

# The Messenger

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

## 20th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 17th August 2014 Year A, Weekdays Yr 2; Psalter week 4

9.00am Mass SB  
 11.00am Mass SM

Mon 18th August No Service  
 Tuesday 19th August No Service  
 (St John Eudes, Founder)

Wed 20th August No Service  
 (St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church)  
 Thurs 21st August No Service  
 (St Pius X, Pope)

Friday 22nd August 10am Mass SM  
 (The Queenship of Mary)

Saturday 23rd August 10am Mass SM  
 (St Rose of Lima, Religious)

### Sacrament of Reconciliation after the 10am Mass today 21st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 24th August

9.00am Mass SB  
 11.00am Mass SM

Baptism 12.30pm SB Olivia Ellen Bridge

### Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 17th August

**Anniversaries this week:** Brian Stanfield (19th), William Fitzpatrick (19th), John Digby (19th), Penny Smith (19th), Flo Warrilow (20th), Margaret Ashton (23rd)

**Those who have died recently:** Mary Cocking, Catherine (Kit) Cockton, Terry Houlihan, Lilly Ricketts, Pauline Sharpley, Ron Stevens, Neil Tisdale,

**Other Intentions:** Aidan & Carmel Mc Clatchey (Golden Wedding Anniv)

### WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

**Rev David Adams -Parish Priest-** based at Our Lady & St Joseph Church, Lymington: Tel: 01590 676696 ;

**Rev Vincent Convery**

**Rev Steve Bowler** (Deacon & Chair Parish Pastoral Council) Tel:02380 207449

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### New Forest East Pastoral Area: Lyndhurst, Totton & Waterside, Sunday Mass Times

St Theresa, Totton - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am

Our Lady & St Edward, Lyndhurst - Sun 9am, (Holy Day Vigil 7pm)

Rev Stephen Short (Deacon)

Parish priest : Rev Innaiah Maddineni : Tel: 023 8086 2270

Rev Andrew Philpott (Deacon)

### New Forest West Pastoral Area: Brockenhurst, Lymington, Milford on sea & New Milton

Parish Priest: Rev David Adams Tel: 01590 676696

Rev Stephen Morgan (Deacon)

St Anne-Brockenhurst, Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph-Lymington,  
 St Francis of Assisi-Milford on Sea.

Parish Priest: Rev Marcin Drabik : Tel: 01425 614968

Our Lady of Lourdes- New Milton

### Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass: Lymington and New Milton at 6pm

Sunday: Milford on Sea at 9.00am, New Milton at 10 am,

New Milton 6.30pm Mass in Polish

Lymington at 10:30am, Brockenhurst at 6.00pm

## SCRAPS FROM THE MASTER'S TABLE

After Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the water (19<sup>th</sup> Sunday), he enters into conflict with "Pharisees and Scribes from Jerusalem" over "the tradition of the elders". This encounter between a people who thinks they are God's good people (because they have been chosen and have a Law) and Jesus, leads to anger. Jesus calls them "hypocrites". This is essential background to the Gospel of the Canaanite woman.

Jesus deliberately chooses to leave Gennesaret in Israel, to travel into the Gentile region of Tyre and Sidon. He is walking away from the land regarded as God's land by its occupants. They were unable to see that holiness depended upon more than their own laws and smug religious self-satisfaction. In a Gentile land a Canaanite woman confesses her faith in Jesus as Son of David, and asks that he cure her daughter. She is ignored. Only at the insistence of the disciples does Jesus respond to the woman. He is unable to do anything for her as he was sent to "the lost sheep of the House of Israel".

Jesus must first look to the children who have been called to the Master's table. Matthew has told the story of their arrogant rejection of Jesus and his ways. They are indeed "lost". Jesus' ministry is directed to the perfection of the Law, not as yet, to the Gentile mission. That will be a task which the risen Lord will give to his disciples (see 28:16-20).


But the response of the Gentile woman to Jesus is remarkable. Her needs drive her on: "Lord, help me" (v.25). This plea leads to harsher words, that it is not fair to take the children's food from the table and throw it to the house-dogs. Her response to Jesus shows that she comes to him exactly as she is. She is aware of her nothingness; she is aware she can make no prior claims on God's goodness and mercy as dispensed by Jesus. However, in that awareness, she accepts her "house-dog" role, waiting for the good things which might fall from the Master's table. The children at the table, in their arrogant questioning of Jesus' ways, have discarded the food which Jesus offered them. In contrast to them, the woman is aware of the greatness of the Master, and the littleness of the one who receives. There can be no resistance to faith of this calibre: "Let your wish be granted" (v.28).


How often do we approach God with selfish and self-centred demands that he do what we would like done? It is easy for us, privileged with a Christian formation and enjoying the fullness of a Christian sacramental life, to think we deserve all the good things we have. In fact, at times we suspect that God does not recognise us enough! The example of the Canaanite woman tells us that this is not the way to approach God. We must be aware of our need to be filled; aware of what we are and who we are. Waiting expectantly and realistically, we can be filled with God's good gifts. In this way we too will merit praise: "You have great faith" (v.28).


(From "This is the Gospel of the Lord" Year A, by Francis J. Moloney).


**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: Baby Blake Proctor, Baby Elijah, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Derek Francis, Mervyn Francis, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Tim Guilding, Sally Herbert, Mary King, Trudy King, Doreen Holman, Morag Horne, Serena Hoskyns, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Krysia Masters, Sarah Marshall, Sarah Mc Cann, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, Marta Pugsley, Ruth Rowan, Jim Ross, Norma Rudd, Cath Smith, Susan Soutter, Emmie Walker, George Watson, Francesca Wells.

