

# The Messenger

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

21<sup>st</sup> July 2013

16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter - Wk. 4)

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's  
11.00am Mass at St Michael's

6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

(All Liturgies are 16th week of Ordinary Time, Yr 1, unless otherwise stated)

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> No Service (Liturgy: Memorial, St Mary Magdalene)

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass  
(Liturgy: Feast, St Bridget of Sweden)

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Mass at Our Lady's, Lyndhurst  
(Liturgy: Feast, St James, Apostle)

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> No Service (Liturgy: Memorial, Ss Joachim & Anne)

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> 10.00am SM Mass followed by Adoration of Jesus  
in the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation until 11.00am

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's  
11.00am Mass at St Michael's

3.00pm Baptism at St Michael's  
Lily Grace & Scarlet Rose Raturcoko

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, The New Forest Pastoral Areas, For all those who pray for others, Peter Gallanagh & Anne Cox (Health), Laura & Robin Gray (Anniv), Terry Francis RIP, Rosalind Adams RIP Anniv, Tadeusz Ambroszewski RIP Anniv, Eric Powell RIP Anniv

**For the week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> July:** All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, The New Forest Pastoral Areas, For all who give the ministry of Welcome, Terry Francis RIP, James Maloney RIP.

## WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastoral Team: Rev David Adams (Parish Priest)  
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## New Forest East Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

St Theresa, Totton - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am  
St Joseph's (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

## Welcoming the Lord, welcoming the Word

Jesus is found, remarkably, alone with two women in their own home. It is an intimate domestic scene. Perhaps the story also echoes the experience of women hosting gatherings of the early church in their homes. Martha gets annoyed and asks Jesus to tell her sister to help her. I wonder why she doesn't ask her sister directly! Perhaps she knows her sister well enough not to and assumes Jesus will agree with her. But he doesn't. These women are his friends and he knows now that time is short. The story is less about whether the contemplative life is preferable to the domestic vocation for women, than about how aware all of us are in the moment of our priorities. Reflection, listening, stillness – these may be seen as of little value. Which of us wants to be caught apparently doing nothing?

The story says something about the choices we make. Perhaps there was no problem with Martha preparing the meal in the kitchen – but there was a difficulty with her knowing what was best for her sister. Perhaps Mary has realised that time with Jesus is precious. The story makes it possible for each of us to imagine what it might be like sitting in friendship, with friendship's listening, silences and conversation, with Jesus – not as the beginning and end of our life of faith, but as an essential, even the better part of the discipleship.

In the somewhat comical story about Abraham, meanwhile, the Lord appears to Abraham in the form of three visitors who arrive at the entrance to his tent while he is taking his siesta during the heat of the afternoon. The Lord does not complain while Abraham fusses around preparing and serving a meal for him and his companions. Sarah stays out of sight in the tent, but is the subject of this strange encounter, for this is a visitation of angels, which leads to a miraculous conception in her barren old age. God is present and can intervene in surprising ways during the most humdrum moments of our daily lives, if we are sufficiently aware to recognise him.

Mary was privileged to sit at the feet of the human Jesus, and to know how important this moment was. Not everyone – in fact, relatively few – recognised Jesus for who he was during his earthly ministry. Now, Christ is still among us, but as a mystery, the mystery of the Church as the Body of Christ. Our faith enlightens the mystery. Hope, glory, wisdom: these are the signs of Christ's presence among us. We can be 'instructed' and 'trained' to recognise the mystery of Christ among us.

For the sake of proclaiming and revealing this mystery, Paul has been happy to endure many hardships. This does not make suffering for its own sake worthwhile, but it may be necessary or inevitable on behalf of some greater cause. (From *Priests and People: Vicky Costick, Learning and Staff Development Manager for CAFOD*)

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: Duncan Badley, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Vicky Carter, John Cocker, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Peter Gray, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Pam Lonsdale, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, Honora Power, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Pauline Sharpley, Ronald Stevens. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

**PRAYER POTTERY:** The next Prayer Pottery will take place on this Tuesday, 23rd July at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Michael's. All are welcome.

