

# The Messenger

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

**17th November 2013**

**33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter - Wk. 1)**

**9.00am Mass at St Bernard's**

**11.00am Mass at St Michael's**

(All Liturgies are 33rd week of Ordinary Time, Yr 1, unless otherwise stated)

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR CAFOD TODAY FOR  
Philippines Typhoon Haiyan appeal**

Mon 18th	No Service	(Liturgy: memorial Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul, Rome)
Tues 19th	No Service	
Wed 20th	No Service	
Thurs 21st	No Service	(Liturgy: memorial The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
Fri 22nd	10 am SM Mass	(Liturgy: memorial St Cecilia, Martyr)
Sat 23rd	10am SM Mass	(Liturgy: memorial ...St Clement I, Pope, Martyr) Sacrament of Reconciliation immediately after Mass.
Sun 24th	Christ the King 9.00am Mass at St Bernard's	

**Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 17th November:**

For the Faithful Departed, For the Holy Father's Intentions, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Ruth Adams RIP, Pat Gallanagh R.I.P., Baby Dylan Guilding (health), Ann Harding RIP, John Heron RIP, Mrs Irene Jay and her children (special intention), Fr David Lewis RIP.

**For the week beginning 24th November:** All those who are unwell, Deceased Clergy of the Province, The New Forest Pastoral Areas, Charles Duffy RIP Anniv, Mrs Irene Jay and her children (special intention), Philip Manghan RIP Anniv, Edna Tisdale RIP

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

## New Forest West 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

## THOUGH THE MOUNTAINS MAY FALL

It's a strange fact that newspapers and news programmes rely more on bad news than they do on good news. Such is the way our brains have evolved that it is bad news that triggers the most urgent response. It has to do with fear, anxiety and danger. Our primitive reptilian brain managed to process and respond to three basic needs: super, sex and survival. These three reactions involve increasing heart rate, adrenalin and concentration. Good news on the other hand causes the bodily systems to relax. Drive, motivation and energy are difficult to summon up when everything is OK. If you want to get people's attention stir up fear, anxiety and anger. Some people find it difficult to cope with harmony and silence, they quickly get bored and restless. They have probably grown up with a lot of anxiety, tension or argument. They feel strange if there is not something to argue about, get annoyed about or fight about.

Anger energy is not bad, it depends how we channel it. Some people have gone on to do great work and really helped others because they felt sufficiently angry about a perceived injustice. Fear can make us focus and prepare for danger. Too much fear, however, leads to paralysis of mind and action, then useless panic. However while feelings are never bad in themselves the physiological effects of holding onto anger, fear, anxiety, guilt etc. can be quite damaging for the heart, digestive & immune systems, muscles & joints.

So what is Jesus doing with these rather frightening words of today's Gospel? Perhaps Jesus is using our natural fear to help us focus on our spiritual needs. Perhaps Jesus is also using this dramatic language to break our dependency on things that are not really dependable.

We tend to put a lot of our faith in the "system", i.e. in the economy, in the country, in technology, in social myths like being in control, independence and consumerism. Over recent years faith in the financial system has been severely shaken. Stock markets, pension funds, mortgages, loans have all been gambled with, at high risk, to make extortionate profits. We have had similar experiences regarding other institutions like church, the health service & the political and judicial systems. We put a lot of faith in these things but we have not put much faith in God, or in God's wisdom, or in God's way. We are paying the price now.

Writings about the end times help to shatter our illusions and break our false dependencies. They urge us to put our faith in God and in all the blessings of God, which endure forever. The apocalyptic writings of the Bible were intended to strengthen those who were suffering persecution for their faith and to give them hope in God's life which brings true peace and happiness now and endures beyond the passing pleasures and vicissitudes of this world.

For us who are not experiencing persecution (yet) these words can stir us out of our complacency. Irrespective of what happens in the future for the planet or the universe, all of us have to come to our own end times. This may involve a spiritual re-birth or awakening. It can happen a long time before or a short time before our actual physical death. The most important questions are: How are Jesus' words being fulfilled in our own lives, at this moment? How am I responding? Some recent research indicates that many older people cannot accept the link between life-style and climate change. Instead of trying to moderate their consumption they are actually increasing consumption. This reaction arises from our fear of mortality and our unwillingness to accept it. The consumer life-style helps us sustain the illusion that we can live here for ever. This illusion seems necessary to fill the gaping hole caused by a lack of meaning & purpose when people imagine they are disconnected, alone and alienated. Faith connects us to God, to the ultimate mystery of Life. When we are rooted in God's love nothing can ultimately steal our peace. If we live we live for the Lord, if we die we die for the Lord, as St Paul wrote. (DMA)

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: Duncan Badley, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Vicky Carter, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Peter Gray, Amanda Gudge, Baby Dylan Guilding, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, George Raffray, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Pauline Sharpley, Susan Soutter, Ronald Stevens, Neil Tisdale. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Linda via the Parish office)

**REMINDERS:** Waterside PPC 7.30 pm 21st November Angel House  
Waterside finance meeting Tuesday 19th November 11am

**NATIONAL SURVEY: Vatican Family Questionnaire**  
Preparations are well under way for a meeting of Bishops in Rome in 2014 to discuss family life - an extraordinary general session of the Synod of Bishops. You can play a key part in this by responding to the Holy See questionnaire on this important subject.

