Booking is essential** since we need a minimum number of people to make the day viable. If you would like to reserve a place please email: estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or telephone her on 01329 835583. There is no charge for the day.

**Fr. Ronnie Mitchell** would like to say a big thank you to all who have supported him and St. Joseph's during the past months. He would like to invite you all to an "Open House" at Wisdom House on Sunday 15th January anytime between 12.00 noon and 4.00 pm. Refreshments will be provided. Everyone welcome.

**ARE YOU SORTING** through your wardrobes, cupboards & toy boxes for the new year? Why not send the things you don't need to Faith, Hope & Charity, the parish shop. You will be helping parish funds. Remember if you have any clothes which aren't worth selling bag them up & put "Rags" on the bags. These can be sold for recycling.

**AT GEO HOUSE (ST JOSEPHS)** Saturday 28th Jan - "Burns Night" - Tickets £25 for 4 course meal plus entertainment. Ring 023 8029 2337 for more details & to book your place.



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