**THANK YOU:** The collection for the Apostleship of the Sea raised £240.38p. Thank you for your generosity. This goes to fund chaplaincy & hospitality provision for merchant seaman from all over the world.

## SUPPORT OUR PARISH SHOP -

We need more support at the Parish Shop which sells a wide variety of cards for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Birthdays etc; religious books; giftware, Yankee Candles, jewellery and donated clothes and other goods.

**OUR SHOP NEEDS HELPERS:** The shop makes a huge financial contribution to the parish and we would be in serious difficulties without it. Can you give three & a half hours a week (either morning or afternoon) to help in the shop? Nice friendly atmosphere & good fun. Speak to Tina or Steve Bowler or Fr David. **THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY RESPONDED WITH OFFERS OF HELP. THIS IS VERY ENCOURAGING.**

**CHRISTIAN FAMILY ACTIVITY DAYS:** at St Dominic's Priory, Sway on 13th - 15th August. See poster or flyers for details. For more information speak to Lucy Maguire on 01202-483922

**NEWSLETTER "LITE":** Due to the move to Lymington and the subsequent holiday during which supply priests will be celebrating the Sunday Masses for the parish over the next 8 weeks or so the newsletter will only contain the essentials. All being well the full edition will be produced for the weekend of 28th/29th September.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

**Skittles & BBQ:** Saturday 31st August 7p.m. @ St Bernard's  
**Quiz night and American supper:** Saturday 5th October 7 p.m. @ St Bernard's.

## YEAR OF FAITH:

**Question 218: What is the right way to honor the Lord present in the bread and wine?**

Because God is truly present in the consecrated species of bread and wine, we must preserve the sacred gifts with the greatest reverence and worship our Lord and Redeemer in the Most Blessed Sacrament. If there are consecrated hosts left over after the celebration of Holy Eucharist, they are kept in sacred vessels in the tabernacle. Since the Most Blessed Sacrament is present in them, the tabernacle is one of the most venerable places in every church. We genuflect before any tabernacle. Certainly, anyone who is really following Christ will recognize him in the poorest of the poor and serve him in them. But he will also find time to spend in adoration before the tabernacle and offer his love to our Eucharistic Lord. Dig Deeper: Corresponding CCC section (1368-1381). Source: YOUCAT 218

## MESSAGE FROM FR DAVID FOR THIS TIME OF TRANSITION

*The changes to the pastoral area announced last week will soon be upon us. I am appealing to all of you to help me to keep the Waterside parish flourishing.*

*There will be a number of supply priests coming and going throughout September as I had booked my holiday for September before the moves were announced, and so had Fr Vincent. Please make these supply Priests welcome.*

*The Deacons will need your prayers and support as they will have to oversee this transitional period.*

*When Father Vincent arrives late September I am sure you will all make him feel very welcome.*

*He will be undertaking all pastoral duties- Masses and the Sacraments. He will be visiting the sick and housebound.*

*May I point out that no parishioner is to take it upon themselves to introduce any new initiative. If you wish to start a new initiative please let the Deacons or Linda know and they will discuss it with me as your Parish Priest in consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council as required. Similarly if you have any concerns, please let the Deacons or Linda know and they will discuss it with me.*

*Please continue to take responsibility for your church. I hope all the parish ministries, committees, groups and all who help in any way, will continue to meet and serve the community.*

*I hope you will all be vigilant and make sure the church is locked and please report any vandalism.*

*Linda is hoping to start work in the office on Tuesday 24th September. Her days for working in the office will be Tuesday and Friday.*

*If you need to communicate with Linda you may do so in two ways: by leaving a message on the office answerphone 02380 843479 or by writing a message and putting it in the envelope provided at the back of church. Mark the envelope "For the attention of the Parish Secretary" Then put the envelope through the letter box of the house. Do not leave them in church.*

*If you need to book a Baptism, a wedding, funeral or have a Mass said check first with Linda to make sure the date is free in the parish diary, then ask Fr Vincent about his availability.*

*I would ask you all to remember us in your prayers as we make the move from Waterside to Lymington.  
God bless you all. Fr David.*