

The Messenger

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

5th Sunday of Easter Sunday 18th May Year A, Weekdays Yr 2; Psalter week 1

9.00am Mass at SB
11.00am Mass at SM
Mon 19th May No Service
(Dedication of the Cathedral of St John Portsmouth)
Tuesday 20th May No Service
(St Bernardine of Siena, Religious)
Wed 21st May No Service
(St Christopher Magallanes & Companions)
Thurs 22nd May No Service
(St Rita of Cascia, Religious)
Friday 23rd May Mass 10am SM
Saturday 24th May Mass 10 am SM
Sacrament of Reconciliation straight after Mass today

6th Sunday of Easter 25th May

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's
11.00am Mass at St Michael's

Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 18th May

Anniversaries this week: Raymond Critchell (18th), Irene Mitchell (21st), Margaret Hall-Patch (21st)

Those who have died recently: George Farrelly, Honora Power

Other Intentions: Leanne Martin (Health), Ruth Rowan (Health), George Watson (Health), Mike Woolf (Health)

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)
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

THE ROYAL PRIESTHOOD

The imagery of royal priesthood comes from the Messianic interpretation of King David (1010 - 70 BC) who was both priest & king. It combines with the image of prophet as personified by Moses and with the power of holiness commanded by the Lord - *Be holy, for I am holy*. These male, Judeo-Christian images link up with the other more universal, though still predominantly masculine archetypes of priest, king, warrior & magician. These universal archetypes tend to operate at the unconscious level and are symbols of male energies and roles. Spiritual & psychological maturity for the individual and social and gender harmony for the collective involve finding appropriate balances, emphases and exchanges of male / female energies that nurture growth in freedom and responsibility.

On the subject of royal priesthood our Christian framework provides us with a remarkably challenging & enriching vision. As St Peter wrote, every Christian, male or female is a member of the royal priesthood, the prophetic & holy people of God. We are all called to offer the spiritual sacrifices that Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God. In the framework of Christ there is, as St Paul wrote, no distinction between male and female, we are all one Person in Christ. This broad inclusive framework means that every quality, energy or attribute of the Holy Spirit is available to anyone, because we are not referring here to gender qualities but to divine qualities.

So the sacrifice that God is inviting is, first of all, the gift of ourselves. As St Paul wrote: *I appeal to you, therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies (i.e. 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* (Rom 12: 1-2). The fruit that God is seeking, in us and for us, is for us to have life and have to the full i.e. to reach spiritual and human maturity. It is to receive the love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness & self-control as fruits of the Spirit. The practical sacrifices are part of this too. They are the day to day things that love calls us to do, the works of compassion, care, truth and justice .

This, together with our failings, sins, & weaknesses, is what we bring to God in the Eucharist. Then by a mysterious alchemy of the Spirit, from out of this blessed poverty & emptiness our healing, transformation and growth is wrought by God. By this process we become what we receive. If simple, plain, lifeless bread and wine can become Body & Blood of Christ, how much more do we become Body & Blood of Christ! Jesus didn't institute the Eucharist for us to be staring at it but for us to receive Christ & become Christ. We are part of the self of Christ as St Paul wrote: *he cannot disown his own self* (1 Tim 2:13). So, in the Eucharist, the Paschal Mystery, the pattern of death & resurrection of the Christ is not something happening out there, apart from us. It is happening in us & in our lives and in union with Christ we are the sacrifice that is being offered, (cfr Colossians 1:24-25).

The Eucharist is the ritual, liturgical expression of this Mystery of Christ's death & resurrection that is happening continually in our lives. So the ministerial or ordained priesthood is only as such to be of service to the Body of Christ, the Church. This service is primarily liturgical. It takes place when the community gathers for prayer & worship, especially the Eucharist. It represents Christ in his priesthood. Indeed there is only Christ, he is the only priest.

The ordained ministry obviously performs a very vital role. However, some people seem to need to exaggerate the importance of the ordained priesthood. They talk of special and exclusive powers, unique configurations of the soul and special authority. One suspects this has more to do with preserving clerical status, power and exclusivity, than encouraging humble service (cfr Matt 18:19; 23: 8-12).

One has reason to suspect a reactive & defensive collective clerical ego is at work when one poor bishop in Australia is, with uncharacteristic haste, forcibly retired because he alluded to different approaches to ordained ministry while many more, who put the "interests of the Church" before the protection of children remain untouched. The people are not there for the ministers, the ministers are there for the people. (DMA)

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

THE MESSENGER: For the next few weeks the messenger will be pre-printed. So please don't be surprised if the information is not up-dated as normal.

IF YOU NEED A PRIEST IN AN EMERGENCY while the office is closed from 1st -19th May please contact Deacon Stephen Short on 023 80 282011. He will then contact a priest for you.



GOING INTO HOSPITAL? If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick *before your stay*, please speak to Fr Vincent after Mass.

