

The Messenger

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

21st August 2011

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time - Divine Office: Week 1

Sun	21 st	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels
Mon	22 nd	No Service (Liturgy: Memorial - Queenship of Mary)
Tues	23 rd	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: of the Day - 21st Week, or Optnl Memorial - St Rose of Lima, Religious, 1586-1617)
Wed	24 th	No Service (Liturgy: Feast, St Bartholomew, Apostle)
Thurs	25 th	10.00am LT Mass (Liturgy: of the Day - 21st Week, or Optnl Memorials - St Louis IX, King of France, 1214-1270, or St Joseph Calasanz, Founder, 1557-1648)
Fri	26 th	No Service (Liturgy: of the Day - 21st Week)
Sat	27 th	10.00am SM Mass followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am (Liturgy: Memorial - St Monica, c331-387)
Sun	28 th	22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 3.00pm Baptism at St Bernards

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, deceased clergy of the Province, benefactors of the Clergy retirement Fund & "Living our Faith", Rachel Bui (1st Holy Communion), Michael McDonnell RIP, Flo Warrilow RIP Anniv, Betty Powell RIP Anniv,

For the week beginning 28th August: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian (Health), Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Rachel Bui (1st Holy Communion), Michael McDonnell RIP,

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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REFLECTIONS

Remember where this week's gospel passage comes in St. Matthew's arrangement – in the section in which we see him dwelling on the kingdom of God on earth. Peter, who had stepped out of the boat to walk towards Jesus, metaphorically steps out of their number again when Jesus poses the question 'Who do you say I am?' This is quite a leap forward. For weeks we heard Gospel passages of Jesus telling parables so that people might grasp in stories what they could not grasp with explanation. We heard Jesus explaining those parables to his disciples, those who were inclined to understand. Now Peter sums up his courage and makes a bold, though one cannot help but feel it was a take-a-deep-breath-and-go-for-it, declaration: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God'. Here Peter articulates the faith growing among the disciples. What they have sought to grasp, he, or rather the Spirit of the Father, finds words for.

Helpfully the passage from Isaiah explains the imagery which Jesus then uses. Eliakim is made master of the palace, with the key over his shoulder both the sign and the instrument of the exercise of authority.

Whether or not Jesus used the word 'Church' is less important than the apprehension of the early community that Jesus was giving this role to Peter. Peter time and again is singled out for an individual position within the narratives. He seems not to have been the brightest or the most consistent, but he was nevertheless chosen.

All this is illuminated in Paul: '...how impossible to penetrate (God's) motives or understand his methods!' Week by week we are building up a picture that it is the unlikely who become the object of God's attentions. Mary's Magnificat last week spoke of a God who raised up the lowly. Peter is chosen not because of what he can do but because of what God can do through him. (From *The Pastoral Review* by Paul Donovan)

Given the division in the Church today, the universal community of Christians clearly needs the Petrine figure, who will summarise in himself the unity of the Church. That is why the role of the papacy is at the centre of discussion between Roman Catholics and other Christians. We believe that being in communion with the Pope, the Petrine figure, is as important today as it was in the early Church. Too often, however, we tend to see the figure of the Pope as the one who uses his keys, the symbol of his authority, to keep people out. But keys open doors as well as close them, they give access as well as prevent it. And many non-Catholics are hoping that the Petrine figure can still become the great symbol of unity in the Church by using his authority in the service of unity.

This work of unity is something that can be seen practically at work in the second Letter of Peter. In spite of the real differences between Peter and Paul, Peter speaks movingly about "our brother Paul, who is so dear to us" (3:15), and goes on to defend Paul against those who distort his words. Peter functions as the great unifier, the one who holds the different factions together, the one who is the first in the defence of those who have received a mission from God to spread the Gospel. He lives up to his new name; he really is a rock. (From *Seasons of the Word* by Denis McBride)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Marion Butler, Bishop Crispian, Petra Daniels, Mervyn Francis, Amanda Gudge, Doreen Holman, Norma Rudd, Sarah, Jason Singleton, Simon Smith, Ronald Stevens, Jim Walker, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

BISHOP CRISPIAN' HEALTH: Bishop Crispian made a public announcement last month that he is suffering from bowel cancer and will need surgery in September. He has asked for prayers from the people of the Diocese.

NO MASS THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING (24th Aug): Fr David is assisting with the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the *Fanning the Flame* youth event at the Dominican Convent in Sway at that time.

