

The Messenger

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

14th April 2013

Third Sunday of Easter (Psalter - Wk.3)

SPECIAL CAFOD COLLECTION - SYRIAN REFUGEES

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's

11.00am Mass at St Michael's

6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

(All Liturgies this week are of Eastertide, unless otherwise stated)

Mon 15th No Service
Tues 16th 10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass
Wed 17th 10.00am Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst
12 noon SB Funeral Service John Leahy RIP
Thurs 18th 10.00am Mass at Our Lady's, Lyndhurst
Fri 19th 11.00am SM Funeral Service
Helen Taylor RIP & Helen Farrelly RIP
Sat 20th 10.00am SM Mass then Adoration of Jesus
in the Bl. Sacrament and Reconciliation to 11am

Sun 21st Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's

11.00am Mass at St Michael's

6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

2nd Collection: Clergy Training Fund

Mass Intentions: For this week: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, World Peace, Pope Francis, Bishop Phillip Egan, Children preparing for 1st Holy Communion, Ellen Pick (Intentions), Honora Power (Peace), Molly Booth RIP, Helen Farrelly RIP, Linda Hayes RIP, Margarete Higham RIP, Alice Cecilia Mitchell RIP, Breda O'Neill RIP, Helen Taylor RIP, Bill Feltham RIP Anniv

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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 9.00am, New Milton at 11.30am,
Lymington at 10:30am, Brockenhurst at 6.00pm

In polite society you are not supposed to go around asking people questions like "Who do you say I am?" or "Do you love me?" Perhaps because the answers might be deadening. Questions that go to the heart of the matter, particularly when the matter concerns what you really think of another person, are usually eased out of the conversation like slightly polychrome objects are eased out of the room after they have misbehaved. In today's Gospel, however, Jesus is in good voice when he asks Peter three times if he really loves him.

Remember that before the crucifixion Peter had not exactly distinguished himself. Three times he denied being a disciple of Jesus and knowing anything about him. The man Jesus chooses to exercise primacy of authority is the one who is caught out by a servant girl as he lies insistently. He is the man who is arrested by a cock crowing in the dark.

As we hear from the epilogue of John's Gospel, after the crucifixion Peter and the disciples returned to their old trade of fishing. There is no suggestion that they believed themselves to have a mission to carry on after the death of Jesus. After Jesus had died their hopes went into the tomb and they returned to old, familiar ways. They try to cope with the loss of the one who had changed their lives.

After a long night's fishing the disciples come up with zero, and a distant figure on the shore tells them to try again. They pull in a marvellous haul. The Beloved Disciple identifies the figure as Jesus, and Peter in his excitement tries treading water to be with him. Peter has a wet breakfast with the Lord.

After the meal Jesus asks Peter three times about the reality of his love. Insisting on love is something of a mark with Jesus. Three times Peter affirms his love, as three times Jesus insists on it. And when Peter professes his love Jesus commissions him to care for his flock. Seeing the Lord is always a dismissal for ministry; loving the Lord is always a charge to care for others.

And that is what Peter does - as we heard from today's first reading. In his ministry of preaching and healing Peter gets through to many people, and the authorities become nervous at the ability of Peter and the apostles to work in the name of Jesus. In spite of the opposition Peter will continue insisting on his love for Jesus and this insistence will take him to martyrdom in Rome. In the end Jesus' question "Simon, do you love me?" becomes profoundly unnecessary. There is nothing circumstantial about Peter's love.

So the question of Jesus is openly directed to each of us: "Do you love me?" But before Jesus puts the question to us he goes to enormous trouble to first assure us that he really loves us. He died making the point. When we're assured of that first love we might be less hesitant in declaring our own.

The question of Jesus stays with us hoping for an answer. The question comes from one who is more interested in our future prospects than our past failures. He doesn't pass the blame in bitter recriminations. He's more interested in what can become of us. That kind of person is worth leaning through our defences and locked doors. He's not a security risk. After all, his Valentine has already been slipped under the door.

(From *Seasons of the Word* by Denis McBride).

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

PRAYER POTTERY: The next Prayer Pottery will take place on Tuesday, 30th April at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Michael's. All are welcome.

THIS SUNDAY: There will be a special CAFOD collection for the Syrian refugees.

CLERGY TRAINING FUND: This is an obligatory Diocesan collection which helps fund those students training for the diaconate & priesthood. The collection will be taken at all Masses on Sunday, 21st April.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: On Sunday, 21st April at the 9.00am Mass at St Bernard's, there will be a special focus on our children preparing for 1st Holy Communion: Oscar, Tegun, Natasha, Amelia & Owen. Parents are asked to bring the children's workbook to Mass on that Sunday.

