

The Messenger

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

2nd Sunday of Lent Sunday 16th March

9.00am Mass at SB
11.00am Mass at SM
3.00pm Stations of the Cross SM

Year A, Weekdays Yr 2: Psalter week 2

Mon	17th March	No Service (Liturgy: St Patrick, bishop)
Tues	18th March	No service Pause for prayer 10-11am SM
Wed	19th March	No Service (Liturgy: St Joseph)
Thurs	20th March	No Service

Fri 21st March Mass 10am SM
Sat 22nd March Mass 10am SM

Sacrament of Reconciliation straight after Mass

Third Sunday of Lent Sunday 23rd March

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's
11.00am Mass at St Michael's
3.00pm Stations of the Cross SB

Prayers & Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 16th March

For those whose homes and businesses have been flooded, for all those in conflict around the world, especially the people of the Ukraine, for all Priests in the Diocese, for the people of Ireland & all those named after St Patrick & St Joseph.

Anniversaries this week: Bill Booth (16th), Molly Booth (17th), Eric Bowler (22nd), Lily and Eric Allen

Those who have died recently: Ellen Pick, Sir David Price, Colin Wakelin

Other Intentions: Pat & Anne-Marie Crossan (Special Intention), Sarah Mc Cann (Special intention), Tony O'Connell (Health), Ruth Rowan (Health), Fr Vincent (Anniversary of Ordination, 17th),

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

Rev David Adams -Parish Priest- based at Our Lady & St Joseph Church, Lymington: Tel: 01590 676696 ;

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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)

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 Marcia 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 PARADOX OF GLORY & SUFFERING

At a time when we are more painfully aware of the fragility of our life and our civilisation it is good to reflect on the paradoxical mystery of our existence.

In Psalm 82 verse 6 we have the words (later quoted by Jesus in Johns Gospel): 'I say "You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless you shall die like mortals and fall like any prince". This is an example of paradox which is the relationship between things that seem to be contradictory yet are still perceived to be true. How they relate together is beyond our understanding. The closest we come to paradox in science is in quantum physics.

Another example is given us by St Paul in the Letter to the Christians at Rome, chapter 11 verses 28-29: *As regards the gospel they (the Jewish people who do not believe in Christ) are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.* Other paradoxes abound in our faith language: glory & ordinary, virgin & mother, one & three, human & divine, bread-wine & body-blood, grace & freedom, faith & reason, time & eternity, lose life to find life, suffer to enter into glory, and I'm sure that doesn't exhaust the list!

The wisdom sayings of Jesus and the "koans" of the Buddhist tradition are similarly paradoxical. They are ways of drawing us into deeper & more mysterious truths and relationships. Trying to rationalise the paradox, wisdom saying or koan is a futile business. It'll just make your head ache. We are encouraged rather to hold, to ponder, to treasure. We must let the paradox work on us and not try to work on the paradox. This is where contemplative prayer helps us. Taking an alert but relaxed posture we allow the river of consciousness to flow past the eye of the soul. We gently recognise but do not react to thoughts, feelings, memories, images etc. We let them float by, not trying to engage with them or judge them. A repetitive word or phrase can help such as "Abba, Father" or "Come, Holy Spirit". We can also focus on our breath as receiving the life of God and returning the life of God. These little practices are not an end in themselves but only a help to enable the mind / soul to rest in stillness. In this way one can begin to perceive and receive the "peace that surpasses understanding". You also begin to realise that you cannot be identified with any experience. So you can say to yourself: I have this thought but I am not this thought. I have this feeling but I am not this feeling. This relativises both our joy and our pain.

So on the one hand we are beautifully gifted sons & daughters of God with the potential to flourish in so many ways and receive the fullness of life. On the other hand we are weak, fragile, vulnerable, sinful and selfish. Some have a full life with little suffering, others barely draw breath before they die and others have lives of great hardship, suffering and challenge. Some rise to great courage, generosity and love, others less so. Some are drawn to virtue and holiness, others are drawn into darker realms of anger, violence, greed and lust. Whatever the scientific explanations maybe this planet (this universe) is certainly fine-tuned for life and fine-tuned for struggle. It is the perfect environment for learning and growing, for discovering and experiencing all the wonderful gifts of the Spirit - attributes of God - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness & self-control. Yet these delicate flowerings of grace are always emerging in a situation radically subject to the impermanence of this sphere of existence. The Transfigured One must go through death to resurrection. (DMA)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Baby Dylan, Baby Elijah, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge,, Gabrielle Hennig, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Sarah Mc Cann, Peter Mitchell, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, Helen Pick, George Raffray, Ruth Rowan, Lilly Ricketts, Norma Rudd, Pauline Sharpley, Susan Soutter, Ronald Stevens, Emmie Walker, Neil Tisdale, Canon Terry Walsh, Helen Whitty.

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

ST JOHN'S CHURCH invites you to a Lady Day service on 25th March at 2.30pm. (See poster.) If you would like to go please let Linda know in the office as she has to let the contact at St John's0 now numbers for refreshment purposes.



