

PERSEVERING PRAYER

Jesus encourages us to pray continually and not to lose heart (Luke 18:1). We do this with the help of our Friend and Advocate, the Holy Spirit who *comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit herself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what she means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God,* (Romans 8:26ff).

To pray continually we do not need to use many words. Indeed Jesus expressly told us **not** to use many words because our Heavenly Father knows what we need before we ask. We pray continually with the desire of our hearts which can be wordlessly lifted up to the Father. This desire of the heart is like the flame of a candle that burns all day and all night. Whatever we do, whether we are awake and busy or asleep and oblivious to everything the desire of our hearts is present to *God who knows everything in our hearts.*

We pray with the confidence and trust that God knows what is best for us and everyone else. We pray respecting God and trusting that, even though we do not understand and probably couldn't even begin to comprehend all that God is doing, everything is being worked out for our good and everyone else's good too. We pray conscious of the paradox of time in which the waiting can seem endless but once we arrive at the shore the time that has passed seems to have gone "speedily".

We may begin prayer thinking we have got to change God's mind. When we have persevered in prayer we realise God has been changing our mind to see and understand in a new way, in God's way.

We may begin prayer as a relatively isolated individual with personal concerns, naively imagining the world revolves around us. When we have persevered in prayer we find that we are a small part of a vast whole that comes from God and returns to God in a great flow of love.

We may begin prayer lonely, fearful, anxious, guilt-ridden, wounded, enslaved and lacking self-worth. As we persevere in prayer and come to know Jesus (who described himself as gentle and humble in heart) we experience a growing joy, confidence, peace, healing, freedom and we begin to experience the effects of God's perfect love for us which casts out all our fear, (1 John 4:17ff).

We may begin prayer resisting and rejecting everything, especially the situation that faces us here and now. When we have persevered in prayer we no longer regret the past nor fear the future. We learn to accept and even enjoy the present moment and let it be what it is in its ISNESS - a reflection of the Divine Mystery in the here and now of this passing, finite world. It is prayer that connects us to the One who does not pass away. God is never disconnected from us we must keep connected to God! (DMA)

The Messenger

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17th October 2010

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Divine Office: Wk 1

Sun	17 th	9am SB Mass; 11am SM Mass;
Mon	18 th	No Service <i>(Feast: St Luke, Evangelist)</i>
Tues	19 th	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass <i>(Liturgy: Of the Day, or optl Memories: Ss John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & alia, Religious, Martyrs d.1649; St Paul of the Cross, 1694-1775)</i>
Wed	20 th	7.30pm SM Evening Prayer & Mass <i>(Liturgy: Of the Day)</i>
Thurs	21 st	10.00am LT Mass <i>(Liturgy: Of the Day)</i>
Fri	22 nd	No Service <i>(Liturgy: Of the Day)</i>
Sat	23 rd	10.00am SM Mass followed by Reconciliation until 11.30am <i>(Liturgy: Of the Day, or optl Memories: St John of Capistrano, Religious, 1385-1456, St Ethelflaeda, Abbess at Romsey, 10th cent.; or Our Lady on Saturday)</i>
Sun	24 th	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9am SB Mass; 11am SM Mass

MASS COUNTS DURING OCTOBER

Collection for Foreign Missions - 24th October

Mass Intentions: For this week: People of the Parish, Parishioners who are unwell, Lily & Eric Allen RIP Anniv, Elsie Horrill RIP Anniv, Brian Lloyd RIP Anniv, deceased members of the Gallagher & Collins families

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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

Pastoral Team:
Rev David Adams (Parish Priest)
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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Marion Butler, Derry Condon, Petra Daniels, Bill Feltham, Pat Gallanagh, Joyce Grimes, Amanda Gudge, Trevor Handol, Norman Haskell, Jenny Lauder, Bridget Reeves, Betty Williams, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

THE CAFOD COLLECTION: The final amount for the Harvest / Autumn collection is now an amazing £1395. And this does not include the anticipated amount of Gift Aid. Well done everyone. And a big thank you from CAFOD.

