

# The Messenger

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

**25th Sunday of Ordinary time 21st September**  
**Year A, Weekdays Yr 2; Psalter week 1**

**9.00am Mass SB**  
**11.00am Mass SM**

Monday 22nd September No Service

Tuesday 23rd September No Service

*(St Pio of Pietrelcina, Religious)*

Wednesday 24th September No Service

*(Our Lady of Walsingham)*

Thursday 25th September No Service

**Friday 26th September 10am Mass SM**

*(Ss Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs)*

**Saturday 27th September 10am Mass SM**

*(St Vincent de Paul, Founder)*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation after the 10am Mass today**

**26th Sunday of Ordinary time 28th September**

9.00am Mass SB

11.00am Mass SM

**Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 21st September**

**Anniversaries this week:** Ann Harding (22nd)

**Those who have died recently:** James Barnard, Frances Josephine Bianchi, Brenda Bowen, Elzbieta (Liz) Flaherty, Lily Ricketts, Isabella Taggart

**Other Intentions:** Michael Ball R.I.P Anniv (SB), Maurice Donovan -Special intention (SM)

**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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**New Forest East Pastoral Area:** Lyndhurst, Totton & Waterside,

**Sunday Mass Times**

**St Theresa, Totton** - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am

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

**Rev Stephen Short** (Deacon)

**Parish priest : Rev Innaiah Maddineni :** Tel: 023 8086 2270

**Rev Andrew Philpott** (Deacon)

**New Forest West Pastoral Area:** Brockenhurst, Lymington, Milford on sea & New Milton

**Parish Priest: Rev David Adams** Tel: 01590 676696

**Rev Stephen Morgan** (Deacon)

St Anne-Brockenhurst, Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph-Lymington, St Francis of Assisi-Milford on Sea.

**Parish Priest: Rev Marcin Drabik :** Tel: 01425 614968

Our Lady of Lourdes- New Milton

**Sunday Mass Times**

**Saturday Vigil Mass: Lymington and New Milton** at 6pm

**Sunday: Milford on Sea** at 9.00am, **New Milton** at 10 am,

**New Milton** 6.30pm *Mass in Polish*

**Lymington** at 10:30am, **Brockenhurst** at 6.00pm

**THE FIRST AND THE LAST**

One way of responding to the teaching of Jesus is to take a Gospel passage and identify with each of the main characters in the parable or story. Then one needs to recognise one's feeling and reactions. It is called "owning our biases". We all approach the Gospel with preconceived ideas and basic assumptions about life. This is just the way we are and it's not a matter for guilt or blame. We can however take responsibility for ourselves which opens the way to seeing things in a new light and responding in a different way. Jesus is always challenging our basic assumptions about self, others, the world, what is good and bad and what is worth striving for. If we want a relationship with God now and if we hope for that relationship to endure for eternal life then we must continue the effort to get on God's wavelength. Thankfully God will do all the hard work if we let her.

Take this Sunday's Gospel. There are three main characters, the landowner, the labourers hired first and the labourers hired last. We need to stand "in the shoes" of these different people and experience what it feels like. Then we can ask ourselves why we think and feel the way we do.

Some years ago when I was in South Africa I noticed that in certain places in the towns labourers and craftsmen would stand around waiting to be hired by contractors. (In Iraq, as through-out the Middle East the labourers still do the same and some were victims of a suicide bombing during the time of unrest.) Imagine if you have a family to feed or if one of your children is sick. You don't have regular job & therefore no regular wage. You have to depend on others to hire you. Then when you have been hired and have worked hard all day long you get the same money as someone who has only worked a few hours. How does that make you feel? What are the expectations of justice and fairness? What if you are a trade union representative?

Now put yourself in the shoes of a labourer hired last. You have been waiting for most of the day. You are getting more and more depressed and worried. Will you get enough money to live on? Will you have to work on into the night? How will you feel having to go home to the family with only a little money, not enough to pay the bills and buy food? How will you feel when you are paid the same as those who have worked all day? You receive something you didn't earn or deserve. The gift comes from the sheer benevolence of the landowner. How does that feel? Would you feel more secure if you had earned the wages?

Now put yourself in the position of the landowner. It is your land, your money and you control the work. Would you pay the labourers the same? Would you think about their personal circumstances? Would you be influenced by the objections of other people?

If the landowner represents God it means that God looks to the needs of each person. It means that God gives according to God's own goodness. God is free to do as he sees fit with his gifts. As God is loving to us all we have no reason to complain. (DMA)

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers:

David Bazley, Janice Bird, Baby Blake Proctor, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Alice Branhill, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Baby Elijah, Derek Faiers, Derek Francis, Mervyn Francis, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Mary King, Trudy King, Doreen Holman, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Sarah Mc Cann, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, Marta Pugsley, Ruth Rowan, Jim Ross, Norma Rudd, Cath Smith, Susan Soutter, Emmie Walker, Pam Watkins George Watson, Francesca Wells.