WHAT! A CHRISTIAN EASTER EGG! Buy yours now from Faith Hope & Charity! These are chocolate eggs that mention Jesus and explain the meaning of the feast day on the packaging. .)

SAINT JOSEPH March 19th It's a bit disappointing that we don't know more about St Joseph given his important role. Early Christians must have been more interested in imitating Joseph's virtues than recording biographical details. So today, as the early Christians did, we honour Joseph for trusting in God's plan even though he had limited understanding of its reasons or consequences. We offer petitions to him as patron saint of fathers, guardians, workers and of the dying.

PLANT SALE We have had some awful wet weather but we are going through a sunny period now, so all the plants you are growing for the plant sale on May 17th will be getting much needed sun shine. Happy growing!



APF RED MISSION BOXES are due to be emptied in March. Please arrange with your collector.



APF COLLECTORS Your magazines are in the office for collection..

SAINT PATRICK 17th March Amongst all the romantic legends that surround St Patrick, one thing is for sure. St Patrick was a great missionary, and the seeds of his work grow and flourish to this day. St Patrick teaches us one important lesson, the holiness of a person is known by the fruits of his or her work. Whatever we know we ought to do will only remain an idle thought unless we take action.

ELLEN (HELEN) PICK It is with great sadness that I have to announce the death of Ellen Pick who passed away on 6th March age 92.

Mrs Pick's Requiem Mass will be at St Michael's Church on Friday 21st March at 1.30pm followed by her burial at Blackfield Cemetery at 3pm.

GIFT AID BOXES will be available for collection this Sunday for 3 weeks. Will the owner of Box No 88 make themselves known to me. Thank you. Carmel Mc Clatchey.

SUNG MASS for the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord Tuesday March 25th. 7.30pm, at St. Boniface Church, 413 Shirley Road, Southampton (see poster for further details)

For the Ideal Gift or Gift Voucher visit
Faith, Hope & Charity
8 ST JOHN'S STREET, HYTHE SO45 6DA
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The Pope Tweets: @Pontifex Let us pray for Christians who are victims of persecution, so that they may know how to respond to evil with good.



Introduction to Lent In his Lenten message for 2014, Pope Francis takes inspiration from the words of St. Paul (Cor 8:9), and asks us to contemplate Paul's invitation to live "a life of evangelical poverty." Embrace his call by fasting from or "giving up" material things, including food, superfluous to your basic needs; "taking up" charitable habits directed to helping and caring for others; and "lifting up" those in need through giving alms, praying and participating in devotional practices.



EWTN Lent Reflections – Bishop Philip & Priests of the Diocese Don't miss Bishop Philip accompanied by priests of Portsmouth Diocese on EWTN Global Catholic Television this Lent as they offer special seasonal reflections. Started Sunday 9 March.



CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY There are two Fridays in the year when we are asked to spend less on our food for those days and give what we save to the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development (CAFOD) Collections are usually taken on the 2nd Sunday of Lent & the Sunday after the first Friday in October. **The collection for Lent is TODAY 16th March.**



VOCATIONS: Fr. John Chandler, is now our diocesan vocations promoter and asks prayers for the ten students at present in formation and the 17 attendees at the latest preliminary discernment session.



YOUTH RETREAT 4-6th April at Oaklands school- age from Confirmation upwards. Contact the office for further information.



SENSE & NONSENSE ON 'ASSISTED DYING' An Assisted Dying Bill to legalise assisted suicide is currently before Parliament. There is often confusion about what 'assisted dying' means. This briefing note explains simply and clearly what the issues are, and what the Church says. www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide-information



COULD YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH CHAPLAINCIES?

The Chaplaincy Team Steering Group (under the direction of Fr. John Lee) is looking for volunteers to help at diocesan level with all the Chaplaincy Departments including Pastoral Care Services. If you are involved with any of the following in your parish or pastoral area and feel you would like to contribute on a diocesan level through the Framework for Collaboration please could you consider volunteering. This would include: services for the sick or housebound, homeless, disadvantaged, bereavement, mental illness, hospital chaplains, prison chaplains, military chaplains and other ethnic chaplaincies (e.g. Filipino, Chinese, Polish, Nigerian, Syro-Malabar chaplaincies, etc). Please contact cvirgo@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

THIS WEEK: THINGS TO DO IN LENT

Please pick up a list of dates for Lenten activities with this newsletter.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: St Michael's, Hythe, Sunday 16th March 3pm :



PAUSE FOR PRAYER: 18th March 10-11am St Michael's, Hythe.

BBC RADIO 4 LENT TALKS started Wednesday 12th March 2014 Six people well known in their fields reflect on the story of Jesus' ministry and Passion from the perspective of their own personal and professional experience.



TOTTON: Stations of the Cross 7pm every Friday during Lent, St Theresa's Church, Totton



BROCKENHURST: 10am every Friday during Lent: Meditation followed by silent prayer and Benediction.