

The Messenger

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For St Bernard &
St Michael's Churches



St Michael's Church
Langdown Lawn
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15th FEBRUARY 2009
Year B
divine office Week 2

St Bernard's Church
Southbourne Avenue,
Holbury, SO45 2NT

Waterside Catholic Parish

PASTORAL TEAM

Priest: Fr David Adams
Deacons: Steve Bowler (8020 7449)
Ian Tobin (8089 7354)

To contact The Parish Administrator based at St Michael's
call between 9am - 2pm daily (Mon, Tue, Wed)



PARISH SERVICES

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sun	15	9 am	SB	Mass: 6th Sunday Ordinary Time (Christine Thompson & Dolly Shortland RIP)
		11 am	SM	Mass: 6th Sunday Ordinary Time (Ted Harding RIP)
Tue	17	10 am	SM	Morning Prayer & Mass: of the day (Deceased Clergy of the Diocese)
Wed	18	7.30 pm	SM	Evening Prayer and Mass: of the day (People of the Parish)
Thur	19	10 am	LT	Mass at Lyndhurst: of the day
Sat	21	10 am	SM	Mass: Our Lady on Saturday
		11 am		Sacrament of Reconciliation (until 11.30am)

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sun	22	9 am	SB	Mass: of the day (People of the Parish)
		11 am	SM	Mass: of the day (George Krzymuski RIP)

Forthcoming events...

PARISH PRAISE AND PANCAKES ON SHROVE TUESDAY - 24TH FEBRUARY AT 7.30PM: Come and enjoy pancakes and a glass of wine or juice. Meet fellow Christians from other local churches as well as other parishioners. Bring your old palm for burning into ash for Ash Wednesday.

Information & Notices:

CAFOD FOCUS AFRICA CAMPAIGN - Very many thanks to all who have supported this campaign by helping or attending Plant Sales, Soup Lunches, Coffee mornings, filling pyramid boxes, covering the Focus Africa Map with £1 and £2 coins etc. In 2008 the Parish exceeded our target of £2000 by at least £250 Should we increase our 2009 target or stick to £2000? Any views to any member of the PPC or Louise Croll, the Parish CAFOD contact.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2009: Fr David is inviting young people from 12 yrs upwards, who have not yet been confirmed to prepare for this sacrament. This sacrament is a celebration of God's Spirit in their lives and an opportunity to make a more personal commitment to the way of Jesus within the fellowship of our spiritual community. Names and contact details can be given in person to Fr David or by phone, letter or email to Fr David at the Parish Office.

CAFOD VOLUNTEER AWAY DAY - SAT 28th FEBRUARY: An opportunity for all CAFOD volunteers to get together and hear about the upcoming international Climate Change campaign, the next Lent Fast Day and find out about the plans for the year ahead. To book ring 01252 329385.

QUIZ NIGHT/AMERICAN SUPPER NIGHT - SAT 25TH APRIL

Registered Charity No: 246871

For the ideal gift visit....

Faith, Hope & Charity
8 ST JOHN'S STREET
HYTHE
SOUTHAMPTON
SO45 6DA
Tel: 023 8020 7882



Volunteers Required in the shop
3 hours in the afternoons
3.4 hours in the mornings

Catholic Website

For previous copies of The Messenger, Diary Dates and Mass times, take a look at the website - www.watersidecatholics.org.uk - its still under construction but there is more to come....!



Fish'n'Chip Bingo Night

A very successful evening raised
£324.90

Thanks to everyone involved
especially Liz Jones for all her
efforts!



SURVIVING STRESS

Marriage Care
national helpline for
confidential advice
and information
0845 660 6000
Mon-Fri 10.00-16.00

Double Room

wanted to let Holbury/Fawley/Hythe
area £70-75 per week.
Tel: Kim on 07851412531

Win a Waitrose/John Lewis Voucher

Tickets on sale after Sunday Mass
at 9 & 11 am on 8th February
Draw taking place 1st March after
11 am Mass
** Tickets £1 **

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION: We see Jesus today breaking all the rules in order to bring God's compassion and healing to a leper, who because of this condition was an outcast. One result of this was that Jesus himself was effectively excluded. Who are the outcasts in our society or church? Are we ready to break "rules" if necessary to show them God's compassion? Are we ready for the misunderstanding and rejection that might happen – within the family, or at work, or at school or at church? An ancient title for the Pope is "Pontifex" it literally means bridge-builder. Sometimes when a person tries to bridge the divide between two groups they get hostility from both sides. What bridge-building do you think the Church should be risking and doing today? (DMA)

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: Fr David is grateful to Angela Falder, Carmel McClatchey and Francis Waddington who have agreed to work with him in this group. The role of the Finance Committee is to ensure the parish complies with all the Diocesan Financial Guidelines. It is an advisory body which reports to the Diocese, the Parish Pastoral Council and the parish on the financial situation of the parish. It is the responsibility of the Parish Pastoral Council to make decisions on significant expenditures after seeking advice from the Finance Committee. If the sum of money involved is large (over £10,000) or requires a Diocesan loan then Diocesan approval is required for the expense. Day to day expenditures for the church or office can be made by the parish priest or someone acting on his behalf. The Finance Committee will also endeavour to ensure that the parish complies with the requirements of legislation in respect of Health & Safety and Disability Access.

PRIEST'S INCOME HOW DOES IT WORK? In the Portsmouth Diocese a parish supports its priest financially in the following ways. First of all every priest in a parish is paid a monthly allowance of £286. Secondly, priests are entitled to receive the Christmas and Easter collections. Thirdly, the parish pays for the provision of housing, for food, for light & heat and for any household requirements, e.g. cleaning materials. If a priest has a housekeeper the parish provides board and lodging for them but no remuneration. *(Any furniture, white goods or electronic goods purchased by the parish for the presbytery remain the property of the parish.)* Fourthly, if a priest has to use his car the parish pays for the mileage covered on parish & diocesan duties. This is according to the Inland Revenue rate of 40p per mile for the first 10000 miles and is meant to cover fuel, running costs and depreciation. *(The amount has remained the same for about 10yrs even though fuel costs have risen considerably.)* Fifthly, priests may receive stipends (offerings of money) for Mass Intentions, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals etc. *(In Waterside parish, after Easter, stipends will no longer be required by Fr David. However a person is always free to donate to some charity, to the needs of the parish or give a gratuity to the minister. Mass intentions will still be offered and Mass cards will still be available.)*

The Diocese also makes a small contribution towards the cost of a personal pension and also to a Health Care scheme that becomes available should the NHS not be able to provide treatment in under 12 weeks. A priest is also entitled to be reimbursed for the cost of National Insurance.

A priest must pay for any other personal expenses – i.e. the purchase & maintenance of a car, clothing, medical treatment, hobbies, holidays etc. Priests must also pay tax & N.I. according to their income and on any benefits in kind they receive. Of course some priests may have additional income from family inheritances, professional work or asset management. *(Unfortunately this does not apply to me!)* Priests are entitled to a State pension according to the level of contributions made and modest charitable funds are available for any clergy who have financial difficulties arising from illness, frailty or misfortune. (DMA) (P.S. Our hard-working deacons minister for free!!)