

The Messenger

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

17th February 2013

1st Sunday of Lent (Yr C) (Psalter Wk.1)

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's
11.00am Mass at St Michael's
3.00pm Stations of the Cross - St Michael's
6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

Mon 18th No Service (Liturgy: of the Day)
Tues 19th 10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: of the Day)
Wed 20th 10.00am Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst (Liturgy: of the Day)
Thurs 21st 10.00am Service of Word & Holy Communion at Our Lady's, Lyndhurst (Liturgy: of the Day)
Fri 22nd 11.30am Requiem Mass at St Michael's Evelyn James Walker RIP CAFOD LENTEN FASTDAY
Sat 23rd 10.00am SM Mass then Adoration of Jesus in the Bl. Sacrament and Reconciliation to 11am. (Liturgy: of the Day)

Sun 24th 2nd Sunday of Lent

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's
11.00am Mass at St Michael's
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 Philip Egan, For CAFOD; Mary McCarthy (Health), Judith Morrison RIP, Jim Walker RIP, Ted Harding RIP Anniv

For the week beginning 24th Feb: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Pope Benedict's Intentions, Bishop Philip Egan, The Unemployed, For participants in Women's World Day of Prayer, Judith Morrison RIP, Jim Walker RIP, Dorothy Horner RIP Anniv F/M, Phil West RIP Anniv,

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

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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

TEMPTATION - NO LAUGHING MATTER

Its not uncommon to joke about temptation: "Don't lead me into temptation, Lord, I can find it easily enough myself". Or Oscar Wilde's "I can resist everything except temptation". Its true, in small matters we mustn't take ourselves too seriously. Pettiness, small-mindedness, anxiety and scrupulosity are themselves unhealthy attitudes which must be avoided. As Jesus said, we can put a lot of effort into straining out a gnat, while unwittingly we swallow a camel! However there are lots of behaviours and attitudes harmful to ourselves and others that it is imperative to avoid. Serious matters involve grave consequences. St James gives us a very modern analysis of temptation. "No one when tempted, should say, 'I am being tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one. But one is tempted by one's own desire, being lured and enticed by it."

The Gospel today has Jesus facing temptation. Indeed it is the Spirit who leads Jesus out into the desert. Symbolically Jesus is re-living the desert experience of Israel but this time doing it right. Before the temptations Jesus was baptized by John. It was then that the Gospels record he had a special experience of God as his Father, of the Spirit descending on him and filling him and his identity being confirmed as beloved Son and Servant, because of all this he has to face temptation, to be tested.

The temptations are never just about Jesus and the devil. They are about Jesus and how he is going to respond to the society and world that surrounds him. How will he be in the world? Will he use his special relationship to God just to meet his own or other peoples material needs? Will he be seduced by the power, wealth and status of the rulers? Will he try to win over people by dazzling miracles? Basically, will he give people what they want or what God wants to give them? Will he go along with the "sin of the world" or will he expose its darkness?

In other places Scripture talks about us being tempted by the world, the flesh and the devil. The world here is not God's beautiful creation but the corruption caused by greed & fear (e.g. abuse, banking, horsemeat, health care negligence scandals etc). The "flesh" is not physical nature which is good, but the sense of self that grows out of and colludes with the corruption engendered by greed and fear and every other evil. These days we might talk about the "ego" or the "false self". The growth and development of our ego or "false self" is unavoidable. Its where we begin from and in that context its not bad, and its not to be hated. It just isn't true. Its largely an illusion. The false self thinks life is all about power, wealth, pleasure. It is desperate to secure its hold on life. It hates change unless it can exploit it for its own ends. But change cannot be controlled and sooner or later it is going to be seriously disillusioned! The devil is the personification of the collective ego or false self. It's a typical example of the whole (the collective) being greater than the sum of its parts (individuals). This dark "energy" exploits our dependence on others, the cherished identities and dependencies of the ego and the subtlety of our intelligence. The *Lord of the Rings* is a dramatic fantasy tale of the seductive power of greed and the coercive power of fear. In the evolutionary "age of innocence" all these competitive strategies were merely a part of the unfolding complexity of life on this planet. With the subsequent evolution of consciousness and conscience, of freedom and of the awakening to the Divine a new way of life has become possible but not without struggle. (DMA)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Vicky Carter, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Tony O'Connell, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Pauline Sharpley, Ronald Stevens. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

PRAYER POTTERY: The next Prayer Pottery will take place on Tuesday, 19th February at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Michael's. Then on every Tuesday during Lent. It is led by Christine Olden. There will be prayer, music & quiet reflection. All are welcome.

