

The Messenger

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

18th September 2011

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Divine Office: Week 1

Sun	18 th	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels
Mon	19 th	No Service (Liturgy: of the Day - 25th Week, or optnl Memorials, St Januarius, Bishop, Martyr, d.c. 305, or St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop, 602-690)
Tues	20 th	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: Memorial - St Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions, Martyrs)
Wed	21 st	7.30pm SM Evening Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: Feast - St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist)
Thurs	22 nd	10.00am LT Mass (Liturgy: of the Day - 25th Week)
Fri	23 rd	No Service (Liturgy: Memorial, St Pio of Pietrelcina, Religious, 1887-1968)
Sat	24 th	10.00am SM Mass followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am (Liturgy: Memorial, Our Lady of Walsingham)
Sun	25 th	26 th Sunday of Ordinary Time 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 (Health), Guidance for choice of new Bishop, For all those starting University, Ernie Ball RIP Anniv, Robert Clark RIP, Richard Greest RIP, Michael McDonnell RIP

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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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THE FIRST AND THE LAST

One way of responding to the teaching of Jesus is to take a Gospel passage and identify with each of the main characters in the parable or story. Then one needs to recognise one's feeling and reactions. It is called "owning our biases". We all approach the Gospel with preconceived ideas and basic assumptions about life. This is just the way we are and it's not a matter for guilt or blame. We can however take responsibility for ourselves which opens the way to seeing things in a new light and responding in a different way. Jesus is always challenging our basic assumptions about self, others, the world, what is good and bad and what is worth striving for. If we want a relationship with God now and if we hope for that relationship to endure for eternal life then we must continue the effort to get on God's wavelength. Thankfully God will do all the hard work if we let her.

Take this Sunday's Gospel. There are three main characters, the landowner, the labourers hired first and the labourers hired last. We need to stand "in the shoes" of these different people and experience what it feels like. Then we can ask ourselves why we think and feel the way we do.

Some years ago when I was in South Africa I noticed that in certain places in the towns labourers and craftsmen would stand around waiting to be hired by contractors. (In Iraq, as through-out the Middle East the labourers still do the same and some were victims of a suicide bombing during the time of unrest.) Imagine if you have a family to feed or if one of your children is sick. You don't have regular job & therefore no regular wage. You have to depend on others to hire you. Then when you have been hired and have worked hard all day long you get the same money as someone who has only worked a few hours. How does that make you feel? What are the expectations of justice and fairness? What if you are a trade union representative?

Now put yourself in the shoes of a labourer hired last. You have been waiting for most of the day. You are getting more and more depressed and worried. Will you get enough money to live on? Will you have to work on into the night? How will you feel having to go home to the family with only a little money, not enough to pay the bills and buy food? How will you feel when you are paid the same as those who have worked all day? You receive something you didn't earn or deserve. The gift comes from the sheer benevolence of the landowner. How does that feel? Would you feel more secure if you had earned the wages?

Now put yourself in the position of the landowner. It is your land, your money and you control the work. Would you pay the labourers the same? Would you think about their personal circumstances? Would you be influenced by the objections of other people?

If the landowner represents God it means that God looks to the needs of each person. It means that God gives according to God's own goodness. God is free to do as he sees fit with his gifts. As God is loving to us all we have no reason to complain. (DMA)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Marion Butler, Bishop Crispian, Petra Daniels, Mervyn Francis, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Sarah, Jason Singleton, Simon Smith, Ronald Stevens, Jim Walker, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

PRAYER POTTERY: The next prayer meeting will take place on Tuesday, 27th Sept at 11.00am after the morning Mass. It is a time of quiet prayer with spiritual music & readings led by Christine Olden. Everyone is welcome.

BISHOP CRISPIAN' HEALTH: Bishop Crispian is now recovering from last Monday's successful surgery.

BISHOP CRISPIAN'S RETIREMENT COLLECTION: The amount given so far is £147.59. Thank you to all those who have contributed. The collection is still open. Please mark the envelope "Bishop's Retirement".

