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St Michael's churches***14th feb 2010
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PASTORAL TEAM

Priest: Fr David Adams**Deacons:** Steve Bowler (8020 7449)

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**PARISH SERVICES****SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

Sun	14	9 am	SB	Mass: Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
		11 am	SM	Mass: Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Tue	16	10 pm	SM	Mass: of the day
Wed	17	10 am	SM	Mass: Ash Wednesday
		7.30 pm	SB	Mass: Ash Wednesday
Thu	18	10 am	LT	Mass at Lyndhurst: Lent
Sat	20	10 am	SM	Mass: Lent followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation (11am - 11.30 am)

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sun	21	9 am	SB	Mass: First Sunday of Lent
		11 am	SM	Mass: First Sunday of Lent
		6 pm	SM	Mass: First Sunday of Lent



For the week beginning 14th February we will be offering Masses for: People of the Parish, Parishioners who are unwell, Benefactors of the Clergy Retirement Fund, deceased clergy of the Diocese

For the week beginning 21st February we will be offering Masses for: People of the Parish, Parishioners who are unwell, Ted Harding (RIP Anniv), Golden Weddings of Irene & Merve Francis and Mary & Terry Francis, Phil West RIP

Total Roof Fund collected to date

£8,872.53

(Target - £13,500)

Thank you all, for your generosity**BLESSINGS & CURSES – HAPPINESS & WOE**

Not everything is as it seems. The most colourful and attractive plants can turn out to be the most poisonous. Simple, ordinary unattractive things sometimes prove to be the most important. Nothing can be taken for granted. Things have to be tested, experienced and evaluated. What may be helpful at one stage in life can be harmful later on. What at first may seem a strength, or a gift or a special talent may later become a burden, a limitation or a source of pain.

Life is dynamic. It is always moving, growing and changing. We never really stand still, we change, our relationships change, our needs and capacities change. The need for comfort today can become the addiction of tomorrow.

The deeper wisdom of life and the gifts of the Spirit are not automatically transmitted from one generation to another. They have to be personally communicated and actively received. Girls do not automatically become mature, responsible and free women. Boys do not automatically become mature, responsible and free men. Physical endowments have to be completed in emotional, social and spiritual nurturing.

The particular quality of tolerance that has evolved in European society has enabled diverse peoples to live together in peace and even to celebrate difference as a gift from God. It has taken hundreds of years to reach this point and hopefully the spiritual attitudes that express true tolerance will help humanity attain a whole new level of consciousness. There is a growing awareness of the need to actively work for peace, to remove causes of hatred and oppression, to challenge the abuse of power. There is a greater awareness of the need to cherish the earth and its environment. There is greater openness to see goodness and truth in those who are different. There is a growing hunger for spiritual depth, meaning and vision. But this growing spiritual movement is fragile. The baton of wisdom and faith has to be handed on to each successive generation or the consequences could be dire. Just one individual wounded by a lack of hope, love and self-esteem can do untold damage to themselves and others.

When the dominant forces in society place too much value on the superficial and material then the blessings of wealth, comfort, power, good looks and celebrity can soon become curses. Being inherently transient any one who seeks their identity in them will be like the person who built their house on sand. This self or ego becomes insecure and transient, prone to anxiety, fear, defensive anger and aggression. This false self must be lost in order that the true self, the Christ-self can be found. A heart that is full, satisfied and comfortable only in passing created things has little room or desire for God and God's deep, unending joy. There is also little room for real relationships with others except as ego enhancers and satisfiers of one's needs. However conditions that at first seem limiting can be the ones that allow love and relationship to flourish where persons are valued above all and where there is space for the Divine encounter. Jesus' words are the shock tactics of a wisdom teacher who wants to awaken us from our "dream" state and liberate us from the prison of our egos, our false selves. (DMA)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Bill Feltham, Pat Gallanagh, Amanda Gudge, Joan Olden, Leslie Palmer, Bridget Reeves, Eileen Shanley (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

ECUMENICAL PRAYER & PANCAKES: on Shrove Tuesday, 16th February at 7.30pm in St Bernard's Hall. Enjoy pancakes and a glass of wine or soft drink with fellow Christians; burn palms ready for Ash Wednesday and sing a few songs. Everyone welcome.

