

The Messenger

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

19th August 2012

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B (Psalter Wk.4)

Sun 19 th	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst
Mon 20 th	No Service (Liturgy: Memorial, St Bernard)
Tues 21 st	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: Memorial, St Pius X)
Wed 22 nd	10.00am - Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst 1.00pm - Requiem Mass at St Michael's William Farrelly RIP
Thurs 23 rd	10.00am - Mass at Our Lady's, Lyndhurst (Liturgy: 20th Week of Ordinary Time)
Fri 24 th	No Service (Liturgy: Feast, St Bartholomew)
Sat 25 th	10.00am SM Mass followed by Reconciliation until 11.00am (Liturgy: 20th Week of Ordinary Time)
Sun 26 th	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

Mass Intentions: For this week: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Bishop Crispian (Happy Retirement), Bishop elect Philip Egan, David & Kim Guilding (Wedding Anniv), William Farrelly RIP, Gillian Plummer RIP, Annie Wyatt RIP, Molly Bowler RIP Anniv, Elsie Horrill RIP Anniv, Penny Smith RIP Anniv, Brian Stanfield RIP Anniv, Flo Warrilow RIP Anniv.

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

New Forest 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

JESUS' FLESH & BLOOD

Jesus' language in John chapter 6 is surprisingly dramatic and risks being shocking and offensive (see next week!). This is because we can only receive and appreciate the Good News of God's love for us and God's life in us if we accept on faith: 1) that the Divine Word has really taken flesh & blood in Jesus; 2) that the Divine Word is flesh and blood in us; & 3) that the Divine Word gives life and being to all things, such that creation is God's "Body". These are not three separate "mysteries" but one mystery of the Divine presence in all things. Faith alone sees the true reality of the flesh and blood in Jesus, in us and in the bread and wine. To eat and drink is to believe and to believe is to eat and drink the whole Mystery, to absorb it on every level.

Eating the Flesh and Blood of Jesus is not a mere ritual action isolated from the rest of life. It is a personal, but not a private, encounter with the Christ. It can never be divorced from the community or from creation. This is why how we treat ourselves, others and how we treat creation are all part of it because they are all the flesh and blood of the Lord.

Jesus was a spiritual genius and artist because he took simple things used in everyday meals and, by a unique association with himself in the death and resurrection he was to experience, he created a transformational ritual. This ritual which we have come to call the "Mass" has been at the centre of Western Catholic Christianity since the beginning.

The Eucharist is first of all the celebration of God's work in Jesus freeing us from sin and death and sharing with us Divine life. For this free, undeserved grace we can only give heartfelt thanks, which is in fact the meaning of the word Eucharist. Secondly the Eucharist is invitation and challenge. The invitation is to be "one body, one spirit in Christ" so that we can no longer regard ourselves as separate from others. Rather we are invited to recognise our responsibilities for others and to others. The call is to treat others as ourselves, to love others as ourselves. This way of love is a challenge to accept the sacrifices love may ask of us. As Jesus gave his life and death for us, so we are called to give our living and our dying for one another. In this way the Eucharist expresses something that is happening in our every day lives: a growing experience of gratitude to God and a growing capacity to love as Jesus has loved us. All this is made possible by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Eucharist reveals the ultimate pattern and purpose of our lives.

In the Eucharist we celebrate the gift of ourselves in God. Holy communion makes a powerful statement that God's life is in us, as the prayer at Mass says: "By the mingling of this water and wine may we come to share the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity". Holy Communion gradually attunes us and confirms us in this mystery of loving union with God. If God can take simple bread and wine and make them his body & blood how much more does God take us and delight in us being the "body and blood of Christ" in the world today. This is not our doing, it is by God's graciousness alone. We are no better than anyone else, it is just that by faith, we are made aware of this relationship. This is the Good News to be shared respectfully with others.

God's big HUG and EMBRACE which is the Eucharist accompanies us at every stage of our lives. It is the hug and embrace of unconditional love which desires the best for us and nurtures the best in us. When we're very young its all hugs and kisses and comfort. As we grow its all hugs, kisses, comfort and encouragement. As we get older its all hugs, kisses, comfort, encouragement and challenge. As we get older still its all hugs, kisses, comfort, encouragement, challenge and a call to loving service and responsibility. We are never ready for so great a gift or for so much love. We respond gradually, sometimes enthusiastically, sometimes indifferently, sometimes we rebel, maybe upset at God for not making things go as we would like. As long as we keep returning to the Source in humility with as much acceptance as we can muster the grace continues its work. Everything is turned to our good once we allow ourselves to be caught up in the flow of God's love which fills the whole creation. (DMA)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Amanda Bowden, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Sheila Godwin, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Judith Morrison, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Pauline Sharpley, Jason Singleton, Ronald Stevens. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

WILLIAM FARRELLY RIP: Mr William Philip Farrelly sadly passed on in Southampton General Hospital on August 8th 2012 aged 75 years. William used to attend St Michaels but has been unwell for some years. The Requiem Mass for William will take place in St Michael's Church on Wednesday, 22nd August at 1pm and will be followed by burial at Blackfield cemetery. We keep William & his family in our prayers.