We have made this questionnaire available on [www.surveymonkey.com/s/FamilySynod2014](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FamilySynod2014) We would really value your responses to this questionnaire on family life but there are a few points to note before taking part.

To complete the survey in full could take 30 minutes or more so we'd strongly recommend you download and use the pro-forma word document [catholicnews.org.uk/family-synod-survey](http://catholicnews.org.uk/family-synod-survey) to prepare your responses before submitting your answers online. The survey has 46 questions/opportunities to give your feedback.

A few of the early questions are short answer, tick box or selections from a drop-down, however most allow for a full text response.

Although we'd encourage a full response, it's not necessary to answer every question, please skip questions you feel unable to answer.

You can also simply send a completed pro-forma directly to [elizabeth.davies@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:elizabeth.davies@cbcew.org.uk)

The current deadline for submissions is **Saturday, 30 November 2013**

## JOB OPPORTUNITY – St Swithun Wells Parish

St Swithun Wells Parish requires an Office Manager/Administrator for the administration of the six churches in the parish covering Eastleigh, Fair Oak, Chandlers Ford, Bishops Waltham, Romsey and North Baddesley. The job is part-time (21 hours - three days per week) with a salary of £10,400 per annum (FTE £17,290).

Please see the Diocesan website at [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) for more details and an application form. For informal enquiries please email or call Deacon Paul Owen at [powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:powen@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) Tel: 02380 658251

**CAFOD APPEAL:** There will be a second collection today for the CAFOD appeal for the Typhoon in the Philippines. If you gift aid your offering please use the limited number of CAFOD envelopes at St B's and the yellow envelopes at St M's. If you pay by credit card ring 0500 858885 or go to [cafod.org.uk/typhoon](http://cafod.org.uk/typhoon) to pay online.



## CALLING ALL THOSE WHO CAN KNIT AND SEW!

The Arts and Crafts stall for the Christmas Fayre needs your help. If anyone can knit or sew any items for the craft stall it would be really appreciated. See Tina Bowler after Mass.

**SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCH** will be at The Old Mill on Thursday 12th December, 12 for 12.30p.m. Why not add your name to the list today! No charge. 'Last orders' Sunday 1st December.



**TRANSPORT NEEDED** to take some of our senior citizens to and from their Christmas lunch. Can you help? If



**Bottles are needed for the bottle stall** for the Christmas Fayre. Please leave them at the back of church for collection or take them to the shop- Faith Hope & Charity. Thank you.

**MOBILITY SCOOTER** free to good home. Ring Linda in Parish office for further details (Tues or Thurs 10-4pm) or leave a message on the answerphone.

## CONSECRATION OF THE DIOCESE: SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER – FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

For the end of the Year of Faith, Bishop Philip has written a message to the priests and people of the diocese. This message is printed at the front of the booklet which will be available to you at both Masses next weekend. You may take the booklet home with you.

In the letter Bishop Philip has asked that, during every Sunday Mass on 24th November, people both renew their Profession of Faith and also consecrate themselves, through Mary, to the Heart of Jesus. In this way, Bishop Philip would like to consecrate the whole Diocese to the Heart of Jesus.

Please note that a Plenary Indulgence may be obtained by those who make this consecration.

**PRAYER POTTERY** The next Prayer pottery will be **26th November** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Michael's. All are welcome.



## CALLING ALL ASPIRING BAKERS!

The great British Bake off has finished, but don't despair. Why not put your energies into cooking all manner of delicious cakes for the cake stall at our Christmas Fayre! Every little bun helps! Please take your creations along on the day. Saturday 7th December St John's hall Hythe by 10am.

**DIOCESAN FRAMEWORK FOR COLLABORATION** Bishop Philip has named the pastoral administration of the Diocese 'The Framework for Collaboration'.

The departments within this framework are run by priests, but they need Lay people to assist them on a voluntary basis. They are advertising the departments they wish to fill between now & July 2014.

The team descriptors for the first applications are: Marriage & family life; Liturgy team; Hospital chaplaincies; Youth Ministers; Social policy unit; Justice, Peace & social Responsibility, Charities and outreach, Marginalised & inactive Roman Catholics, Formation for Mission, Inter Religious dialogue, The Court of the Gentiles and Dialogue with Cultural Sectors.

There are a few copies available at the back of church.

If you would like to apply please apply on line at the Diocesan website. [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) You will also need to talk to Father David as you will require a reference from him.

**WE WELCOME** Wayne Culver as trainee Sacristan under Tony O'Connell & Deacon Steve's beady eyes! Wayne is Tony's 'disciple' here to learn from and to support Tony.

**CHRIST CENTRED MEDITATION** St Joseph's, Ashurst every Thursday evening 7-8pm. £4 a session.

**1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT** 1st December. For the first 3 Sundays of Advent Fr Vincent would like you to bring non perishable items for the Foodbank and place them in front of the altar. They will be taken to the Foodbank by Terry and Theresa and made into Christmas parcels for families in crisis. List of items required will be at the back of church.

For the Ideal Gift or Gift Voucher visit  
Faith, Hope & Charity  
8 ST JOHN'S STREET, HYTHE SO45 6DA