ST MICHAELS CHOIR: We are in urgent need of new members to join the Choir. No experience necessary, you don't need to be able to read music, just have enthusiasm and enjoy singing. Please contact Irene (80-894860) or Fr David.

CAFOD Thank you all for many used stamps and old/foreign coins which we will deliver to the CAFOD office. Keep them coming in! **Among the items were a small camera lens and a key which may have been together. If you have mislaid either of these, please contact the parish office.**

COFFEE MORNING - Thursday 25th Feb 10.30 at Brenda Atkinson's House, Forestside, Exbury Road, Blackfield, Donations to CAFOD. All Welcome.

FR PETER WILKIE'S 80th BIRTHDAY: Please use the yellow envelopes to contribute towards a gift for Fr Peter. Clearly mark the envelopes "For Fr Peter" and put them in the collection basket. We would like to have the gift ready in time for Sunday 28th Feb when Fr Peter will be with us.

St Dominic's Priory: Lent reflections and prayer on Monday evenings from 7.15 pm to 9 pm. Mondays 22nd February; 1st March; 8th March; 15th March; 22nd March - donation: £2.50. Also **Day of Recollection 13th March:** "The Season of Lent and the Sacrament of Reconciliation" - 10.00am-4.00pm - bring your packed lunch - donation: £6. The day will include a couple of talks, opportunity for confession, Holy Mass and prayer. See posters at the back of the churches.

CABRINI Children's Society - On this Sunday 14th February the Annual Collection for the Cabrini Children's Society will take place. Special envelopes are available.

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: We are hosting this service this year. It will take place at **St Michael's at 2pm on Friday, 5th March.** Please support the service (men welcome too!). We also need small cakes to serve with tea & coffee after the service. If you can help please Peggy Kirwan or Eileen Kenny.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PARISH SHOP: thinking of buying a gift for a new baby, birthday or anniversary? Then why not visit 'Faith, Hope & Charity' - the parish shop. They sell a wide selection of new gifts for all occasions & they are value for money. Also when you have a spring clean don't forget to take all your unwanted clothes, gifts & bric-a-brac for re-sale to the 2nd hand section of the shop. Any clothing NOT suitable for resale can be recycled by the shop for cash. Please bag any clothing separately & label appropriately: "FOR RE-SALE" or "FOR RECYCLING". Thank you.

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM? The different portraits of Jesus will remain at St Bernards another week. We didn't get time to move them, sorry. We hope to have them at St Michaels for next Sunday.

THE DIOCESAN FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN - "LIVING OUR FAITH": This campaign is to raise funds so that the Diocese can continue: 1) vocations work for priesthood & diaconate; 2) the training of students for the priesthood; 3) the work of adult formation and training for lay ministry; 4) the provision of financial support for parishes. The campaign has been running very successfully in other parishes. During the first part of this process Fr David will be gathering a campaign team together. The team will be invited to a meeting on Sunday, 28th Feb at 4pm at St Michaels.

FISH & CHIPS & BINGO This will take place at St Bernard's Hall on Sat. 27th Feb at 7.30pm. Please pay for your tickets (£7.50p, a family ticket: 2 adults plus 2 children under 11yrs—£20.00) and write down on the sheet at the back of the church whether you want fish, chicken or sausage with your chips. 21st Feb is the last day for orders as the food has to be ordered and paid for in advance. Thank you. **Any donations of raffle prizes would be most welcome.**

DATES FOR THE DIARY: Lenten Reconciliation Service at St Michaels on Tuesday, 23rd March at 7.30pm; **Concert** in St Michaels, on Saturday, 27th March at 7.30pm given by the Woodside Singers—various classical choral pieces suitable for Lent. £3.00—pay at the door. Light refreshments during the interval. After costs have been met surplus monies will be donated to CAFOD.

SPECIAL THANKS: To Veronica Chadwick & Neal Tisdale for providing wheelchairs for our churches.

WANTED: 1 length of wood-effect kitchen worktop or solid wood worktop (preferably) 2m long x .5m wide. Contact Helen, Parish office 023 8084 3479.