WEEKENDS IN OCTOBER: These are designated for the collection of Diocesan and National statistics so there are Mass Counts at all Sunday Masses during October.

RED BOXES: Tony Cluett would be grateful for any outstanding red Mission collection boxes.

OBLIGATORY COLLECTION FOR THE MISSIONS: Next Sunday, (24th October) there will be a collection for *Missio* (formerly APF). This is the organisation that distributes funds to mission territories on behalf of the Catholic Church world-wide.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Approved Minutes of the July PPC meeting are available for consultation on the church noticeboards.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER: For St Bernard's & St Michael's, as we have done for the last two years we will combine Remembrance Sunday and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. The readings for that Sunday will be as for All Souls. We will take up to the altar the Parish Remembrance Books and there will be an opportunity to place other names of departed loved ones in a basket. At St Michaels only: relatives of those who have died in the past two years have been invited to place an unlighted candle in remembrance of their loved one. *Also a date for your diary, on, Friday, 10th December at St Bernard's there will be a prayer and reflection event entitled "Facing Christmas" (a change of name from last years "Blue Christmas")*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Any parent who considers that their child is ready to prepare for their 1st Holy Communion should contact Fr David. Once it is known how many children will be involved we can decide the best way forward.



CONFIRMATION: The parish is inviting young people, usually from the age of 14yrs upwards, to confirm their faith in God's love for them and to make a personal response to God's call. Anyone who wishes to go forward to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation should contact Fr David after first receiving their parents consent.



ONE WORLD ECUMENICAL SERVICE: This will take place at St Johns Church, Hythe on this Sunday, 17th October at 6.30pm. Please do your best to support this event and show our solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ in our neighbouring churches. All are welcome.

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CAFOD MEMORIAL MASS - The CAFOD Portsmouth Office will be holding a Memorial Mass at Douai Abbey, Upper Woolhampton, RG7 5TQ, on Sunday 7 November at 3pm, to remember and hold in prayer all deceased CAFOD supporters from our diocese and to celebrate their lives, faith and compassion. Everybody is welcome to attend. If you would like to remember a loved one (even if you cannot attend the Mass), please send their names to portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or phone the CAFOD office on 01252 329385 by Oct 29th and they will be included in our Book of Remembrance.

SCOUTS HELPING AT ST MICHAELS:

We are very grateful to Jim Ross & the 6 New Forest East Scout Group who have agreed to help us tidy up the ground to the back of St Michaels. They will start next Saturday, 23rd Oct. from 10am until 3pm approximately.

VACANCY FOR PARENT FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Primary School,
Lymington

Bishop Crispian, who has absolute discretion in the appointment of Foundation Governors, is seeking applications from committed baptised Catholics who wish to be considered.

Those seeking to become a Parent Foundation Governor will have a child/children currently registered at the school.

The governors of a Catholic school work as a team, in close co-operation with the headteacher and all staff. In addition to the legal responsibilities of the Governing Body, the Foundation Governors have a responsibility for preserving the religious character of the school, sustaining and developing the school as a Catholic educating community in accordance with Canon (Church) law and the teaching of the Catholic Church and giving clear witness, as individuals, and as a team, to the Gospel message and to the Church's teaching.

Appropriate training is available during the period of service. Lack of experience in education in a Catholic school should not deter anyone from applying if there is a genuine desire to serve the mission of the Church.

Application packs are available from the Parish Priest, the School Office or the Department for Schools Governance, Park Place Pastoral Centre, Winchester Road, Wickham, PO17 5HA. Tel: 01329 835363 schools@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Closing date for receipt of applications: 8th November 2010

CHRISTMAS FAYRE & RAFFLE: Please take raffle tickets this weekend to sell. Any bottles (non-perishable) gratefully received for the Bottle Stall & Raffle prizes gratefully received also.

ALLOTMENTS: The area behind St Michaels church has become a wilderness. Is there anyone who might like to turn it, or part of it, into an allotment? Please contact Fr.David.