

# The Messenger

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

17<sup>th</sup> March 2013

5<sup>th</sup> 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 at St Michael's

6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

(Unless otherwise stated all Masses this week are "of the Day")

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| Mon   | 18 <sup>th</sup> | No Service  |
| Tues  | 19 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (St Joseph)<br>7.30pm SM Service of Reconciliation   |
| Wed   | 20 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst   |
| Thurs | 21 <sup>st</sup> | 10.00am Mass at Our Lady's, Lyndhurst   |
| Fri   | 22 <sup>nd</sup> | No Service  |
| Sat   | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 10.00am SM Mass then Adoration of Jesus in the Bl. Sacrament and Reconciliation to 11am.                                    |
| Sun   | 24 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Palm Sunday</b><br>9.00am Mass at St Bernard's<br>11.00am Mass at St Michael's<br>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, Pope Francis, Bishop Philip Egan, Mike Slipper B'day, Linda Hayes RIP, Jim Walker RIP, Lily & Eric Allen RIP Anniv, Eric Bowler RIP Anniv, Roy Coddington RIP Anniv, Jim Ross Snr RIP Anniv.

**For the week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> Mar:** All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Bishop Philip Egan, Children preparing for 1st Holy Communion, Linda Hayes RIP, deceased members of the Chrzanowski family.

## 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

## So what do we do with all the mercy?

God has done a whole new thing. Where sin abounded grace abounded all the more. God does not *hold our sins against us*. At the very me when we were enemies God showed the greatest love.

God does not judge or condemn us because of our behaviour. Nothing we can do, however bad, can negate God's goodness or God's love. We may be unfaithful, God is always faithful. We may rebel and disown God but God does not disown us because God cannot disown his own self. We are part of the self of God. We are God's sons and daughters, God's children.

We are no longer subject to the Law which brings condemn on but we are subjects of grace which brings justification. *So we no longer try for a perfection by our own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law but we want only the perfec on that comes through faith and trust in Christ, and is from God and based on faith and trust. God made the sinless one into sin so that in him we might become the goodness of God. Jesus Christ has become our justification, our holiness, our freedom and our virtue. All that is safe and inviolable within us because it is rooted in God within us. Our sin can never destroy God's life in us but it can certainly badly damage ourselves and others.*

So in the face of all this mercy do we wallow in our sins? Do we become complacent, indifferent? Do we allow our selfish ways to go unchecked? Do we keep taking the poison we have become addicted to? Negative, selfish, destructive behaviour has only one outcome. It damages ourselves and others. In so far as the ego takes its iden ty from whatever is false, nega ve and destruc ve it is doomed to dissolu on and destruc on. This is not a punishment it is just an obvious and natural consequence. God's work in us is however inviolate and indestruc ble, as St Paul wrote in 1 Cor 5:5: *you are to hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh (i.e. ego / false self), so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.* St Paul says in Galatians 5:13: *For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.*

"Go and sin no more", Jesus says to the poor humiliated woman. How do we "sin no more" in a way that is not "by our own efforts". It seems an impossible contradiction. Surely it takes effort not to sin? The thing is we cannot do this on our own we can only let God do this in us. It is through the rela onship of trust and faith in God that God's goodness flows through us. There has to be a "Yes", a surrender on our part to God's love and then we have to let God do the healing, the sowing, the plan ng and the bringing to frui on. *It is by grace that you have been saved through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gi from God; not by anything you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus for the good works which God has already designated to make up our way of life (Ephesians 2:7ff).*

It is in the rela onship of faith and love and it is by the power of Christ in us (which we experience as a new mind, a new consciousness) that we are freed from sin and empowered to do good. *I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies (i.e. your whole selves) as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:1)*

As Christ consciousness grows in us, and, like the yeast in the flour, gradually permeates all the areas of our life we are freed from sin. However no one exists in isola on. The healing of the individual member is dependent in part upon the healing of the whole "body". Moral sickness, injus ce and rela onship dysfunc on in society wounds the individual. There are also no magic cures for certain pathological condi ons. Incarna onal grace – that is grace working, long, hard and pa ently through the love, care & compassion of others is nearly always required for and healing. "It is not the healthy who need the doctor", says Jesus, "but the sick. Go and learn the meaning of the words: What I want is mercy, not sacrifice". (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, John Leahy, Betty Marek, Sarah MarshallTony 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:** There will be no prayer pottery on Tuesday, 19th March. The next Prayer Pottery will take place on Tuesday, 26th March at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Michael's. All are welcome.

**EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION:** This weekend there will be a collection for Easter flowers. The collection for the Clergy Assistance Fund last week raised £231. Thank you for your generosity.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:** This will take place on Thursday, 21st March at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room.

