

The Messenger

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

19th June 2011

The Most Holy Trinity Yr A - Divine Office: Week 4

Sun 19 th	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels
Mon 20 th	No Service (Liturgy: of the Day, - 12th Week of the Year, or optnl Memorial - St Alban, Martyr d. c. 209)
Tues 21 st	10.00am SM Morning prayer & Mass (Liturgy: Memorial - St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious, 1568-91)
Wed 22 nd	No Service (Liturgy: Feast, Martyrs of England, - Ss John Fisher 1469-1535 & Thomas More 1478-1535)
Thurs 23 rd	No Service (Liturgy: of the Day, or optnl Memorial - St Etheldreda, Abbess, 1197-1253)
Fri 24 th	No Service (Liturgy: Solemnity - The Nativity of St John the Baptist)
Sat 25 th	10.00am SM Mass Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation Until 11.30am (Liturgy: of the Day, or Our Lady on Sat)
Sun 26 th	The Body & Blood of Christ 9.00am St Bernards 11.00am St Michaels

Mass Intentions: For this week: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian, Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Confirmation Candidates of the Pastoral Area, all fathers & grandfathers, Jackie Bowlds RIP, Gerard Donnelly RIP, Thomas Keane RIP, Kathleen Cummings RIP Anniv, Patrick Kirwan RIP Anniv.

For the week beginning 26th June: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian, Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Confirmation Candidates of the Pastoral Area, especially Anna Lawes & Hannah Teague, Linda Guilding (B'day), Paul Sherrington RIP Anniv.

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

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A SACRED MYSTERY OF UNITY & DIVERSITY

Human evolution has always been about something lost and something gained. As the human race has emerged into self-consciousness and developed the ability to imagine, think and conceptualise it has acquired a great power over other creatures and the physical environment. The gains have certainly outweighed the losses and they have brought many technical advances which we would not want to be without.

However the road "out of Eden" has also been a loss of one level of innocence, a loss of one level of unity with nature, a loss of some levels of social cohesiveness. To some extent we have become a society of individuals which of course means there is not much society. We cannot turn the clock back and we do not want to return to a tribal society. We must aspire to and work for a society which nurtures the freedom and the rights of the individual but also requires that the individual accept responsibility for the welfare of the society. All for one and one for all. Balancing rights and responsibilities, freedoms and obligations is a critical task for humanity as a whole.

To this end we have to find a higher level of innocence, a higher level of unity and a higher level of society. This can only be fully made real, can only ensure human happiness if it is a work of love, of self-giving and receiving in freedom and joy. Shared life, shared love, shared work, shared enjoyment. This is what gives us happiness. This is what Trinity is all about.

We have to celebrate the uniqueness, the diversity, the richness, the differences and yet also nurture the unity and the cohesiveness. This is a great challenge for all multi-cultural societies. All cultural, ethnic and religious traditions need to accept basic human rights and responsibilities. However, all cultural, ethnic and religious groups also need to recognise, acknowledge and cease to tolerate those practices or tendencies that are damaging to the individual or destructive of society. Some modern, permissive societies have tolerated or even encouraged social fragmentation, competitiveness, commercialisation, trivialisation, social dependency, exploitation & selfishness. Some traditional cultures have tolerated or encouraged ignorance, separation, oppression, violence, hostility, because of gender, race or religion.

Social peace, harmony and progress cannot be forced. It can only be invited, encouraged and nurtured. For beings who have evolved to a certain level of freedom the only way is love. Love can only invite, it cannot force. This is why love has to be accepted, that is, believed. God wants to draw us into the Divine harmony, into the shared life and love. The very least we need to do is say "Yes". If we have truly appreciated it for what it is then a heart-felt "Thank You" will also naturally arise within us.

If we cannot say "Yes" to God's love it does not stop God loving us. God will always love us and will always act for our good. It just means we deprive ourselves of the gift and joy that God wants us to have. Sometimes religion has misrepresented God and people have quite rightly rejected this. Refusing allegiance to a religion is not always refusing God. Thankfully Jesus commanded us not to make judgements or condemnations about ourselves or others in this regard.

