

# The Messenger

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

**20<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King - Divine Office: Wk 2**

Sun	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 6.00pm - Brockenhurst
Mon	21 <sup>st</sup>	No Service (Liturgy: Presentation of Bl. Virgin Mary)
Tues	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: Memorial - St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr)
Wed	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am Mass (at St Anne's, Brockenhurst) (Liturgy: of the Day - 34 <sup>th</sup> Week, or optnl Memorials - St Clement I, Pope & Martyr, d. c. 100 AD, or St Columbanus, Religious, 540-615)
Thurs	24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am Mass (at Our Lady & St Edward, Lyndhurst) (Liturgy: Memorial - St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs, d. 1820-1862)
Fri	25 <sup>th</sup>	No Service (Liturgy: of the Day - 34 <sup>th</sup> Week or optnl Memorial - St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr, date unknown)
Sat	26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am SM Mass followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am (Liturgy: of the Day - 34 <sup>th</sup> Week or Our Lady on Saturday)
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup>	1st Sunday of Advent 9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 6.00pm - Brockenhurst

**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 the Collection Auditors (Counters), for our choir & musicians, Ruth Adams RIP B'day Anniv, Philip Manghan RIP Anniv, Jessie Ward RIP, Tony Warrilow RIP Anniv,

**For the week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> November:** All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian (Health), Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Prayer for Migrants, Edna Tisdale RIP Anniv,

## 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 8:30am, New Milton at 10am,  
Lymington at 11:30am, Brockenhurst at 6pm

## WE HAVE TO TAKE THE WORD BEFORE WE CAN GIVE THE WORD

Whatever the full truth of the situation is, the public perception of the Catholic Church over recent years until now is that we have failed seriously as an institution. For complex reasons, some excusable and some not, the Church has not been a good shepherd to some of the least of its brothers and sisters. We stand under the judgement of Christ the King, who is also our Priest and our Prophet.

In the universal Church there are perhaps thousands of church buildings dedicated to Christ the King, yet there is hardly one dedicated to Christ the Prophet. This is symptomatic of a deeper problem. As an institution we have been happy to identify with regal authority and happy to appropriate that authority to ourselves. In the past the church did not hesitate to use all civil and ecclesiastical powers to enforce its authority. Apart from periodic clashes with kings, rulers and governments this authority of the Church was rarely challenged. If it was challenged the consequences could be horrendous. The extreme example was the torture and execution of heretics. The Spanish Inquisition being one of the worst instances. Thankfully we have come a long way since those times. Civil authority has been gradually prized away from the church in most places.

Institutional cultures and attitudes, however, tend to linger on and even find new incarnations. We have been used to giving the word – the word of teaching, the rule of law, moral guidance and the high ideal. To some extent we have forgotten that we have to take in the word ourselves. We have to apply the high ideals to ourselves first before presuming to challenge others. Humility, honesty, putting the interests of others before our own are just some of the things the institution must itself digest. The church is not a monarchy, oligarchy, democracy or even a hierarchy. It is a community formed solely on the love of God and the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is under the authority of God and God's living word. Jesus had a lot to say about service, humility, love of one another, compassion and justice. Jesus gives us no excuse for exercising authority in any other way.

This is not the time to blame others and retreat and lick our wounds. We, the church, have simply got to change, by the transforming love of the Holy Spirit and guided by the life and teaching of Jesus. (DMA).

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Marion Butler, Bill Duncan, Bishop Crispian, Petra Daniels, Mavis, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Ray Holland, Doreen Holman, Gillian Plummer, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Jason Singleton, Ronald Stevens, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

**PRAYER POTTERY:** The next meeting is on Tuesday, 29th Nov at 11am in the little chapel at St Michaels. It is led by Christine Olden and all are welcome.

**THANKYOU:** The collection for APF/Missio raised £158.45p. This sum is in addition to that given to APF/Missio via the red boxes and organised by Tony Cluett. (see below)

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The Minutes of the previous PPC Meeting have been approved and are available for inspection on the church noticeboards.

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S MASSES:** the next date for young peoples Mass at St Bernard's is: 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 or Fr David, or drop it off at the Parish office.