**SERVICES DURING LENT: Stations of the Cross:** Sunday, 17th March, 3pm at St Michael's, Good Friday, 29th March, 7.30pm at St Michael's.

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

**SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK:** Tues, 26th Mar - 11.00am Chrim Mass in Portsmouth Cathedral; Maunday Thursday, 28th Mar. Mass 8pm in St Michael's, Good Friday, 29th Mar 11.00am - Ecumenical Witness, Hythe, outside Waitrose; 3pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion in St Michael's, 7.30pm Stations of the Cross in St Michael's; Holy Saturday, 30th Mar., 10am to 11.00am Reconciliation (Confessions) at St Michael's, 8.00pm Easter Vigil at St Bernard's; Easter Sunday, 31st Mar, 9.00am Mass at St Bernard's, 11.00am Mass at St Michael's.

## YEAR OF FAITH

**Va can 2: Gaudium et Spes - Joy and Hope: The Council on the Church and the World Today: Science and Faith**

Some, Richard Dawkins among them, dismiss faith as an impediment to development and to scientific progress in the world of today. The words of the Council's Pastoral Cons tu on *Gaudium et Spes* II remain true: "If inves ga on within every branch of science is carried out in a genuinely scientific manner and in accord with moral norms, it never truly conflicts with faith. For earthly ma ers and the concerns of faith derive from the same God. Indeed, whoever labours to penetrate the secrets of reality with a humble and steady mind, is, even unawares, being led by the hand of God, who holds all things in existence, and gives them their iden ty." (para 36)

## 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. **April 6th - Fiona Castle**, (& more afterwards!)

**EWTN** is a free Catholic television and radio service. It is currently broadcasting a series entitled Catholicism, a 10-part, internationally-acclaimed series created by Fr Robert Barron. This is an excellent series and details are available on [www.ewtn.co.uk](http://www.ewtn.co.uk). We encourage you to make both EWTN and Catholicism known to your parishioners as much-needed sources for formation and nourishment in the Catholic faith. (Extract from Bishop Philip's Ad Clerum, used to communicate information to priests & deacons of the Diocese)

## CAFOD: HUNGRY FOR CHANGE

Warmest thanks from CAFOD for your very generous support for the Family Fast Day Collection, the Soup Lunch and the Signing of cards to the Prime Minister. Special thanks to our young people, and for their help with the Fair Trade Stall. CAFOD total donations so far amount to £1597.89. Cards for the Prime Minister returned so far :70. Please remember to return any others. And let us not forget those filling CAFOD Pyramids. Thanks to everyone. **Pyramids** available all through Lent

**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.** Tues, 19th March in Portsmouth. Evenings 7.30pm until 9.00pm. For more details see the poster at the back of church & see below for internet access.

**WATCH BISHOP PHILIP'S FINAL YEAR OF FAITH TALK LIVE:** These talks – 'Being Catholic in a Secular Culture' – have been hugely popular. The final one takes place next Tuesday 19th March, 7.30pm, in the Cathedral. Please spread the word that this talk can be watched live online at the following address: [www.churchservices.tv/portsmouthcathedral](http://www.churchservices.tv/portsmouthcathedral) It will also be recorded and will be available to watch afterwards, also through this link.

The following **Holy Week ceremonies at the Cathedral** can also be watched live online, and will also be recorded for viewing afterwards – this may be of interest to housebound parishioners or those in nursing homes: Tuesday 26 March, Chrim Mass: 11am; Thursday 28 March, Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7.30pm; Friday 29 March, Good Friday Liturgy: 3pm; Saturday 30 March, Easter Vigil: 8pm.

**EASTER RAFFLE:** Tickets will go on sale next Sunday (17th & 24th) for the Easter raffle. There are great egg & bunny prizes!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

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

**Plant Sale:** @ St Bernard's on Saturday, 4th May, organised by veronica Chadwick.

**Bingo & fish n' chips supper:** Saturday 22nd June 7 p.m. @ St Bernard's.  
**Skittles & BBQ:** Saturday 31st August 7p.m. @ St Bernard's

**Quiz night and American supper :** Saturday 5th October 7 p.m. @ St Bernard's.

**A RETREAT EXPERIENCE IN FRANCE:** Highly recommended by Terry George is an English retreat to be held at the Foyer of Charite Community at Tressaint in Brittany from Sunday, 30th June to Saturday 6th July. Retreats at Foyers are held in silence, in beautiful surroundings, with all the retreatants' needs catered for, including excellent home-cooked food. See the poster for details.

**COLLECTION ENVELOPES FOR THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH.** Please take yours.

**FIRST AIDERS:** Do we have any First Aiders who regularly attend church at St Bernard's or St Michael's? it would be good to know who you are & if you are willing to be called upon during Mass should the need arise. Please see Fr David.

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