

# The Messenger

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

14<sup>th</sup> October 2012

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B (Psalter Wk.4)

9.00am Mass at St Bernards  
 11.00am Mass at St Michaels

3.00pm at St Bernards  
 Year of Faith Opening Liturgy  
 Holy Hour with Benediction

6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> No Service (Liturgy: Memorial, St Teresa of Avila)

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> 10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass  
 (Liturgy: 28th Week of Ordinary Time)

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst  
 (Liturgy: - Memorial, St Ignatius of Antioch)

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Mass at Our Lady's, Lyndhurst  
 (Liturgy: - Feast, St Luke)

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> No Service (Liturgy: - 28th Week of Ordinary Time)

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> 10.00am SM Mass then Adoration of Jesus  
 in the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation  
 until 11am. (Liturgy: Our Lady on Saturday)

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass at St Bernards

11.00am Mass at St Michaels

6.00pm Mass at 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 Philip Egan, All those who work in the Parish Shop, Fr Danny Burns RIP, Anthea Hayward RIP Anniv, William Hopper RIP Anniv, Carlos, Aurora & Celine Netto RIP Anniv, Georg Turuta RIP

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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

## THE RICHES OF GOD'S WISDOM

In today's Gospel a rich man appears seeking something more. In Luke's version, he is a rich, young man. From the start we are given the distinct impression that this person knows nothing about what is really important. He is rich, he is young, he knows nothing! His words only confirm the impression. He begins with a subtle flattery – "Good Master". Then he wants to know what he can do to guarantee his future security. He thinks goodness is another thing you can possess.

Jesus begins the process of stripping him of his illusions. Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. We too think goodness/holiness is something we must have, something we must do. When we think like that we start judging ourselves and others, we divide and separate. With this approach to life we cannot enter the Kingdom of God. God's kingdom is about love, acceptance, gratuity, freedom and community.

Jesus then starts probing this person. What has he learnt and experienced, what are his desires? Has he kept the commandments? Jesus outlines the ethical commandments and then quite unexpectedly throws in "You must not defraud". Jesus either knows something specific about how this person acquired their wealth or is presuming that no one could become wealthy without some root injustice. The man doesn't hear what Jesus is saying, he has a blind spot on the acquisition of wealth. He still wants something more. Jesus looks steadily at this person. It is a look of acceptance and love. Jesus is not shaming him or judging and rejecting him, just calling him further on the spiritual path.

Then comes the word that exposes the young man's problem that he himself doesn't even realize. He thinks he lacks that something that will enable him to possess eternal life. The irony is that he is possessed by his possessions and what he lacks is the freedom to let them go. If, as Jesus implies, he has acquired his wealth by some sort of fraud then he needs to give it back to the poor and follow Jesus. The young man is totally dejected by this and goes away sad. Hopefully the sadness and disillusionment will be the things God uses to eventually free him from his dependency.

Jesus' teaching is not just a shock for the young man it is a big shock for the other disciples! Help! What can we do? Who can be saved? We can do nothing to get saved. It is impossible for us. But nothing is impossible for God! They presumed that wealth was a blessing from God. Jesus is now saying it can be the very thing that keeps us from God. Our affluence has provided us with weapons of mass distraction – we are permanently too busy, too pre-occupied, always trapped within prisons of our own making, there is never any real space for God or others. God's wisdom exposes the shallowness of conventional wisdom. We all believe in ownership, in acquisition in possessing. But this worldly wisdom doesn't get us into the kingdom of God. In God's kingdom all are brothers and sisters, God's gifts are there to be used well and responsibly, to be shared freely and joyfully without judgement or distinction (God sends his sun to shine on good and bad alike) but they are never ours. And the ways of the kingdom are so subversive of popular wisdom that there is always persecution. (DMA).

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Amanda Bowden, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Betty Marek, Judith Morrison, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Pauline Sharpley, Jason Singleton, Ronald Stevens. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

**PRAYER POTTERY:** the next meeting will be on Tuesday, 30th October at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Michael's.

**SECOND COLLECTION** on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> October. will be for Foreign Missions. This an obligatory collection and the money goes to help the Church in mission areas.

**MASS COUNTS DURING OCTOBER:** As required by the Diocese Mass counts will be taken on the first four Sundays of October.

## VISITS TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**& ADORATION:** Opportunity to take part in Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will start in St Michael's on Saturday mornings from the end of Mass until 11.00am. Anyone wishing to be able to make visits to the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass times will need to see Fr David personally for access information.

