

The Messenger

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

16th October 2011

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Divine Office: Week 1

Sun 16 th	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels with Baptism of George Alexander Krzymuski
Mon 17 th	No Service (Liturgy: Memorial - St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr, d.c. 107)
Tues 18 th	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: Feast - St Luke, Evangelist)
Wed 19 th	7.30pm SM Evening Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: of the Day - 29th Week; or optnl Memorials - St Paul of the Cross, Founder, 1694-1795, Ss John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & alia, Religious, Martyrs, d. c. 1649)
Thurs 20 th	10.00am LT Mass (Liturgy: of the Day - 29th Week)
Fri 21 st	No Service (Liturgy: of the Day - 29th Week)
Sat 22 nd	10.00am SM Mass followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am (Liturgy: of the Day - 29th Week, or Our Lady on Saturday)
Sun 23 rd	30 th Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels with

Mass Intentions: For this week: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian (Health), Guidance for choice of new Bishop, For all who work in the parish shop - Faith, Hope & Charity, Nada RIP-(Nick Candrl's sister), Raoul Menoscal RIP, Eileen West RIP, deceased Clergy of the Province.

For the week beginning 23rd October: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian (Health), Guidance for choice of new Bishop, For all those who help to clean the altar linen & the churches & hall

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

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastoral Team: Rev David Adams (Parish Priest)
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Give to God what belongs to God

The enemies of Jesus, an unlikely alliance of Pharisees (religious, anti-Roman), and Herodians (ruling classes, pro-Roman) try to trap Jesus. They frame a question in such a way as to force a *damned if you do and damned if you don't* kind of answer. If Jesus says No to paying tax he can be arrested and executed as a rebel (or terrorist in contemporary terms). If Jesus says Yes pay the taxes he will alienate all ordinary people who detested the Roman occupation. (Incidentally, Jewish tax collectors were the most despised people in Israel at that time).

Why did Jesus have these enemies? He was obviously upsetting the system. He threatened the whole religious industry because if God gives freely then you no longer need to pay for it with money or animals. The whole economy of Jerusalem was being turned upside down and people's jobs were on the line! Not only that but people's self-importance, power and faults were being exposed. Few of us take kindly to that!

Jesus accuses the questioners of being hypocrites. First of all because their real intention is malicious – they want to trap Jesus. Secondly, because they themselves are using the Roman coinage. This was itself tantamount to idolatry (the inscription often referred to the divine emperor) and revealed a practical acceptance of their rule.

Jesus' response to them is a flash of wisdom and inspiration: *Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's.*

This can be understood as saying respect the civil authorities, as far as possible, as this is necessary for the smooth running of society. However, we must look to our relationship with God above all else, loving God with all our mind, heart, soul and strength. Living in God's love, doing the will of the God the Father/Mother is what is really important.

Of course Jesus has much better things to give his followers than money. When we really appreciate the spiritual blessings – God's unconditional love, forgiveness, gift of the Holy Spirit, eternal life – then gold, silver, jewels etc are all very pretty and we can enjoy them but they don't have any real value. God values all the creation and especially people. Each person is a precious gift. (DMA)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Marion Butler, Bill Duncan, Bishop Crispian, Petra Daniels, Mervyn Francis, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Jason Singleton, Ronald Stevens, & Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

BISHOP CRISPAN' HEALTH: Bishop Crispian is now back in Bishop's House convalescing.

PRAYER POTTERY: The next prayer meeting will take place on Tuesday, 25th Oct at 11.00am after the morning Mass. It is a time of quiet prayer with spiritual music & readings led by Christine Olden. Everyone is welcome.

MIX-UP OVER SECOND COLLECTIONS: This is due to an error on my part & also because the planned giving envelopes are out of step with Diocesan instructions. **The solution:** Sunday Oct 23rd will be the Bamenda collection; Sunday November 6th will be the APF Mission collection. APF Missio envelopes are available at the back of the churches. These are both obligatory collections.

The next **Finance Committee Meeting** is on Thursday, 27th October at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room.

MASS COUNT: During October we will take a Mass count at all Sunday Masses for the national Catholic statistics.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MASSES: the next dates for young peoples Masses at St Bernard's are: 6 Nov, 4 Dec.

PARENTS: If your children sometimes attend Children's Liturgy and/or the Young People's Masses (including the older children who help), please complete a yellow parent consent form (at the back of St B's) and pass it to Clare Davies or Fr David, or drop it off at the Parish office. This is part of the diocese's requirements for safeguarding your children, and will also let us stay in touch and better support your family. Thanks for your help.