NEXT WEEKEND: There is an obligatory second collection for upkeep & maintenance of the Diocesan Cathedral in Portsmouth

STUDY DAY ON THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE LITURGY: "How should we listen to the texts? How might we move beyond the words?" American priest, Fr Paul Turner will lead the day on Sunday, 9th Oct, from 2.00pm until 6.30pm. Venue: Bishop Challoner School, St Michael's Rd, Basingstoke, RG22 6SR. Cost £5.00, tea & coffee provided. See the poster for more details. Booking forms available at the back of church.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MASSES: the next dates for young peoples Masses at St Bernard's are: 2 Oct, 6 Nov, 4 Dec.
PARENTS: If your children sometimes attend Children's Liturgy and/or the Young People's Masses (including the older children who help), please complete a yellow parent consent form (at the back of St B's) and pass it to Clare Davies. This is part of the diocese's requirements for safeguarding your children, and will also let us stay in touch and better support your family. Thanks for your help.
CHILDREN'S BOOKLETS: If your child has one of the colour-in Mass booklets that we produced some months ago, please contact Clare for a printed set of edits to cut out and stick onto it, to show the new wording of the Mass responses. (This is a great chance to work on it with your child at home, and talk about the Mass with them - but please remember to bring the booklet back to church!) We'll also be continuing to use these in some Children's Liturgy sessions.

Forthcoming Dates:

The next **PPC Meeting** is on Thursday, 22nd September, at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at St Michaels.

Praying with Children - a workshop for Christian adults. Saturday, 24th Sept, 10am to 4pm, Brockenhurst Village Hall, see poster for details & booking information.

Celebrate Weekend - (see main item for details)

QUIZ NIGHT & AMERICAN SUPPER: (see main item for details)

The next **Finance Committee Meeting** is on Thursday, 13th October at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room.

Vocations Discernment for Women, Saturday, 22nd October at Wisdom House, Romsey. More details later.

AUTUMN JAZZ (see main item for details)

CAFOD HARVEST FASTDAY - FRIDAY, 7TH OCTOBER.
Sunday 9th October - collection for CAFOD

SPONSORSHIP REQUEST: One of our youngest parishioners is doing the 'Mini' Great South Run for **CAFOD!** Please find out more and support him: sponsor forms at the back of both churches.

SOUTHAMPTON GENERAL HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: They urgently need volunteers who could give one or two hours each Friday to go round the hospital wards to ask patients if they would like to come to the services on Sunday. More details are on the poster in the church porch.

OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, LYMINGTON welcomes a new Head Teacher. She is Mrs Kirsty Richards. We wish her every blessing & happiness in her work and offer the assurance of our prayers. See the school website for more details: www.ourladyst-joseph.hants.sch.uk.

Southampton's Catholic Independent schools, St. Mary's College and Charlton House, are having an Open Evening on Monday 26th September 6.30 - 9pm. Charlton House will also be open to visitors the same week 9.30am - 2.30pm. For more information please contact 02380 671267.

CELEBRATE WEEKEND: opportunities for prayer, healing, teachings, praise worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass each day at 3pm. On 1st & 2nd October (Sat 9am - 9pm & Sun 9.30am - 5.30pm) at St Mary's College, Bitterne Park. Speakers to include Charles & Sue Whitehead, Steve Murray, Jim Graham, Jenny Baker & David Matthews Workshops & Seminars: both days; Dramas by Steve Murray & Local Youth Groups. Worship by Tom Bonard, Steve Szymanski & friends. Children's groups for all ages and a Young Adult stream. See the poster in the porch for further details & how to book or else ring Peter and Lynda Szymanski on 023 8029 2058.

GEO HOUSE AT ST JOSEPH'S, ASHURST. The VMM (Voluntary Missionary Movement) is collaborating with the Montfort Missionaries in creating Geo House. The centre will be a resource for global missionaries and will be available for retreats & courses. There will also be an in-house programme of faith sharing and spirituality events. See the website www.geohouse.org.uk for more details. One event: **Prayer Breakfast** followed by Open House 8.30am until midday, Tues. 20th September.

QUIZ NIGHT & AMERICAN SUPPER: This will take place on Saturday, 1st October at 7pm in St Bernard's Hall. There will be a Raffle (donations of prizes gratefully received!). American Supper so bring your own refreshments & a plate of food to share. Those who require special diets will need to bring their own.



AUTUMN JAZZ: with The New Cavalier Jazzmen (including our own Mike Slipper) on **Saturday, 5th November from 7.30pm.** Venue: **St Bernard's Hall.** Raffle & American Supper (Bring your own refreshments & a plate of food to share. People requiring special diets must bring their own). Tickets are £7.00 each. Tickets are available from Mike Slipper (023 8084 3908), from Faith Hope & Charity Shop, Hythe & from St Bernard's & St Michaels Churches.