ANNE "ANNIE" WYATT RIP: Annie passed on at Ashlett Dale Rest Home, Fawley on August 15th 2012 aged 91 years. The Requiem Mass for Annie will take place at St Bernard's on Friday, 31st August at 10.30am followed by Committal at Southampton Crematorium, West Chapel at 12.15pm. Annie's ashes will be interred at Blackfield Cemetery on Friday, 7th September at 11.00am. We keep Annie & her family in our prayers.

PRAYER POTTERY: the next meeting will be on Tuesday, 25th September at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Michael's. The prayer time is led by Christine Olden and comprises of music, quiet time & readings. All are welcome

HEALING MASS: will take place at Geo House (St Joseph's) on Monday, 3rd September at 7.15pm. There will be a visiting speaker who is rather special & well worth listening to. He is Marino Restrepo from Colombia. See the poster at the back of church.

CHILDREN'S MASS & LITURGY DURING AUGUST: There will not be a Children's Mass next week due to the Children's Mass for First Communion this week. Our next Children's Mass will be 2 September. There will be no Children's Liturgy during August but will resume as usual in September. If anyone would like to join our team of catechists for Children's Liturgy please contact Fr. David!

MGR PHILIP EGAN - BISHOP ELECT OF PORTSMOUTH. Mgr Philip's ordination to the Episcopate will take place on Monday, 24th September at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.

THE YEAR OF FAITH: (Oct 2012 - Nov 2013). This was announced by Pope Benedict last year. It is an invitation to every Catholic to re-discover the riches of their faith. "The Year of Faith will have to see a concerted effort to rediscover and study the fundamental content of the faith"; "if we interpret it (the 2nd Vatican Council) guided by a right hermeneutic, it can be and can become increasingly powerful for the ever necessary renewal of the Church"; "In order to arrive at a systematic knowledge of the content of the faith, all can find in the Catechism of the Catholic Church a precious and indispensable tool" (Extracts from Porta Fidei). Materials and national events are being prepared by the Bishops of England and Wales. Our own Diocese is preparing a booklet to guide us through the year and offer suggestions as to how we might respond. **See also the Geo House / St Joseph's, Ashurst programme which has a number of "faith days" planned. Details are on the noticeboard.**

CAFOD SUPPORTERS MEETING ON SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER AT BASINGSTOKE: FEEDBACK ON LENTEN APPEAL SUCCESS AND HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE SPENT. Plus question and answer session on any aspect of CAFOD's work and news of forthcoming activities. ALL WELCOME. Full details on poster in the church porches or from Louise (80898213). Booking is requested.

CAFOD - GREAT SOUTH RUN: - entrants need to register now for this event. See poster in church porch for details.

URGENT APPEAL - WATERSIDE FOOD BANK: Demand has been great over the last few months and especially this week because of the RBS banking crisis. I am so grateful to the members of The Waterside Catholic Parish for your regular & continued support, but was wondering if you would be able to make a special appeal for particular food items that we are running short of. The most urgent are: 1 litre cartons of UHT milk; Tins of powdered milk; Coffee; Rice pudding; Sugar; Instant mash potato; Tins of tomatoes. (from Jan Hayter - co-ordinator - Waterside Food Bank)

BEST WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAY PERIOD: Our prayers and best wishes go out to all our parishioners who are on holiday during this time. Also we welcome any visitors to our church who are holidaying in this area. We pray for a happy and refreshing vacation experience and for safe travelling for everyone.

BBO/SKITTLE NIGHT SAT 25TH AUGUST: - Venue is St Bernard's Hall. Tickets WILL BE ON SALE for this event 5th-19th August. Tickets £6, family ticket £16. The evening will start at 7pm and is being organised by the St Martha group. **LAST CHANCE FOR TICKETS TODAY**



ROOF REPAIRS AT ANGEL HOUSE: Many of you will have noticed the scaffolding at Angel House at the moment. The Finance Committee approved the work being carried out to renew the felt and batons under the tiles. Many years ago the parish was made aware of the poor state of the roofs of both the church and the house. This was due to the poor quality roofing felt used when the building was erected and which was not of a breathable material. This led to the rotting of batons, shifting tiles and subsequent leaks. Necessary repairs to the church & house have been carried out in the last four years but a complete renewal was always needed. A recent leak in the house roof indicated that the time was right to do the whole roof. This applies to the church as well but at the moment we can only afford to do the house. As the old felt was removed it became clear that the roof joists are only 3" x 2" timbers and not the 6" by 2" as one would expect. Understandably our roofers, Richard & Steve have been working somewhat cautiously! Weather permitting the work should be finished next week.

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH ROOF REPAIRS: While Steve & Richard (from Rivetsmead Ltd) are with us I have asked them to repair a couple of leaks to the church roof before they get worse. Fortunately they can fit it in.

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