**BISHOP PHILIP:** Over the next two weeks Bishop Philip will be meeting with all the Diocesan clergy in pastoral area groups. He is spending an hour and a half with each group which includes Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, a talk, then questions and discussions over a cup of tea. He is seeing the clergy of the New Forest East & New Forest Pastoral Areas next Friday, 19th October

## \*\*\*\*\*YEAR OF FAITH\*\*\*\*\*

### VATICAN 2 – WHAT IS IT?

The Second Vatican Council, which took place in four sessions between 1962-65, gathered together over 2200 bishops from all over the world. It was called by Pope (now Blessed) John XXIII who recognised that the Church needed to look afresh at how it proclaimed the Christian message to a world that was changing rapidly. After extensive deliberations, the Council Fathers issued sixteen documents. At the heart of these are the four Constitutions: On the Sacred Liturgy (Sacrosanctum Concilium), On the Church (Lumen Gentium), On Divine Revelation (Dei Verbum) and On the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes). Each of the Council documents offers important insights into what it means for us to be Church, and how the Church relates to the world in which we live.

### SPECIAL SERVICE TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF

**THE YEAR OF FAITH:** This will be held at **St Bernard's Church, this Sunday, 14th October at 3pm.** As suggested by the Diocese it will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reflections & Benediction.

**EXPLORE YOUR FAITH:** At Geo House (St Joseph's, Ashurst) on the first Saturday of each month inspired by the naming of 2013 as the 'Year of Faith' by the Holy Father Pope Benedict, we will be launching our 'Explore your faith days. Starting at 10am with Mass the day includes prayer, music, talks and sharing. Bring a packed lunch. Refreshments available.

November 3rd Alice Hall—Sion Community  
 December 1st Geoff & Gina Poulter—Catholic Bible School

**ADVENT RETREAT** (at Geo House, St Joseph's, Ashurst). We are very fortunate to have Fr James McCafferey OCD to lead our Advent Retreat. 7th– 9th December 2012 Theme: 'Prayer in the Gospels and prayer in our everyday lives' Book now on reception@geohouse.org.uk or 023 8029 2337

**SPONSORED RUNS FOR CAFOD:** congratulations to **David McElhenny** who completed (in style, I'm sure!) the Clarendon Marathon (a demanding, 26 mile off-road route between Salisbury and Winchester) on Sunday, 7th October which was to raise money for CAFOD. Dave finished uninjured, tired but with still some "fuel in the tank" having executed (no, not the other competitors!) his well-prepared plan. We are now collecting in the sponsorship money so please give that in a marked envelope either directly to David himself, Louise Croll or via the collection plate. We'll let you know the total in due course.

**Catherine Smith** will be running for CAFOD in the Great South Run on Sunday, 28th October. There are sponsorship forms for Catherine at the back of the church. And **Oscar** will be running again this year in the CAFOD mini-run on Saturday, 27th October & he will be grateful for sponsors too!

**OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** in Lymington are in the process of changing the library and reading facilities to make them more inviting for the children. They are looking for some **good quality cuddly toys (particularly jungle animals)** to make these areas homely. If you or anyone you know have any spare, good quality cuddly toys that are no longer needed then they would be grateful for donations.

\*\*\*\*Also, Class 2 is developing their role play corner. If your children have any **old role play costumes** they no longer want, such as police officer/ fire fighter outfits/helmets, they would be very grateful for any donations. \*\*\*\*Classes 2 and 4 both **need recycled materials** such as boxes, tubes and other junk modelling equipment for their topics and would be grateful for any donations.

\*\*\*\*They are also responding to the **shoebbox appeal**. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. If you have any empty shoeboxes please hand them in. If you would like to make up a shoebox for the appeal there will be a leaflet at the back of the church.

\*\*\*\*Finally, they also have sewing club so **any sewing materials & accessories** would be gratefully received.

If you can help with any of the above, please hand them in to Angel house and Linda will get them to the school. Thank you.

**EVENING OF JAZZ**, the **NINTH** at Waterside Catholic Parish, will take place on Saturday evening 27th October next, in St Bernard's Hall from 7.30 p.m. Tickets are as last years price of **£6.00 ea.** (Michael's wife, Valerie, has made a very good job of printing them!) **Bring a plate of food to share.** NO bar because from experience this complicate things. Bring your own liquid refreshments on the night. **PLEASE PLEASE.** Something for Raffle prizes. This seems at times as hard as selling tickets. This could be Mike's last Jazz evening, (we hope not!)



Forthcoming event: **Quiz Night** A quiz night to be held on Saturday 24th November. St Bernard's hall. 7pm start, tickets £4. **Meat Raffle Tickets** on sale from this Sunday and the draw for a £20 voucher will be after 11am Mass on Sunday 28th October. There will be another raffle to be drawn 25th November. All proceeds towards Senior Citizens Christmas lunch.



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