

# The Messenger

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

## The Triumph Of The Cross 14th September 2014

### Year A . Weekdays Yr 2: Psalter week 4

9.00am Mass SB  
 11.00am Mass SM

Monday 15th September No Service  
*(Our Lady of Sorrows)*  
 Tuesday 16th September No Service  
*(Ss Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop)*  
 Wednesday 17th September No Service  
*(St Hildegard of Bingen, Religious, Doctor of the Church)*  
**Funeral service James Barnard SM 1.30pm**  
 Thursday 18th September No Service  
**Friday 19th September 10am Mass SM**  
*(St Januarius, Bishop, Martyr)*  
**Saturday 20th September 10am Mass SM**  
*(St Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions, Martyrs)*  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation after the 10am Mass today**  
**25th Sunday of Ordinary time 21st September**  
 9.00am Mass SB  
 11.00am Mass SM

## Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 14th September

**Anniversaries this week:** George Cotton (16th), Nessie Beggs (17th)  
**Those who have died recently:** James Barnard, Elzbieta (Liz) Flaherty, Lily Ricketts, Isabella Taggart  
**Other Intentions:** Joy & Alan Lovelock (Golden Wedding Anniversary), Dorothy Poole R.I.P, Gerry Manghan (birthday), Louise Brown (birthday), Frances Josephine Bianchi & family

## WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

**Rev David Adams -Parish Priest-** based at Our Lady & St Joseph Church, Lymington: Tel: 01590 676696 ;  
**Rev Vincent Convery**  
**Rev Steve Bowler** (Deacon & Chair Parish Pastoral Council) Tel:02380 207449  
**Rev Ian Tobin** (Deacon) Tel: 02380 897354  
**All correspondence to:** Linda Guilding, The Parish Administrator, The Parish Office, Angel House, 6 Langdown Lawn, Hythe, Hants SO45 5GR  
 Tel: 02380 843479 e-mail: watersidecp@btinternet.com  
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## New Forest East Pastoral Area: Lyndhurst, Totton & Waterside, Sunday Mass Times

**St Theresa, Totton** - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am  
**Our Lady & St Edward, Lyndhurst** - Sun 9am, (Holy Day Vigil 7pm)  
**Rev Stephen Short** (Deacon)  
**Parish priest : Rev Innaiah Maddineni** : Tel: 023 8086 2270  
**Rev Andrew Philpott** (Deacon)

## New Forest West Pastoral Area: Brockenhurst, Lymington, Milford on sea & New Milton

**Parish Priest: Rev David Adams** Tel: 01590 676696  
**Rev Stephen Morgan** (Deacon)  
 St Anne-Brockenhurst, Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph-Lymington, St Francis of Assisi-Milford on Sea.  
**Parish Priest: Rev Marcin Drabik** : Tel: 01425 614968  
 Our Lady of Lourdes- New Milton  
**Sunday Mass Times**  
**Saturday Vigil Mass:** Lymington and New Milton at 6pm  
**Sunday:** Milford on Sea at 9.00am, New Milton at 10 am, New Milton 6.30pm Mass in Polish Lymington at 10:30am, Brockenhurst at 6.00pm



## The Triumph of the Cross

Non-Christians might think it odd that we use the cross as a symbol of salvation. We wear crosses on gold chains; fix them to the roofs of our churches and illustrate crucifixes on cards and book covers. To a non-Christian it must seem bizarre that we choose to exalt an instrument of torture and death.

Stranger still, why should Moses have presented a bronze serpent on a pole as a symbol of salvation? In answer, it seems that we need to have experienced the snake's sting before we experience victory over it. It seems that we have to experience suffering before we experience victory. It seems that we cannot fully appreciate freedom and triumph without knowing the opposites first.

On the news we notice that our worst human tragedies are followed by an examination. Why did this tragedy occur we ask? Should these people be forgiven? How can we prevent something like this happening again? Where do we go from here? After a tragedy we think in terms of rebirth and reconciliation. Out of something bad, something good can happen.

Things must have looked pretty bleak to the apostles at Jesus' crucifixion. The cross must not have seemed a symbol of victory to them at this time, more a symbol of defeat. But with the Resurrection, the seeming failure of Jesus' crucifixion was no longer a failure but a triumph. Their lives were transformed. Death no longer held the same fear.

On this feast day, we are not of course exalting the cross as an instrument of torture and death. We exalt the cross as a symbol of Christ's victory over death. When we look up at a cross on a church spire, or put on a cross and chain, we remember that it is not just an ornament or a piece of jewellery, but a strong reminder that Jesus promised us that we too can share eternal life.

(An extract from *Chapel*: Jane Barry)

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers:

David Bazley, Frances Josephine Bianchi, Janice Bird, Baby Blake Proctor, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Alice Branchill, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Baby Elijah, Derek Faiers, Derek Francis, Mervyn Francis, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Mary King, Trudy King, Doreen Holman, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Sarah Mc Cann, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, Marta Pugsley, Ruth Rowan, Jim Ross, Norma Rudd, Cath Smith, Susan Soutter, Emmie Walker, Pam Watkins George Watson, Francesca Wells.