**PARISH FINANCIAL RETURN:** A copy of the financial return for the year Sept 2010 - August 2011 is available for consultation in each of the churches. Copies of the Summary Financial Report approved for distribution by the PPC are available at the back of church. This report also includes the latest "Living Our Faith" parish statement.

**HOW GIFT AID BENEFITS THE PARISH:** During the last year Gift Aided first collections raised **£31660** for the parish and the tax refunded by the Government on this sum amounted to **£7915**. Thanks to Carmel for administering the Gift Aid for our parish & thanks to everyone who is able to be part of the scheme. If you are a tax payer & are not yet a gift-aider please consider enabling the parish to benefit still further by your offering.

**MISSIO/APF RED BOX COLLECTIONS:** Special thanks to Tony Cluett who has been co-ordinating the Red Box collectors & collections for several decades!! As always those supporting this charity have been very generous. However more local collectors are now needed. If you think you could help please see Fr David in the first instance.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY:

**FOR CHURCH READERS:** Refresher session to be led by Rev Kevin O'Brien, Parish Priest of Totton on Saturday, 3rd March 2012, 10am-1pm, finishing with soup lunch. Venue; Geo House (Ashurst)

**FOR MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** Refresher session led by Rev David Adams, on Saturday, 17th March 2012, 10am-1pm, finishing with soup lunch. Venue; Geo House (Ashurst).

**THE LIFE OF CHRIST - WINTERSHALL:** We are planning a parish/pastoral area outing to experience this amazing dramatization of the life of Christ. This will be on Sat 23rd June, 10am until 4pm. More information to follow.

**CAFOD CHRISTMAS GIFTS:** Copies of the CAFOD Christmas catalogue are at the back of the churches. See if there is anything you'd like to give.

**WATERSIDE FOOD BANK:** Please could we have more donations of non-perishable food items for the food bank. And thanks to Terry, Louise & Theresa for getting donated items to the bank.

**OUR PARISH SHOP - FAITH HOPE & CHARITY** (just by the side of Waitrose) a great selection of **Christmas cards, calendars & gifts for sale.** Please do pop in and support the shop.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE & RAFFLE TICKETS:** are on sale after Mass in both churches. The draw will take place at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 3rd December in St John's Hall, Hythe, 10am until 2pm.

**OAP CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** on Thursday, 8th December from 12noon to 2pm at St Bernard's Hall. Sign-up forms are at the back of both churches. Please tick if you need a lift or are vegetarian. The deadline is 4th Dec as food has to be ordered.

**THANKS TO MIKE SLIPPER & THE NEW CAVALIER JAZZ-MEN** for an evening of great music and entertainment last week. Thanks to everyone who donated raffle prizes & who helped out in any way. Mike was able to donate £340 to parish funds as a result of the evening. Great effort Mike!

**GEO HOUSE (ASHURST):** is offering an Autumnal weekend of refreshment, relaxation & reflection 18th-20th November. See the poster for full information for this & other events.

**ADVENT COURSE AT ASHURST (NOW GEO HOUSE):** This course will focus around the new CaFE resource "**Saints - Helping us today**". The course will be on Thursdays at 7.30pm: 24th Nov; 1st Dec; 8th Dec; 15th Dec. The series of presentations covers Therese of the Child Jesus & Holy Face, Benedict, Francis of Assisi, Patrick, Ignatius of Loyola & Catherine of Siena. Just turn up on the night.

**DIOCESAN EVENTS COMING UP: "Stay Awake":** A day of prayer for Advent. Sat 26th Nov 9.30am- 4.00pm. A variety of workshops on Advent themes will be offered. Come for all or part of the day. No charge. Please bring a packed lunch. Led by DPF. St. Stephen's Church & St. Peter's School, Olivers Battery Road North, Winchester. SO22 4JB. For a booking form visit <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/forms/stayawake>

**Stop! Get Ready! Go!** 'You must come away to a lonely place all by yourselves and rest a while'.

Our third annual conference will be structured around the theme of prayer. It is a great opportunity for people in the diocese to gather together for practical sessions, input, prayer, reflection and liturgy.

**The dates are Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2012** Led by Department for Pastoral Formation (DPF) Venue: Hallmark Hotel, Durley Chine Road, Bournemouth, Dorset BH2 5JS. More details on the Diocesan website.

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