

The Messenger

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

16th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 20th JULY 2014

Year A . Weekdays Yr 2: Psalter week 4

9.00am Mass SB

11.00am Mass SM

Mon 21st July No Service

(St Laurence of Brindisi, Religious, Doctor of the Church)

Tuesday 22nd July No Service

(St Mary Magdalen)

Wed 23rd July No Service

(St Bridget of Sweden, Foundress, Patron of Europe)

Thurs 24th July No Service

(St Sharbel Makhluף, Priest, Religious)

Friday 25th July 10am Mass SM

(St James, Apostle)

Saturday 26th July 10am Mass SM

(SS Joachim & Anne, Parents of Our Lady)

Sacrament of Reconciliation after the 10am Mass today

17th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 27th July

9.00am Mass SB

11.00am Mass SM

(Baptism 12noon Phoebe Anne Jones SM)

Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 20 th July

Anniversaries this week: Eric Powell (21st), Tadeusz Ambroszewski (22nd), John Cocker (24th), Rosalind Adams (26th)

Those who have died recently: Catherine (Kit) Cockton, Mae Kelly, Pauline Sharpley, Ron Stevens, Neil Tisdale, Ellen Patricia Terry.

Other Intentions: Maureen Mullen (Health), Cecilia & Keith Walsh (Golden Wedding Anniversary 25th July)

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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LEAVING THE FINAL JUDGEMENT TO GOD

That demand for instant judgement, for rooting out those who have done harm in the community, for bringing the last judgement into the present tense, is something that is seriously challenged in today's scripture.

The author of Wisdom tries to answer the pressing question: why does God allow the bad to flourish? Why is God so patient and moderate with Israel's enemies? He argues that God's moderation is not a result of weakness: his justice, after all, has its source in strength. But how does God actually use this sovereign strength? The answer is that he disposes of it in favour of governing with "great lenience". So God's mercy is heaped on everyone in sight, even on traditional enemies. And in this there is a purpose:

*By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.*

The people are asked to share in the same spirit of God and act with kindness to their fellow human beings. The argument is that God's leniency will give the people of Israel the good hope that when they wrong God, they too will surely benefit from his forgiveness. This same hope is enshrined in the Our Father: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

The scandal of God's patience and forbearance with wrong-doers appears again in the Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to a farmer who is confronted with a serious problem: his field is alive with wheat and a poisonous weed, darnel, which can only be distinguished from the wheat when the growth is advanced. The farmer's servants want to weed out the darnel, but the farmer tells them to leave it alone; he is worried that uprooting the weeds will endanger the wheat. He orders that no premature attempt be made to separate them. Thus both the wheat and the darnel are allowed to grow, and only at the final harvest are they separated.

The message of the parable is something that Jesus lived throughout his ministry. He reached out to all sorts of people, mixing with prostitutes, priests, crooks, scribes, politicians, children, tax-collectors. Religious separatism was something Jesus refused to advocate, making it his business to seek out and save the lost. The Pharisees, those whose very name means "the separated ones", criticised him for associating with the wrong crowd. But Jesus knew that all communities are a mixture of the good and bad, the crooked and the cracked. And further that it isn't always easy to tell which is which. In the end Jesus is the one weeded out by the authorities and thrown on to the killing fields.

The message of the parable still challenges the Church today. It is not the place of the Church to set up inquisitions, support witch hunts, organise purges to free the field for its own approved supporters. The Church is not God. As Christians we have no authority to pronounce the final judgement on anyone. The last word cannot be said about anyone until death, and then it is God's part, not ours, to say it.

(From Seasons of the Word by Denis McBride)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Baby Blake Proctor, Baby Elijah, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Derek Francis, Mervyn Francis, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Mary King, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Leanne Martin, Sarah Mc Cann, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, Sharon Poole, Ruth Rowan, Lilly Ricketts, Jim Ross, Norma Rudd, Cath Smith, Susan Soutter, Emmie Walker, George Watson,

(If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Linda via the Parish office)

THE GROUNDS: SM are in urgent need of some TLC.

Thank you to Kevin at SB the grounds are kept neat and tidy.

Thank you to Joe Breen who zaps the weeds in the car park and mows the lawn at the back of the church at SM.

Thank you to Joy Lovelock who looks after the flower bed near the ramp at SM.

BUT there are a lot more areas that need looking after. If more people take one small part each, doing a little bit when you can, it won't be such an onerous task for those who are helping already. Can you help with any of the following:

- * the clay pots near the ramp need tending to
- * the raised flower beds at the top of the steps need more soil and plants
- * the hanging baskets are looking very sad and need replanting
- * the bushes behind the church need pruning
- * The 2 yellow planters by the ramp need replanting.