What can give us hope is that God is so good, so wonderful, so beautiful that no one who really comes to "know" God can fail to be won over by such gracious love and or to be drawn into the Divine celebration. (DMA)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Mervyn Francis, Amanda Gudge, Doreen Holman, Joan Hopper, Ellen Pick, Joy Prestage, Norma Rudd, Sarah, Eileen Shanley, Simon Smith, Ronald Stevens, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

CLERGY TRAINING FOR THE NEW LITURGY: Fr David has to attend clergy training sessions for the new Liturgy which are taking place in Winchester. So unfortunately there will be no Mass on Wednesday evening this week and no Mass at Lyndhurst this Thursday.

JUNE EDITION OF PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE: is now available at the back of church. It is full of interesting articles & it has more detail from Bishop Crispian about the new translation of the Liturgy.

PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND & WALES: This was issued & read a fortnight ago. It concerns the new translation of the Roman Missal which will be introduced partially in September and completely at the beginning of Advent 2011. Some copies are still available at the back of church.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: Please keep Anna Lawes & Hannah Teague in your prayers as they begin preparation for Confirmation. They are joining a group of young people from Totton on their programme. Marion Teague is also assisting Deacon Andy Philpott as a Confirmation catechist. The celebration of the Sacrament will be at St Michaels on Thursday, June 30th at 7pm. The Sacrament will be conferred by Mgr Tom McGrath, Vicar General. Due to health issues Bishop Crispian has had to cut back on his duties

WATERSIDE FOOD BANK: There is a continuing need for regular donations of food for Waterside Foodbank. 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.

Book Recommendations:

Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life. By Richard Rohr. Jossey-Bass, ISBN 978-0-470-90775-7

Unmasking God: revealing God in the Ordinary. By Daniel J. O'Leary, The Columba Press, ISBN 978-1-85607-726-2

We Walk the Path Together: Learning from Thich Nhat Hanh & Meister Eckhart. By Brian J. Pierce OP, Orbis Boos, ISBN-13: 978-1-57075-613-9

The Warmth of the Heart prevents your Body from Rusting - Ageing without growing old. By Marie de Hennezel, Rodale ISBN 978-1-905744-84-8, (a BBC Radio 4 Book of the Week)

For helpful spiritual reflections check out; Fr. Ron Rolheiser OMI. He is an internationally acclaimed writer, retreat giver & columnist. Go to www.ronrolheiser.com for his weekly reflection & archives of those of past years.

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CAFOD:CONNECT 2 RWANDA LUNCH ON 10 JULY

Feza and Odette from the Connect programme are visiting England to meet some parishes involved in helping them. CAFOD groups from Waterside, Totton and Lyndhurst are arranging a buffet lunch at St Theresa's Parish Hall, 20 Beaumont Road Totton at 12noon on Sunday 10 July for them to meet supporters. There will be a short presentation and talk by Adela before lunch at 1pm This will be a unique opportunity to meet some of the people that our CAFOD collections help. All are welcome Tickets include 2 course lunch and soft drinks (cost £5) will be available after Masses on 26 June and 3 July .

On 26 June there will be an exhibition of Rwanda artefacts in the porches after Mass: an introduction to meeting the ladies. Also raffle tickets for funds for Rwanda will be on sale.

CHEESE & WINE WITH AN AUCTION OF PROMISES

This will take place on **Saturday, July 9th at 7pm at St Bernard's Hall. Tickets are ON SALE NOW £4** - cheese & biscuits and 2 glasses of wine or non-alcoholic drinks. Thank you to all those who have offered items for the auction or have promised to make/do something.

However, we could do with a few more promises. See a member of the St Martha group after Mass to make your 'promise'. We hope you will also come along on the night as the auction won't be successful without you! You can view the auction items from 6p.m. on the 9th July.

LIST OF PROMISES & AUCTION ITEMS RECEIVED SO FAR:

At the back of the churches you will find a list of promises & auction items which have been received so far. Don't miss out on these fantastic bargains - be there for the Auction - & help parish funds too!

STREET PASTORS - NEW FOREST: Local churches in the new Forest Area are being asked to support this new initiative. Could you become a Street Pastor? Or a member of a Support team? Street Pastors normally serve for just one evening each month. Senior citizens and those with disabilities can be very effective Street pastors. Full training is given.

For information email: fstreetpastors@hotmail.co.uk

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**OPEN
EVENING**

Monday 27th June 2011
6.00pm - 8.00pm

Parents with daughters in Year 5 considering applying for admission to St Anne's are invited to

The Open Evening
in the School Hall

Parking: Bedford Place public car park & local streets