If you wish to see the Catholic chaplain or receive Holy Communion in hospital, you -or a relative on your behalf , must specifically request this from the hospital staff or directly from the Chaplaincy Team (Level D).



CAN'T GET TO THE LIBRARY? NO ONE WHO CAN EXCHANGE BOOKS FOR YOU? The Home Library Service is for people who are no longer able to get to the nearest library due to frailty or mobility problems and don't have anyone living locally to borrow books for them.

If you know someone who could benefit from this, then please talk to staff at your nearest library. Or you can telephone 0845 603 5631 (Or call 01329 225928 standard and local call rates apply to this number) or email using the form at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/library/using-the-library/library-access/home-library-service.htm>

WELCOME to the priest from the Verona Fathers who will be saying Mass today as Fr Vincent is away. There will be a Mission appeal for the Verona Fathers after Mass.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION WHOHAVE VOLUNTEERED TO GO OUT TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND. Fr David has not forgotten you! He is waiting for further information re the Diocesan training day on Safeguarding then he will get back to you. His apologies for the delay.

MARCHWOOD YOUTH AND COMMUNITY WORKER

The Handy Trust urgently needs a Youth & Community Worker for the Marchwood Area to start a.s.a.p. 22.5hrs a week. *All applicants need a recognised youth work qualification and must be prepared to undertake an enhanced DBS check.* See poster at back of church for more details.

THE BLESSED JOHN PAUL II : This is a 50 mile walk from Bury St Edmunds to Walsingham happening every summer since 2006, led by the Dominican Sisters from Sway. The intention of the pilgrimage is the New Evangelisation of England and Wales. This year, the walk is happening from 7th-10th August (Thursday to Sunday) 2014.

The pilgrims meet on the Thursday for an opening Mass on the ground of Bury St Edmunds Abbey ruins. The walk to Walsingham takes 3 days: 20 miles on Friday and Saturday and 10 miles on Sunday. It is open to everyone who is willing and able to walk. Accommodation is on the floor in halls. We have a group of pilgrims of various ages, including families - from 30 and 60 people join us every year. The cost is £55 each - £45 a head for families. It includes everything (food and lodging) from Bury St Edmunds to Walsingham. All welcome! For more info, contact Sr Hyacinthe, OP: sister.hyacinthe@googlemail.com



The Pope Tweets: @Pontifex *We must not let ourselves fall into the vortex of pessimism. Faith can move mountains*

COLLECTIONS FOR JUNE



1st June :WORLD COMMUNICATIONS (Obligatory)
The Church must make certain that Her voice is heard through the media of television, radio and press. This collection is for the upkeep of training centres through which priests, religious and lay pass each year.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- + The sick of the parish and those who care for them.
- + Those struggling to come to terms with a bereavement.
- + Those in conflict around the world.
- + The First Holy Communion Candidates: Leon Carbayo- Borges, Carlos Carbayo-Borges & Caitlin Cross as they start their preparation for their First Holy Communion.
- + For answered prayer
- + For the Waterside area in which we live.
- + The street Pastors- that the management committee will work well together; with integrity, wisdom and discernment, keeping Jesus at the centre of everything
- + Confirmation candidates of New Forest Pastoral Area who will be confirmed at the Cathedral on Sunday 25th May.
- + Monsignor Nicholas Hudson the Auxiliary Bishop Elect of Westminster who will be ordained at Westminster Cathedral on 4th June.

A PRAYER WALK IN THE HOME: For the month of May please pick up a 'prayer walk in the home' It is a decade of the rosary with a difference.

BL. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN & THE NEW EVANGELISATION: Rev Dr. Stephen Morgan will give a talk in Joseph's Place, Lymington on Thursday, **29th May at 7.30pm**. All are welcome. Stephen was recently awarded a Doctorate from Oxford University on the subject of Newman. (Congratulations on your Doctorate Deacon Stephen!)



PAUSE FOR PRAYER Tuesday 27th May 10-11. Chapel at St Michael's church. All welcome.

WATERSIDE FOOD BANK: There is a continuing need for regular donations of food for Waterside Foodbank. In these times of economic difficulty, there is a growing number of individuals and families suffering hardship through redundancy, illness, unemployment, homelessness, etc. Collection boxes are in the foyers of St Michael's and St Bernard's churches, with leaflets listing the types of food needed.

THANK YOU On behalf of the Management Committee many thanks for all your prayers and support. Every blessing, Karen. Waterside Street pastors

HYTHE LIBRARY is holding a coffee morning on June 4th 10 am -12.30 pm for anyone who would like to know more about the Home Library Service. Either ask staff at the library or Rsvp **by 28th May** to Chris Nichols at Hythe library.
Email: Christopher.Nichols@hants.gov.uk or telephone 01590 646422.

WARMER WEATHER Now that the weather is warming up you may be thinking of sorting out your wardrobe. Please donate any clothing to our parish shop; Faith, Hope & Charity. In doing so you will be contributing to parish funds.

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