

The Messenger

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

15th May 2011

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Divine Office: Week 4

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| Sun 15 th | 9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels |
| Mon 16 th | No Service (<i>Liturgy: of 4th Week of Easter</i>) |
| Tues 17 th | 10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (<i>Liturgy: of 4th Week of Easter, or optnl Memorial, St Dunstan, 909-988</i>) |
| Wed 18 th | 7.30pm SM Evening Prayer & Mass (<i>Liturgy: of 4th Week of Easter, or optnl Memorial, St John I, Pope, Martyr, 470-526</i>) |
| Thurs 19 th | 10.00am LT Mass (<i>Liturgy: Feast, Dedication of the Cathedral of St John, Portsmouth</i>) |
| Fri 20 th | No Service (<i>Liturgy: of 4th Week of Easter, or optnl Memorial, St Bernadine of Sienna, Religious, 1380-1444</i>) |
| Sat 21 st | 10.00am SM Mass Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation Until 11.30am (<i>Liturgy: of 4th Week of Easter, optnl Memorial, St Christopher Magallanes & Companions, Priests & Martyrs</i>) |

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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| Sun 22 nd | 9.00am St Bernards 11.00am St Michaels |
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Mass Intentions: For this week: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian, Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Win Cocker (B'day), Ellen Pick (Intentions), baby Tyrell Rawes-Samuels (Health), Bill Feltham RIP, Mick Harrington RIP, Dorothy Minchington RIP, Gilbert Myland RIP, David Roberts RIP, John Weaver RIP

For the week beginning 24th April: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Vera West RIP Anniv

New Forest East Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

St Theresa, Totton - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am
Ashurst Community - Sun 9am
Our Lady & St Edward, Lyndhurst - Sun 9am

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

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THE CALL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

God calls each one of us by name. We are known intimately by God and loved deeply by God as we are. We are called to follow Jesus, our good shepherd, on a journey that will take us through a death to the false self to a new life as God's children. God loves us now as we are and loves us into becoming wholly filled and transformed by the Divine presence in us. As brothers and sisters in the Lord our concern is for one another to support and nurture each other on this faith journey. This is the basis of all the lesser callings we refer to as "vocations".

The most important thing to realise in terms of "vocation" is that we all have at least one! We all have important contributions to make and vital support to give. We are the Body of Christ and each one is a valuable part. Among these many forms of service is the ministerial priesthood. While other lay vocations have flourished in recent years, the ministerial priesthood has been in crisis. At this present time and in our cultural area the crisis is continuing to deepen. One could write pages about the probable causes of this crisis. Suffice to say the causes are many and complex both in the Church and in society. While it is important to pray for all vocations we cannot ignore our responsibility to address the underlying problems, which have brought about a shortage of ordained priests.

The truth of the matter (as I see it) is that the institutional church is going through the "pangs of new birth". In recent years the Holy Spirit has released tremendous vitality and new vision to meet the needs of our time. We, however, are always afraid of new things. Institutions are loath to change and imperceptibly they become ends in themselves, in other words, idolatrous. Power, control, secrecy, dictatorship, elitism and legalism are all alien to the Gospel of Jesus yet they are second-nature to us. As the Bible shows, salvation history is more often than not a story of *two steps forward, three steps back*. After Vatican II a new vitality was released but some grew afraid and have felt the need to return to the imagined securities of the past.

The ministerial priesthood has been at the crossroads between new ways and old ways. It yearns to find a new expression of Christ's service in freeing, reconciling, uniting, healing, and welcoming all people. Yet it is increasingly shackled by those who seem to be more concerned with status, power and showy display. It is called to serve the People of God but some show little desire to truly listen to the concerns of the people.