MICHAEL McDONNELL RIP: We have all been shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden death of Michael. He died in his sleep & was found by a neighbour on Tuesday morning. He was a cheerful & friendly man, he regularly attended Sunday and weekday Masses and supported the parish social functions. He will be sadly missed. The Requiem Mass for Michael will be celebrated at **St Bernard's Church on Tuesday, 30th August at 2.30pm** followed by Committal at Southampton Crematorium.

NEW TRANSLATION OF THE LITURGY: On **Sunday, 4th September** we begin using the new translation of the Order of Mass. Mass cards will be available to assist us. To understand why a new translation is being introduced please consult the various resources available from the Parish Shop.

THE MINISTRY OF READER & THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE LITURGY.

All Readers in Church, please take note that the changes in the new translation will affect you. Please take the pink hand out sheet available at the back of church and study it carefully.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MASSES: the next few dates for young peoples Masses at St Bernard's are: 4 Sept, 2 Oct, 6 Nov, 4 Dec. Children's Liturgy will continue during the holiday period as far as possible.

Forthcoming Dates:

Rachel Bui will be making her First Holy Communion on Sunday, 28th August at the 11am Mass at St Michaels. Alexia Bui will be doing the 2nd reading on that Sunday. Our thoughts and prayers are with Rachel as she prepares for this new experience of Christ's love.

The **Baptism** of baby Matthew James Cross will take place at St Bernard's on Sunday, 28th August at 3pm.

Sunday, 4th September: We begin using the new translation of the Liturgy for the Order of Mass. Special cards will be provided so that we can read the new responses.

The next **PPC Meeting** is on Thursday, 22nd September, at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at St Michaels.

Praying with Children - a workshop for Christian adults. Saturday, 24th Sept, 10am to 4pm, Brockenhurst Village Hall, see poster for details & booking information.

The next **Finance Committee Meeting** is on Thursday, 13th October at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room.

CAFOD COFFEE MORNING : A huge thank you from Theresa and Louise to ALL who supported the coffee morning on 4th August. £300 was raised to help with Famine Relief in East Africa. Thanks to Theresa for coming up with the idea & to Theresa & Louise for organising it together with the parish CAFOD group.

THANK YOU FOR ENORMOUS GENEROSITY TO THE STARVING PEOPLE IN SOMALIA, ETHIOPIA AND KENYA: You gave £2100.91 and the tax refund will add more. A great deal can be done to save lives with this contribution. Please pray for the suffering and those helping them. CAFOD envelopes are still available at the back of the churches if you wish to make a further contribution or if haven't already had the chance to do so.

PARISH FINANCIAL APPEAL: Please can everyone consider making some increase to their weekly/monthly contribution. We need to find an extra £500 a month to repay a debt we owe to the Diocese & have enough in reserve to meet inevitable repair bills. Thanks to those who already have signed up for Gift Aid. If you are a tax payer & have not signed up for Gift Aid, please consider it. For every £10 you give, Gift Aid will add another £2.82p making a total of £12.82p!

CHANGING THE ALTAR AT ST BERNARD'S: The round altar at St Bernard's was a temporary construction comprising a round piece of MDF skilfully attached (thanks to Bruno) to a liturgical side table. After listening to some concerns & consulting with our deacons I have decided to replace this with the original purpose built wooden altar that was in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Michael's. Another wooden altar (too long for St Bernard's) which has been in storage is now being used in the small chapel at St Michael's.

THE PARISH SHOP: Now has Gift Vouchers!!! Any amount from £5 to £100!

Also "The Order of Mass -New English translation " - now in stock, £1.95p.

NEW TRANSLATION OF THE LITURGY - RESOURCES
(These can be ordered now from the Parish Shop)

The following are available to be ordered now:

Simple Prayer Book - Standard Edition - CTS, £1.95p

Large Print Mass Book, CTS £1.95

Companion to the Order of Mass (*An exploration of the meaning & scriptural resonances of the words of the Mass, using the new translation*) CTS, £2.50

Understanding the Roman Missal - the New Translation (A presentation & explanation of the new translation, accompanied by liturgical and spiritual reflections) CTS, £1.95 **NOW IN STOCK**

And With Your Spirit (Missal Music CD) *A guide to singing the new English translation of the Mass.* CTS £14.95

The following will be available in November 2011 but can be ordered now

People's Sunday Missal - including the Order of Mass new translation. £ TBA

People's Daily Missal - including the Order of Mass new translation. £ TBA