

The Messenger

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

16th September 2012

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B (Psalter Wk.4)

Sun 16 th	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst
Mon 17 th	No Service (Liturgy: - 24th Week of Ordinary Time)
Tues 18 th	10.00am SM Service of Word & Holy Communion (Liturgy: - 24th Week of Ordinary Time)
Wed 19 th	10.00am St Anne's, Brockenhurst Service of Word & Holy Communion (Liturgy: - 24th Week of Ordinary Time)
Thurs 20 th	10.00am - Our Lady's, Lyndhurst Service of Word & Holy Communion (Liturgy: Memorial, St Andrew Taegon et alia)
Fri 21 st	No Service (Liturgy: Feast, St Matthew)
Sat 22 nd	No Service (Liturgy: 24th Week of Ordinary Time)
Sun 23 rd	25th 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 Crispian (Happy Retirement), Bishop elect Philip Egan, For all those starting University, Nessie Beggs RIP Anniv,

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WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastoral Team: Rev David Adams (Parish Priest)
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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

ITS SOMETHING MORE THAN JUST BEING NICE

“Who do people say I am?” Jesus was perhaps testing the water with his followers. Had they begun to understand his true identity and mission? People generally thought Jesus was a prophet like John the Baptist, or Elijah or one of the others. Peter is able to see further: You are the Christ (i.e. the Anointed One). Jesus is not like the other prophets in some mysterious way he is of God. So Jesus is able to take them further in his teaching.

Being God's Anointed is not going to mean popularity, political favour, generous campaign donations or religious respect. On the contrary it is going to mean suffering, rejection and death. Jesus will be rejected by all the systems of power: the civil authorities (elders), the religious authorities (chief priests) and the legal authorities (the scribes). However God will raise him to new life. Jesus says all this “quite openly”.

Peter, true to character reacts impulsively. We understand where he is coming from. We too feel the same way. It is impossible for us to see the wisdom of all this. Like Peter we are locked into our all too human way of thinking. It is understandable, reasonable, what most would consider common-sense and yet Jesus says it is “satanic”. It is the only time in the Gospels that Jesus calls anyone “Satan” directly.

This stark statement invites us to reconsider the nature and “place” of evil. It is much closer to home than we would like to admit. In fact we can't admit it because we don't even see it. We don't see because it's the way everyone thinks, ourselves included (hidden in plain sight). We take it for granted and would never ordinarily see any reason for thinking otherwise.

Following Jesus is going to take us on a journey that will completely transform our way of thinking and living. We are being invited into God's way of thinking, seeing and living. Uncomfortable as it maybe Christianity is about something greater than just being “nice” or “nicer” than others. If we invest in, place all our hope and security in, give all our allegiance to the political system, the religious system, the economic system then we are going to lose. They cannot deliver the life of God. The struggle to re-align ourselves on God is the carrying of the cross. Our life, our hope, our joy are safe in God but the “gods” of this world demand total and slavish obedience and will fight any threat to their power. Jesus says: “Have courage. I have overcome the world”. (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, 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, 25th September at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Michael's. The prayer time is led by Christine Olden and comprises of music, quiet time & readings. All are welcome

WATERSIDE FINANCE COMMITTEE: The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 26th September at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at Angel House.

WATERSIDE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next meeting will take place on Thursday, 27th September at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at Angel House.

MGR PHILIP EGAN - BISHOP ELECT OF PORTSMOUTH. Mgr Philip's ordination to the Episcopate will take place on Monday, 24th September at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.

WATERSIDE FOODBANK - Harvest Festival Time: There has seen a 25% increase demand for Emergency Foodboxes since April 2012. A foodbox for a family of four weighs in at approximately 22kg and demand is an average of 100 people per month. Waterside Foodbank is a community based project, totally reliant on the community for donations of food and Harvest Festival is the time we rely on to boost the food stocks for the coming year.

Food List: Milk (UHT 500ml or 1 litre), Powdered Milk, Coffee (50g or 100g) Tomatoes (nned), Sugar (500g or 1kg), Pasta Sauce, Pasta, Rice pudding (nned), Biscuits, Instant mashed potato, Cereals, Carrots/Peas/Sweetcorn (nned), Fruit (nned), Soup (nned), Beans (nned)

Autumn Retreat at Geo House The Steps of Humility—how trust in God and twelve step spirituality can begin to transform your life. Fr Peter Burrows and Fr Rob Morland join us with much experience in retreats and group therapy. **5th-7th October 2012** Book now on reception@geohouse.org.uk or 023 8029 2337.

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

CAFOD - GREAT SOUTH RUN: - entrants need to register now for this event. See poster in church porch for details.

THE YEAR OF FAITH: (Oct 2012 - Nov 2013). This was announced by Pope Benedict last year. It is an invitation to every Catholic to re-discover the riches of their faith. “The Year of Faith will have to see a concerted effort to rediscover and study the fundamental content of the faith”; “if we interpret it (the 2nd Vatican Council) guided by a right hermeneutic, it can be and can become increasingly powerful for the ever necessary renewal of the Church”; “In order to arrive at a systematic knowledge of the content of the faith, all can find in the Catechism of the Catholic Church a precious and indispensable tool” (Extracts from Porta Fidei). Materials and national events are being prepared by the Bishops of England and Wales. Our own Diocese is preparing a booklet to guide us through the year and offer suggestions as to how we might respond. **See also the Geo House / St Joseph's, Ashurst programme which has a number of “faith days” planned. Details are on the noticeboard.**

EXPLORE YOUR FAITH:

At Geo House (St Joseph's, Ashurst) **on the first Saturday of each month from September 2012 onwards**—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.**

October 6th David Matthews— former free church pastor
November 3rd Alice Hall—Sion Community
December 1st Geoff & Gina Poulter—Catholic Bible School

EVENING OF JAZZ, the **NINTH** Waterside Catholic Parish, will take place on Saturday evening 27th October next, 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!)



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