*(If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Linda via the Parish office)*


 **SAD NEWS** It is with great sadness that I have to announce the death of Lilly Ricketts (known as Ricky), mum of Mary Newland, who passed away peacefully last weekend. May she rest in peace. Details of her funeral to follow.


 **SAD NEWS** It is with great sadness that I have to announce the death of Isabelle Taggart who passed away earlier this week. May she rest in peace. Details of her funeral to follow.


 **INTERNATIONAL SLAVERY REMEMBRANCE DAY :** 23rd August. This day commemorates the plight and abolition of the trans-Atlantic Slave Trade. This is also a good day to learn lessons from the past and guard against modern day slavery. Slavery still exists anywhere where someone is forced to work through mental or physical threat. Slavery exists where people are treated as a commodity or bought, sold or trafficked as property.


 **THE GROUNDS OF ST MICHAEL'S** I'm sure you'll agree that the front of St Michael's is starting to look more colourful, and it will get even more colourful when the Autumn pansies arrive!


Work will start at the back of the church this week -killing the weeds, tidying up the borders and pruning the bushes and shrubs.


 **QUIZ NIGHT** The next St. Martha Group quiz night is being held on Saturday the 23rd of August and tickets will be on sale, at £4 each, after Mass at both churches today. Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring your own alcohol and a plate of food for the American supper.


 **STREET PASTORS** The street pastors reports are on the notice board at the back of church.


 **EXAM RESULTS** Many of our younger parishioners have just received exam results, or are just about to. To all our young parishioners, a reminder that our prayers are with you right now.

 **THANKS FROM BRAVE DAVE KING** Myself, and my daughter Christina, successfully reached the summit of Ben Nevis at 03.15hrs on Sunday morning 6th July after a tough and demanding climb through the night and it gave a great sense of achievement having done it. I raised a final total of just under £800 (and Christina a similar amount) for the Alzheimer's Society, so many thanks for your kind donations and messages of best wishes and good luck for the climb, it made it all worth while

 **APF** A big thank you from Pat Henry for the warm welcome she received last weekend. She said 'I really enjoyed visiting your lovely, happy parish'. She was especially pleased that 16 boxes were given a new home. She also received several donations for the APF.

 **THANK YOU** from Carmel & Aiden Mc Clatchey for the flowers, cards and good wishes on the occasion of their Golden wedding Anniversary.


 **The Pope Tweets: @Pontifex ...I ask all Catholic parishes and communities to offer a special prayer this weekend for Iraqi Christians.**

 **VATICAN** says world must halt attacks against Christians and others, as Pope Francis sends emissary to Iraq.

Pope Francis used unusually strong language to condemn the actions of Islamists in their continuing campaign against minorities in Iraq on Sunday and called for an end to violence in the name of God. A high-ranking special Vatican envoy is due to leave for northern Iraq on Monday. In his traditional Sunday blessing, Pope Francis said the news from the country had left him "in dismay and disbelief". The Pope deplored reports of "thousands of people, including many Christians, driven from their homes in a brutal manner; children dying of thirst and hunger in their flight; women kidnapped; people massacred; and violence of every kind." He added: "All this gravely offends God and humanity. Hatred is not to be carried in the name of God. War is not to be waged in the name of God."

The pope also discussed the fighting in Gaza, which he described as "a war that cuts down innocent victims and does nothing but worsen the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians".

He also mentioned the battle against Ebola, which has killed close to 1,000 people in west Africa, calling on his followers to "pray for the victims of the Ebola virus and for those who are fighting to stop it".

 **PASTORAL CARE SERVICES** So much outstanding practice already takes place in our local parishes that could be made more widely available. The Pastoral Care Services team is appealing for parishioners who have experience in caring for the dying, the homeless, those with disabilities, the elderly and housebound and for the sick.. Please consider joining one of the Diocesan Pastoral Care Teams. If you would like to talk about this contact Fr Peter Hollins on 01730 262290 or pcs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

➔ **SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY for CAFOD to help with humanitarian aid to those suffering in Gaza.**

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- + All our young people receiving exam results.
- + All teachers who work tirelessly on behalf of their pupils.
- + The Christians being persecuted in Iraq
- + The innocent people being killed and maimed in Gaza & Israel
- + All those suffering as a result of conflicts around the world.
- + All those kept in slavery against their will.
- + Street Pastors & all the people they help.

### WHAT'S ON

**CAFOD PORTSMOUTH SUPPORTERS' MEETING** CAFOD Portsmouth will be holding a meeting for all supporters on Saturday 13 September from 10am until 1.30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School (Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX ). **To book a place** please ring 01252 329385 or email [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) by 8 September.

**SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND:** This annual Catholic Charismatic conference takes place 27 & 28 September 2014 at St Mary's College, Bitterne Park. The theme is "Jesus, the hope of all the world". Speakers this year are Charles & Sue Whitehead, David Matthews and John Vaughan-Neil. There will be workshops, plus children's streams and crèche. Praise and worship, with Mass every day. **Book now** for this popular, joyful and spirit-filled celebration where all are welcome: young and old, singles and families. Details from website: [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) or from Lynda & Peter Szymanski: 023 8029 2058 or from Frank & Angela Capocci: 023 8077 2868.

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