If you can help with any of the above, however small, please contact Joy Lovelock at SM Tel: 02380 842591

OFFICE CLOSED The office will be closed Tuesday 22nd & Thursday 24th July. **In an emergency ring the Lymington office: 01590676696.** If it's non urgent ring 02380843479 and leave a message on the answerphone, or email watersidecp@btinternet.com

CHANGES TO PASTORAL AREAS & NEW DEANERIES: see the latest diocesan E news for all the details.

Summary of how the changes will affect us:

- 1) The pastoral areas of New Forest East & New Forest West will be merged into one pastoral area - *The New Forest Pastoral Area.*
- 2) This will become part of the new Deanery covering Bourne-mouth, Avon-Stour & the New Forest.
- 3) The Area Pastoral Council has been stood down to be re-constituted later to incorporate the whole of the New Forest. Thanks to all those who served on the Area PC.
- 4) Contrary to some rumours which have been reported, there are no plans to close any churches on the Waterside at present. Bishop Philip has made it clear he is not in favour of closing churches and wants to keep them open as far as possible. (Fr David)

MASS INTENTIONS: On an envelope write:

Your name

- ◇ The name of the person(s) the Mass is being said for
- ◇ The reason : Anniversary of a death, special intention etc
- ◇ The date you would like the Mass said
- ◇ Put the envelope through the door of Angelhouse F.A.O. Linda Guilding, with the offering for the priest.
- ◇ If the date specified for the Mass intention falls on a Monday to Thursday when Fr Vincent isn't here, I will do my best to have the Mass said at either Totton, Lyndhurst or Lymington on the specified date. I will, of course, let you know where the Mass is being said.
- ◇ If you are happy with the Mass being said on the nearest date to the one specified then that will be the nearest Fri, Sat or Sunday here at SM or SB.
- ◇ If you want a Mass card they are available from the parish office, Our parish shop Faith, Hope & Charity or the Sacristies at SB or SM.



The Pope Tweets: @Pontifex *With God, nothing is lost; but without him, everything is lost*



Day for Life (England and Wales) 27th July 2014

Every one of us, young and old alike can play our part in the promotion of life. Our every thought, word or action can promote or extinguish life – we all have a valuable contribution to make.

Pope Francis tells us that being a protector of life is about, "protecting all creation, the beauty of the created world... It means respecting each of God's creatures and respecting the environment in which we live." The pope speaks of "protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about." He emphasises the importance of the family, "husbands and wives first protect one another, and then, as parents, they care for their children, and children themselves, in time, protect their parents." And of caring for society by "building sincere friendships in which we protect one another in trust, respect, and goodness. In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it."

Let's all be builders of a better world and protect life.

www.dayforlife.org/Home/2014-Materials/2014-Message



There will be a *mandatory second collection next week* in parishes to support Day for Life. Proceeds of the collection will go to The Ancombe Bioethics Centre and other pro-life related activities supported by the Catholic Church in England and Wales.



COLLECTION Last week's collection for the Apostleship of the sea mounted to £218.54. Thank you for your generosity.



PAUSE FOR PRAYER Tuesday 22nd July St Michael's 10-11am

There is no Pause for Prayer in August.

COLLECTIONS FOR JULY

NEXT WEEK: 27th July: Day for life (see above)

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- + The families of Neil Tisdale, Pauline Sharpley (*Pauline Sharpley's funeral : 12noon Tues 5th August SM*) and Ron Stevens who are grieving at this time.
- + Cecilia & Keith Walsh celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniv.
- + Laura & Robin Gray : Wedding Anniversary
- + Prayers for peace for the Middle East: These are harsh times for the people of the Middle East – Syria, Iraq, Palestine and Israel and many are asking for our prayers and solidarity.

WHAT'S ON



THIS WEEKEND: FLOWER FESTIVAL There will be a Flower festival in the Catholic church, Lymington on
Sunday 20th July: 12noon-4pm
& Monday 21st July: 10.30-4pm.

The flower arrangers from St Michael's will be joining the flower arrangers from Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph, Lymington, St Anne's Brockenhurst & St Francis of Assisi, Milford on sea for this event. Please support them. View the flowers, have some refreshments, take part in the Tombola and the Silent Auction. !



CREAM TEA ! Our Lady & St Edward Catholic church, Lyndhurst

Sunday 27th July, Afternoon Cream Tea 2.30pm till 5.00pm
A social afternoon with Cream Tea and Strawberries.
Flower arrangement display in the church All welcome.

For the Ideal Gift or Gift Voucher visit

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