SERVICES DURING LENT: Stations of the Cross: Sunday, 17th Feb 3pm at St Michael's, Tuesday, 26th Feb, 7.30pm at St Bernard's; Sunday, 3rd March, 3pm at St Michael's; Tuesday, 12th March, 7.30pm at St Bernard's; Sunday, 17th March, 3pm at St Michael's, Good Friday, 29th March, 7.30pm at St Michael's.

Service of Reconciliation: Tuesday, 19th March at 7.30pm in St Michael's.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS:

EVELYN JAMES WALKER RIP: Jim's Requiem Mass will take place at St Michael's on Friday, 22nd February at 11.30am followed by burial at Blackfield Cemetery.

We extend our condolences to all the recently bereaved families and we pray for those who have died. May they rest in peace and rise in glory, through Christ our Lord. Amen

YEAR OF FAITH The People of God

The concept of the People of God outlined in Lumen Gen um poses a challenge to those who would see their relationship with God and the Church as a purely private and individual encounter. Just as God chose the People of Israel as his own in making his covenant, so now Christ in the new covenant is the head of a new messianic people. The Constitution then proceeds to outline the role of the Church as an hierarchical institution. Starting with the commission to the apostles to preach the Kingdom, the bishops, as their successors continue this undertaking. It is fair to see the church structure prior to the Council as a pyramid structure with the Pope at the apex. By contrast, in Lumen Gen um, the hierarchical church is explained as a college of bishops, but a college which may not operate authoritatively without the Roman Pontiff as its head.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: 'I was a stranger and you welcomed me' -prepared this year by the Christian women of France. **Friday March 1st, 2p.m. Cornerstone, United Reformed Church, Hythe.** The speaker is Mrs Joan Shewry. Calling all males of the species! Although it is called *Women's world day of prayer* it does not exclude men. You will be made very welcome.

YEAR OF FAITH: "EXPLORE YOUR FAITH DAYS"

at St Joseph's Chapel, Geo House, Lyndhurst Rd, Ashurst: Saturdays, 10.00am to 4pm. Starts with Mass, bring your own packed lunch, tea & coffee provided. Donations welcome to cover the cost of the day. March 2nd - Geoff & Gina Poulter; April 6th - Fiona Castle, (& more afterwards!)

LIVING THE LANGUAGE OF LOVE: John Paul II's 'Theology of the Body' and the language of God's love in Natural Family Planning & Napro-technology. Day Conference at the Maryvale Institute, Birmingham, Sat. 16th March 2013. See poster in church porch for details.

CAFOD: HUNGRY FOR CHANGE

Go hungry for Tabita this Lent. Three years ago, Tabita from Kenya was dying from hunger. Her mother kept her alive by feeding her goat's milk. The goat was provided by your donations. Make a difference to another child's life this Lent Fast Day.

Fast Day collection: 24 February
Soup Lunch Thursday 28 February at St Bernard's Hall

Fair Trade Stall after Mass on Sunday 3 March at St Bernard's and St Michael's

Coffee Morning: see below!

Pyramids available all through Lent.

FAMILY COFFEE MORNING: A Lent Coffee Morning, with Bring-and-Buy stall (outgrown clothes, books and toys especially welcome), will be held in **St Bernard's Hall on Thursday 21st February, 10.00am to 12.00pm.** All welcome, but especially those with babies and/or young children. We hope to provide some child-friendly activities! All proceeds to CAFOD.

THANKS: to Eddie & Sandra Deering, to Louise, Theresa & Jill for the lovely pancakes & refreshments for the ecumenical event on Shrove Tuesday.

BEING CATHOLIC IN A SECULAR CULTURE. How does our relationship with Jesus lead us to respond to the world around us? **Speaker: Bishop Philip Egan.** Wed. 20th Feb in Reading; Thurs. 7th March in Christchurch, Tues, 19th March in Portsmouth. Evenings 7.30pm until 9.00pm. For more details see the poster at the back of church.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT: for the 1st Quarter of 2012/2013, (Sept to Nov), copies are available at the back of church.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Quiz night and American supper : Saturday 20th April 7 p.m. @ St Bernard's. Tickets will be on sale at both Churches Sundays 7th & 14th April.



Bingo & fish n' chips supper: Saturday 22nd June 7 p.m. @ St Bernard's. Tickets will be on sale at both Churches Sundays 9th & 16th June.

Skittles & BBQ: Saturday 31st August 7p.m. @ St Bernard's Tickets will be on sale at both Churches Sundays 18th & 25th August

Quiz night and American supper : Saturday 5th October 7 p.m. @ St Bernard's. Tickets will be on sale at both Churches Sundays 22nd & 29th September.

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