**If you wish someone to be included for prayers here, or if the person being prayed for is now well & you would like their name removed, speak to Deacons Ian or Steve or Linda via the Parish office.**

**SAD NEWS** It is with great sadness that I have to announce the death of Frances Josephine Bianchi who passed away on 11th September in DelRay hospital in Florida. May she rest in peace. Frances' funeral was on 16th September at Our Lady of Lourdes RC church, Boca Raton Florida. Frances will be flown back to the UK where there will be a Memorial service for her. She will be laid to rest at Blackfield Cemetery with her husband, Edgardo. Details to follow. Please continue to keep Frances and her family in your prayers.

**THE FUNERAL SERVICE FOR** Brenda Bowen, mother of Angela Slattery, will be 12.15pm on Friday 3rd October at St Bernard's. Her body will be received into the church the night before at 4.30pm. Family flowers only but donations can be made to Oakhaven Hospice Trust through Henry Powell & Son, 11/13 Eling Lane, Totton, Southampton SO40 9GB

**OUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE** is only 76days away from today!! To avoid inundating you with requests nearer the date we are going to specify different things each month. This month we would like: **Raffle prizes. & Craft items** A big thank you to those who have handed in prizes already If you have any prizes for the main raffle please take them to the parish shop: Faith Hope & Charity, or leave them at the back of the church for collection. Please mark them 'Parish raffle'.

If you can make or buy anything which can be sold on the Craft stall for the Fayre, please see Tina Bowler or ring the parish office. Thank you!

**BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES** If you would like someone remembered in prayers for forthcoming birthdays and anniversaries, please let the Deacons or Linda in the parish office know.

**FOR THOSE MINISTERS OF COMMUNION WHO WILL SOON BE GOING OUT TO THE HOUSEBOUND FOR THE FIRST TIME** details of a Diocesan course on Safeguarding that you are required to attend will be with you shortly.

**SHORT TERM HELP NEEDED** One of the cleaning teams at St Michael's needs help covering for one of their members who will be temporarily indisposed for 3 months due to an operation. It will involve 1 hour on the following dates: 22nd Oct, 19th November, 17th December and a date in January. Please ring Peggy Kirwan on 02380 848526 if you can help or need further information.

**CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY – Friday 3 October.** Thank you so much for all your support this summer for CAFOD's Gaza and Iraq appeals. Please join us in prayer on Friday 3 October and make a place at your table for the one in eight across the world who do not have enough to eat. Your Fast Day envelopes are now available in church. Please give as much as you can so that hunger doesn't remain a fact of life for the world's poorest people. Thank you for your compassion and solidarity at this time.



**The Pope Tweets: @Pontifex** *The Lord is always there waiting to give us his love: it is an amazing thing, one which never ceases to surprise us!*



**TODAY : COLLECTION FOR : HOME MISSION SUNDAY**

The Bishops of England and Wales invite parishes to celebrate Home Mission Sunday to encourage every mass going Catholic to respond urgently to the call to evangelise. With most mass going Catholics feeling the pain and sorrow caused by a large number of family members and friends not practising their faith, there is an urgency for us all to consider afresh how we might respectfully and joyfully reach out to our absent brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you for all that you are already doing in this regard. The funds raised directly support the work of the Bishops' Dept for Evangelisation and Catechesis, served by one full-time Home Mission staff member. Thank you for your support.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER**

**28th September** The Cathedral (Obligatory)

The collection for Racial Justice was £168.68. Thank you for your support.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

- + Those struggling to come to terms with a bereavement or illness, especially the families and friends of Brenda Bowen and Frances Bianchi.
- + For those suffering as a result of conflicts around the world.
- + All those who are negotiating ceasefires and working towards peace in war torn countries.
- + All those attending the Celebrate weekend in Southampton
- + The Bishops of England & Wales to develop new ways to reach out to non church going (lapsed) Catholics
- + Sr Maria from the Dominican sisters at Sway, who is suffering with pneumonia.
- + For those discerning life as a Priest or a Religious.

**THANK YOU** On behalf of the parishioners and Clergy of Waterside Parish. I would like to thank Eileen Brady for all she has done for the parish while being a member of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). She is stepping down after many years of service to spend more time with Gerry. (Fr David)

**WHAT'S ON**

**AN EVENING OF HEALING** with Little Way Healing Ministries **Monday 29 September 7pm-9:30pm**, Highfield House Hotel, Highfield Lane, SO17 1AQ. Fr. Laurence Brassill OSA and Mrs. Pauline Edwards and team offer an evening of teaching and healing. Everyone is welcome so bring your friends, neighbours and relatives. No need to be a churchgoer to attend. Tea and coffee provided. Jesus said: '*Lay your hands on the sick and they will be healed*'. Come and see.



**PAUSE FOR PRAYER** 10-11am St Michael's Hythe **30th September**

**TAIZE SERVICE: Friday 3rd October 7.30pm St Francis of Assisi church, Milford on sea.** Following the very successful and prayerful Taize service for our confirmation candidates earlier in the year, the choir and musicians from Our Lady Queen of Peace in Southbourne have kindly offered to support the Parish of St. Francis of Assisi in a special candlelit Taize service to celebrate our Patronal Feast Day. *We would like to invite all parishioners from the Catholic churches in the New Forest to come and join us on this special day.*

For the Ideal Gift or Gift Voucher visit  
**Faith, Hope & Charity**  
**8 ST JOHN'S STREET, HYTHE SO45 6DA**  
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