SHORTAGE OF PRIESTS & CHANGES THAT WILL AFFECT OUR PARISH:

Some of you will know that the parish priest of New Milton, Fr Gerrit Vervenne, has now retired. The Diocese is unable to provide a replacement, and the Bishop has accepted Fr Danny McAvoys offer to serve Lymington, New Milton, Milford-on-Sea & Brockenhurst. However he will need help to do this. Our Vicar General, Fr Vincent Harvey, has asked Fr David Adams & Fr Richard Sakson (chaplain to the Dominican Sisters at Sway) to assist Fr Danny on a permanent basis. St Anne's, Brockenhurst will lose their Sunday morning Mass and will only be able to have one Sunday Mass at a time when a priest is available. Therefore Fr David Adams has been asked to provide a Sunday evening Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst, one Mass on holydays and one weekday Mass at Brockenhurst. The weekday Mass at St Anne's will take place on Wednesday mornings at 10am. This will take effect from 1st November 2011, unless the Diocese decides at the last minute to make alternative arrangements.

Therefore from 1st November there will no longer be a Wednesday evening Mass at St Michaels. This will not have a major effect on the parish as this Mass has not been well attended.

Brockenhurst will remain part of Lymington parish and part of the New Forest Pastoral Area.

Our Pastoral Area, New Forest East, will remain the same, consisting of Lyndhurst, Ashurst (now Geo House), & Totton & the Waterside.

THANKYOU ON BEHALF OF CAFOD: the CAFOD Harvest Fast Collection raised in total **£814.54**. Well done! That was a very generous effort from everyone.

CAFOD Campaign on Climate Change Related Poverty:

Over eight million people are facing acute food and water shortages caused by drought and more than five million affected by serious floods, all of which are caused or exacerbated by climate change. CAFOD is campaigning to help the worlds poorest people who are bearing the heaviest burden.

Please sign a card to George Osborne on 23 October (you will find in the bench) and post. No stamp needed.

Cards with details of the campaign are in the porch.

SPONSORSHIP REQUEST: One of our youngest parishioners is doing the 'Mini' Great South Run for **CAFOD!** Please find out more and support him: sponsor forms at the back of both churches.

Vocations Discernment for Women, The Daughters of Wisdom warmly invite women of the Portsmouth Diocese to spend a companionable day with them on: Saturday, 22nd October 2011 from 10am - 4pm. A light lunch will be provided. You can find the Sisters at Wisdom House, Romsey, SO51 8EL.

Please telephone: 01794-830206 or email reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk in advance of the date to register your interest and to find out more. The website is: www.daughtersofwisdom.org.uk

GEO HOUSE (ASHURST): is offering an Autumnal weekend of refreshment, relaxation & reflection 18th-20th November. See the poster for full information for this & other events.

Ecumenical Service for "One World Week" at Cornerstone, Hythe URC on Sunday, 30th October 2011 at 6.30pm. The theme is the need for water.

ADVENT COURSE AT ASHURST (NOW GEO HOUSE): This course will focus around the new CaFE resource "**Saints - Helping us today**". The course will be on Thursdays at 7.30pm: 10th Nov; 17th Nov; 24th Nov; 1st Dec; 8th Dec; 15th Dec. The series of presentations covers Therese of the Child Jesus & Holy Face, Benedict, Francis of Assisi, Patrick, Ignatius of Loyola & Catherine of Sienna. Just turn up on the night.

OUR PARISH SHOP - FAITH HOPE & CHARITY (just by the side of Waitrose) needs **second hand Autumn & Winter clothes** urgently. They also have a great selection of **Christmas cards** available.

QUIZ NIGHT: THANKS TO - the Martha group & Steve Bowler, everyone who donated prizes & everyone who attended. It was a great evening & raised £284.50p for parish funds.

WATERSIDE CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE: The centre can provide free & confidential support to anyone affected by cancer whether, patient, relative, carer or friend. We are located within the grove centre in Hythe. Please feel free to drop in between 10.00am & 4.00pm Monday to Friday to chat with our trained volunteers. If required, professional counselling and complementary therapies are available by appointment. Leaflets giving more information are available at the back of both churches.

AUTUMN JAZZ: with The New Cavalier Jazzmen (including our own Mike Slipper) on **Saturday, 5th November from 7.30pm.** Venue: **St Bernard's Hall.** Raffle & American Supper (Bring your own refreshments & a plate of food to share. People requiring special diets must bring their own). Tickets are £7.00 each. Tickets are available from Faith Hope & Charity Shop, Hythe & from St Bernard's & St Michaels Churches.