JOHN LEAHY RIP: John was a parishioner who attended St Bernard's. He had been ill for some years & unable to attend church as before. His Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday, 17th April at 12 noon in St Bernard's Church, followed by burial in Blackfield Cemetery.

HELEN TAYLOR RIP & HELEN FARRELLY RIP: Sadly shortly after the death of Helen Taylor, her mother Helen Farrelly also died. There will be a joint Funeral Service on Friday, 19th April at 11.00am in St Michael's Church, Hythe followed by burial in Blackfield Cemetery.

Our condolences and prayers are with the families, friends and relatives who have lost loved ones and with all those who have been recently bereaved.

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DIOCESE: (Extract from Bp Phillip's letter to Clergy, 3rd April 2013): I am writing here about some initial developments relating to the reorganisation of our diocesan pastoral administration (updated diagram attached). The process of implementation is going to take some time. We need to 'populate' the diagram and to establish new processes in the light of what needs to be done. Meanwhile, in this letter, I am happy to announce the make-up of the new Bishop's Council. Further details about other roles will follow in the summer Ad Clerum. Please pass on any relevant details here to your Staff and to those who need to know.

I have appointed two new Vicar Generals, to take up office from 1st July:
• Fr. Michael Dennehy, who will also act as the Moderator of the Curia;
and Fr. Dominic Golding, who after the summer will be moving to the Cathedral to be the new Dean.

I have also appointed the three Episcopal Vicars, effective from 1st July, who will be responsible for shaping policy in the three new Vicariates:
• Fr. Paul Townsend, as Episcopal Vicar for Vocation;
• Fr. James McGrath, as Episcopal Vicar for Education; and
• Fr. Mark Hogan, as Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation.

In addition, I have asked Fr. James McCauley to act as (part-time) Bishop's Secretary. After the summer, he will be moving to the Cathedral as the assistant priest and will be working with my Private Assistant, Hannah Vaughan-Spruce. I am enormously grateful to these priests for taking on these responsibilities and, where required, for moving from their present parishes. I have also begun appointing other priests, deacons, religious and lay people to various roles in the new framework and I will give details of these in the Ad Clerum.

SYRIAN REFUGEES;SPECIAL COLLECTION ON SUNDAY 14 APRIL: CAFOD and the Disaster Emergency Coalition have launched a special appeal to help the millions of Syrian refugees. There is a special collection on 14 April for anyone who would like to contribute. CAFOD Envelopes marked SYRIA available for taxpayers. We are very aware that there have been many demands for money recently. But some have asked if we can contribute to this appeal.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED US CELEBRATE LENT & EASTER: To our deacons, Steve & Ian, to all who pray, to Tony-not-yet Emeritus for liturgical and rubrical consultation services & Irene for liturgical preparation & music, to Linda for lots of help behind the scenes, to our choir (St Michaels) & music arrangers (St Bernards), to our Servers, to Ministers of Holy Communion & Readers, to Childrens Liturgy Catechists, to our Welcomers, to Cleaners, Flower Arrangers, Collectors & Collection Auditors & all helpers.

EASTER RAFFLE: Thanks to all those who work in Faith Hope & Charity who contributed prizes and gifts for the Easter Raffle. Proceeds go to support the parish.

Quiz night and American supper : Saturday 20th April 7pm @ St Bernard's. **Tickets will be on sale at both Churches Sundays 7th & 14th April only.**

PLANT SALE & SPRING FAIR: @ St Bernard's Hall on Saturday, 4th May, organised by Veronica Chadwick. Please help to make this event a success: it makes a good contribution to parish maintenance. Raffle prizes, plants and home made cakes all needed: raffle prizes as soon as possible and plants and cakes on 3 or 4 May.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Bingo & fish n' chips supper: Saturday 22nd June 7 p.m. @ St Bernard's.
Skittles & BBQ: Saturday 31st August 7p.m. @ St Bernard's

Quiz night and American supper : Saturday 5th October 7 p.m. @ St Bernard's.

FIRST AIDERS; Do we have any First Aiders who regularly attend church at St Bernard's or St Michael's? it would be good to know who you are & if you are willing to be called upon during Mass should the need arise. Please see Fr David.

WORK AT ST BERNARDS: From 8th April - 17th April we are having some minor repairs & decorating done to St Bernard's toilets & kitchen. This is being funded by money raised at Parish Socials organised by the St. Martha group.

PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE: The latest copy is available now at the back of church. There is a really photo of Pope Francis on the front cover and lots of interesting articles inside.

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