

The Messenger

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

17th July 2011

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr A - Divine Office: Week 4

Sun 17 th	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels
Mon 18 th	No Service (Liturgy: of the day - 16th Week)
Tues 19 th	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: of the Day)
Wed 20 th	7.30pm SM Evening Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: of the Day, or optnl Memorial - St Apollinaris Bishop, Martyr, d c 520)
Thurs 21 st	10.00am LT Mass (Liturgy: of the Day, or optnl Memorial, St Lawrence of Brindisi, Religious, Doctor, 1559-1619)
Fri 22 nd	No Service (Liturgy: Memorial - St Mary Magdalen)
Sat 23 rd	10.00am SM Mass followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am (Liturgy: Feast, St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe)
Sun 24 th	17th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A 9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels

Mass Intentions: For this week: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian, Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Steve & Tina Bowler - Wedding Anniv, Steve Bowler - B'day, Gloria Taylor RIP, Eric Powell RIP Anniv,

For the week beginning 24th July: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian, Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Laura & Robin Gray - Wedding Anniversary, Rosalind Adams RIP Anniv

New Forest East Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

St Theresa, Totton - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am
Ashurst Community - Sun 9am
Our Lady & St Edward, Lyndhurst - Sun 9am

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

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LEAVING THE FINAL JUDGEMENT TO GOD

That demand for instant judgement, for rooting out those who have done harm in the community, for bringing the last judgement into the present tense, is something that is seriously challenged in today's scripture.

The author of Wisdom tries to answer the pressing question: why does God allow the bad to flourish? Why is God so patient and moderate with Israel's enemies? He argues that God's moderation is not a result of weakness: his justice, after all, has its source in strength. But how does God actually use this sovereign strength? The answer is that he disposes of it in favour of governing with "great lenience". So God's mercy is heaped on everyone in sight, even on traditional enemies. And in this there is a purpose:

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The people are asked to share in the same spirit of God and act with kindness to their fellow human beings. The argument is that God's leniency will give the people of Israel the good hope that when they wrong God, they too will surely benefit from his forgiveness. This same hope is enshrined in the Our Father: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

The scandal of God's patience and forbearance with wrongdoers appears again in the Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to a farmer who is confronted with a serious problem: his field is alive with wheat and a poisonous weed, darnel, which can only be distinguished from the wheat when the growth is advanced. The farmer's servants want to weed out the darnel, but the farmer tells them to leave it alone; he is worried that uprooting the weeds will endanger the wheat. He orders that no premature attempt be made to separate them. Thus both the wheat and the darnel are allowed to grow, and only at the final harvest are they separated.

The message of the parable is something that Jesus lived throughout his ministry. He reached out to all sorts of people, mixing with prostitutes, priests, crooks, scribes, politicians, children, tax-collectors. Religious separatism was something Jesus refused to advocate, making it his business to seek out and save the lost. The Pharisees, those whose very name means "the separated ones", criticised him for associating with the wrong crowd. But Jesus knew that all communities are a mixture of the good and bad, the crooked and the cracked. And further that it isn't always easy to tell which is which. In the end Jesus is the one weeded out by the authorities and thrown on to the killing fields.

The message of the parable still challenges the Church today. It is not the place of the Church to set up inquisitions, support witch hunts, organise purges to free the field for its own approved supporters. The Church is not God. As Christians we have no authority to pronounce the final judgement on anyone. The last word cannot be said about anyone until death, and then it is God's part, not ours, to say it. (From Seasons of the Word by Denis McBride)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Mervyn Francis, Amanda Gudge, Doreen Holman, Joy Prestage, Norma Rudd, Sarah, Simon Smith, Ronald Stevens, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

ANNUAL MISSION MASS: for our area will be at Christ the King, Parish Hall, Bitterne on Wed 20th July at 7.30pm

THANK YOU: the collection for the Apostleship of the Sea raised £123.20p.

THANKS FROM: Fr Gerry Toner, of the Society of African Missions for the very generous response to the appeal last week which raised £557.19 for their work in Africa.

ANONYMOUS DONATION: last week a parishioner gave £500 to the parish to help towards our repayment of the £40,000 owed to the Diocese. A very big thanks to that person.

EILEEN BRADY from the parish finance committee will be talking to us this Sunday about the financial needs of the parish. A summary income / expenditure report will be available and a copy of last year's Parish Return will be left at each church for reference.

THANK YOU: from Roger & Josie Masters (founders of the *Hand in Hand Trust*) for all the pencils & crayons & drawing materials donated for the children in Peru. Josie took 18 kilos of materials to the children. She received in total 23 kilos! So the remainder will be sent out as soon as possible. Well done everyone.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MASSES: the next few dates for young peoples Masses at St Bernard's are: 31 July, 4 Sept, 2 Oct, 6 Nov, 4 Dec. Children's Liturgy will continue during the holiday period as far as possible.

DEVELOPMENTS AT ASHURST: A copy of a letter from Fr Ronnie Mitchell SMM is on display in the churches giving details of the proposed "Centre of Mission Spirituality" that will be set up at Ashurst beginning from September this year. Our prayers are with them for a successful project.

NEW TRANSLATION OF THE LITURGY - RESOURCES
(These can be ordered now from the Parish Shop)

The following are available to be ordered now:

Simple Prayer Book - Standard Edition - CTS, £1.95p

Large Print Mass Book, CTS £1.95

Companion to the Order of Mass (*An exploration of the meaning & scriptural resonances of the words of the Mass, using the new translation*) CTS, £2.50

Understanding the Roman Missal - the New Translation (A presentation & explanation of the new translation, accompanied by liturgical and spiritual reflections) CTS, £1.95

And With Your Spirit (Missal Music CD) *A guide to singing the new English translation of the Mass.* CTS £14.95

The following will be available in November 2011 but can be ordered now

People's Sunday Missal - including the Order of Mass new translation. £ TBA

People's Daily Missal - including the Order of Mass new translation. £ TBA

CAFOD -RWANDA EVENT: This was a great event with co-operation across the pastoral area from Lyndhurst, Totton & Waterside. It was wonderful how each parish made a different and equally important contribution to the whole day. Thanks to all involved in the organisation. Angela Slattery gave a very inspiring & moving presentation and the ladies from Rwanda gave powerful testimonies. It was very well attended and the raffle raised £256 for CAFOD.

CAFOD APPEAL FOR STARVING PEOPLE IN EAST AFRICA

Everyone will have seen distressing reports of thousands of people, including children dying of starvation because of the drought in East Africa (Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya). CAFOD has a number of partners in the area and is already involved in the relief effort but needs additional funds to help so many. **A special collection will be taken on 7th August** and Gift Aid envelopes will be available. If you are a taxpayer please complete the tax declaration. Envelopes will be available in advance for those away in August.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE: who worked so hard to put on the Cheese & Wine & Auction Evening. Special thanks to the Martha group for arranging the food & drink; special thanks to Linda for doing hours of organisation; special thanks to parishioners who donated items or promises for the auction; and special thanks to local businesses who donated gifts. **The amount raised is in excess of £1500 & there is still some money to come in. This was due mainly to parishioners who entered into the spirit of the event and effectively donated generously to the parish.** Please take note of the businesses who have given generously to the Auction. **Please support them, as they have supported us.**

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MUDDY PAWS IN THE FOREST
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