So we must be patient. It is never God's desire that the Church be without servants (i.e. ministers). It is our sure faith that God will bring good out of this crisis. We will benefit as long as we recognise it as a crisis and do not continue to bury our heads in the sand. The important thing is to follow the call of Jesus through death to self and openness to the new life of intimacy with God. If we walk that journey as servants of each other, then "the Lord will provide". (DMA)

Book Recommendation: The Warmth of the Heart prevents your Body from Rusting - Ageing without growing old. By Marie de Hennezel, Rodale ISBN 978-1-905744-84-8, a BBC Radio 4 Book of the Week)
For helpful spiritual reflections check out; Fr. Ron Rolheiser OMI. He is an internationally acclaimed writer, retreat giver & columnist. Go to www.ronrolheiser.com for his weekly reflection & archives of those of past years.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Christina Drury, Mervyn Francis, Amanda Gudge, Doreen Holman, Joan Hopper, Ellen Pick, Joy Prestage, Norma Rudd, Eileen Shanley, Ronald Stevens, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: Please keep Anna Lawes & Hannah Teague in your prayers as they begin preparation for Confirmation. They will be joining a group of young people from Totton on their programme & the celebration of the Sacrament will be at St Michaels on Thursday, June 30th at 7pm. The Sacrament will be conferred by Mgr Tom McGrath, Vicar General.

PRAYER POTTERY : The next Prayer Pottery will be on Tuesday, May 31st, at 11am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Michaels. It is a time for quiet prayer and reflection guided by Christine Olden. All are very welcome.

A SPECIAL THANKS FROM FR DAVID - Thank you all for the very generous Easter offering this year. Given the difficult financial circumstances of many people it is very much appreciated.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED US CELEBRATE LENT & EASTER: To our deacons, Steve & Ian, to all who pray, to Tony & Irene for liturgical preparation & music, 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.

WATERSIDE FOOD BANK: There is a continuing need for regular donations of food for Waterside Foodbank. Especially in these times of economic difficulty, there is a growing number of individuals and families suffering hardship through redundancy, illness, unemployment, homelessness, etc. Collection boxes are in the foyers of St Michael's and St Bernard's churches, with leaflets listing the types of food needed. We are in Lent - the ideal time to be generous to those in need, and to resolve to continue to donate regularly throughout the year ahead.

APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS - PARISH SHOP: As you know the parish depends heavily on the Faith, Hope & Charity shop for financial support. At the moment volunteers are needed to cover a couple of mornings. It's a service to the parish, its meeting people and its having fun with Tina & the great team of volunteers. A regular commitment is what is needed, once a week, once a fortnight or once a month for Thursdays 9.30am - 1pm &/or Saturdays 9.30am - 1.30pm. A share arrangement with a friend would also be possible. Training & support given.

THE NEXT SOCIAL EVENT being planned by the Martha Group will be a CHEESE & WINE WITH AN AUCTION OF PROMISES & ITEMS. Its planned for early July. So get those thinking caps on!! Perhaps you can offer some time for cleaning, or gardening or car washing. Or you have some nice stuff but its cluttering up - why not auction it?



CAFOD - CARD CAMPAIGN Our CAFOD parish group will soon be inviting us to take part in a new CARD CAMPAIGN. CAFOD are asking the Secretary of State for International Development, Andrew Mitchell, to back small businesses so that people can raise themselves out of poverty.

GREAT SOUTH RUN - Do you enjoy a challenge? Would you like to help CAFOD in a different way this year? We are looking for runners to take part in the Great South Run in Portsmouth on Sunday 30 October (10 miles), or, if you are aged 3-8 or 9-15, in the Mini (1.5 km) and Junior (2.5 km) Great South Runs! We will be there on the day to cheer you on! For more information and/or to register please contact Sian Hughes: shughes@cafod.org.uk or 020 7095 5333

A BIG THANKYOU TO VERONICA CHADWICK & EVERYONE who helped make the

PLANT SALE a great success. Well done, everyone and thanks to all those who worked hard on the day and those who donated plants and flowers, cakes and raffle prizes. Thanks to Frances & Vicky for the cards and jewellery stalls

SOUTH HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC CLUSTER SCHOOLS

There will be a celebration of the Year of Catholic Education at St George Catholic College, Southampton on Thursday, 26th May with Mass at 6.30pm followed by cheese & wine & a race night. All proceeds will go to CAFOD. If you would like to attend let Fr David know at the Parish Office as space is limited.

ROTARY CLUB - SPRING BAND CONCERT

2011: This will feature the Waterside Youth Orchestras and will take place at Waterside Theatre, Holbury on Sunday, 22nd May at 3.00pm with a break for cold drinks & biscuits. The event will finish at 5pm. If you wish to attend please notify Leslie Sharpe on 80-424240 by Wednesday, 11th May.