**(If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Linda via the Parish office)**



The funeral service for James Barnard will be at St Michael's at 1.30pm on Wednesday 17th September. May he rest in peace.



**CHANGE TO WEEKDAY MASS .** This week Mass will be Thursday 18th September and Saturday 20th September. NO MASS FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER.



**OUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE** is only 83days away from today!! (6th December please put the date in your diary) To avoid inundating you with requests nearer the date we are going to target different things each month. This month we would like your help with help with:

### Raffle prizes. & Craft items

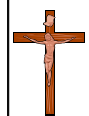
If you have any prizes for the main raffle please take them to the parish shop, Faith Hope & Charity, or leave them at the back of the church for collection. Please mark them 'Parish raffle'. If you can make or buy anything which can be sold on the Craft stall for the Fayre, please see Tina Bowler or ring the parish office. Thank you!



**THANK YOU** from Mike & Mary Newland and Joy & Alan Lovelock for all your prayers, cards, flowers and good wishes on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversaries.



**HELP NEEDED** One of the cleaning teams at St Michael's needs help covering for one of their members who will be temporarily indisposed for 3 months due to an operation . *It will involve* 1 hour on each of the following dates: 22nd Oct, 19th November, 17th December and a date in January. Please ring Peggy Kirwan on 02380 848526 if you can help or need further information.



**TO THOSE WHO KNOW** Frances Josephine Bianchi. She worshipped regularly at St Bernards in Holbury until she went to live in Florida with her daughter following the death of her husband, Mr Edgardo Alessandro Bianchi, in January 2001.

She is 86 and is now in very poor health. I regret to advise that she is very close to death in DelRay hospital in Florida. It is her wish to be repatriated to the UK when she dies to be buried with her husband in Blackfield cemetery. Please pray for Frances and her family at this time.

For the Ideal Gift or Gift Voucher visit  
 Faith, Hope & Charity  
 8 ST JOHN'S STREET, HYTHE SO45 6DA  
 Tel: 023 8020 7882



**The Pope Tweets:** @Pontifex *From the cross, Christ teaches us to love even those who do not love us.*



**DIOCESAN INFORMATION:** The Bishop is encouraging everyone to sign up for the Portsmouth Diocesan E-News. Go to the Portsmouth Diocese website and follow the links and instructions.



**THIS WEEK: RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY** Today the Catholic Church in England and Wales celebrates Racial Justice Sunday. It is a day on which all Christians are called to earnestly pray for an end to racism and racial inequality. The theme for 2014 is 'Combating Human Trafficking'. The Church is committed to supporting vulnerable and marginalised people and the Bishops' Conference's Office for Migration Policy takes the lead in our work to address the horrors of this modern-day form of slavery. **There will be a special collection TODAY**

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

**21st September** CASE: Home Mission Sunday The theme for this year is Evangelisation "in the heart of the family", supporting outreach to non churchgoing (lapsed) Catholics.

**28th September** The Cathedral (Obligatory)

## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- + All young adults entering the world of work, apprenticeships or University.
- + The people of Scotland: Referendum 18th Sept.
- + Those struggling to come to terms with a bereavement or illness.
- + For those suffering as a result of conflicts around the world.
- + For those trying to establish and maintain cease-fires so that a road to peace can be mapped out.
- + All those celebrating wedding anniversaries about this time, especially Joy & Alan Lovelock- Golden Wedding Anniversary.
- + All those celebrating birthdays at this time, especially Louise Brown whose birthday was on the 6th.

## WHAT'S ON

**SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND:** This annual Catholic Charismatic conference takes place 27 & 28 September 2014 at St Mary's College, Bitterne Park. The theme is "*Jesus, the hope of all the world*". Speakers this year are Charles & Sue Whitehead, David Matthews and John Vaughan-Neil. There will be workshops, plus children's streams and crèche. Praise and worship, with Mass every day. **Book now** for this popular, joyful and spirit-filled celebration where all are welcome: young and old, singles and families. Details from website: [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) or from Lynda & Peter Szymanski: 023 8029 2058 or from Frank & Angela Capocci: 023 8077 2868.

## SAFEGUARDING: TO CHILDREN'S LITURGY CATECHISTS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION WHO TAKE COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND ON A REGULAR BASIS .

There is a Refresher course at Our Lady of Lourdes, Catholic church, 15 Mount Avenue, New Milton BH25 6NT on, **Saturday, 20th September 10.30-1pm** which you are requested to attend. It is for all those who had Diocesan Children protection & Vulnerable adults training at St Bernard's a few years ago. *This is a Refresher course for those who have had previous training: for those who are Catechists leading Children's Liturgy and Ministers of Communion who take communion to the sick and housebound on a regular basis.*

**Please let the office know a.s.a.p.by phone or email if you will be attending so a place can be booked.**

If you are a Catechist or a Minister taking communion to the sick and housebound and you *haven't* had the training from the Diocese yet, you will need to go on the next training day. The date will be advertised in the newsletter.

**SAFEGUARDING: TO MINISTERS OF COMMUNION WHO ARE IN THE PROCESS OF GOING OUT TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND.** You will be required to attend a Diocesan Training Day. Details will be advertised in due course in the newsletter.