

The Messenger

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

22nd January 2012

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - Divine Office: Wk 3

Sun	22 nd	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 6.00pm - St Anne's, Brockenhurst
Mon	23 rd	No Service (Liturgy: of the Day - 3 rd Week Ord. Time)
Tues	24 th	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: Memorial, St Francis de Sales, 1567-1622)
Wed	25 th	10.00am Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst (Liturgy: Feast, Conversion of St Paul) End of Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity
Thurs	26 th	10.00am Mass at Our Lady's, Lyndhurst (Liturgy: Memorial, Ss Timothy & Titus, Bishops)
Fri	27 th	No Service (Liturgy: of the Day - or optnl Memorial, St Angela Merici, Foundress, 1474-1540)
Sat	28 th	10.00am SM Mass followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.00am (Liturgy: Memorial, St Thomas Aquinas, Religious, Doctor of the Church, 1225-1274)
Sun	29 th	4th Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 6.00pm - 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, Bishop Crispian (Health), Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Peace in the World, Christian Unity, our PPC, For the New Forest & New Forest East Pastoral Areas, Tina Bowler B'day, Phyl Stevens B'day, Barbara Coughlan RIP, Norman Croucher RIP, Norman Jones RIP Anniv, Roy Nicholas RIP Anniv, Patrick Quigg RIP

For the week beginning 29th January: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Bishop Crispian (Health), Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Peace in the World, For the New Forest & New Forest East Pastoral Areas, Barbara Coughlan RIP

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

GOOD NEWS TO SHARE

Jesus had good news to share and his message is still good news for us today. All we have to do is to see ourselves, others and God in a new way. This is the repenting (literally; changing your mind, or going beyond your usual way of thinking) that is invited. There is something really good and wonderful on offer. All that is asked of us is that we accept it, and, as best we can, live our lives by it. This is called believing the good news. We are invited to accept God's unconditional love, God's gift of forgiveness and a share in God's own life through the Holy Spirit. These gifts of love are not a far off reality, they are very close, very near to us. They are as close as a simple "Yes" made to God.

Jesus called living in God's love - the Kingdom. We enter the Kingdom when "we change and become like little children". We enter the Kingdom when we believe in God's undeserved love for ourselves and for everyone. We enter the Kingdom when we realise our own dignity and the dignity God has given to every other person and we behave accordingly. We enter the Kingdom when we can trust God without fear, let go of our guilt, shame and anxiety and allow ourselves and others to be joyful and happy. We enter the Kingdom when we live our relationships with authenticity and love.

St Paul wrote about being free from the Law, living in the Spirit, living by grace and not by the letter of the Law. The author of the letter to the Hebrews writes that in Christ we no longer have "any consciousness of sin" because all sins have been forgiven. This doesn't mean we live immorally or irresponsibly. On the contrary, being free from guilt, anxiety & shame and living in grace means we have more freedom and energy to heal, to change and to struggle for what is right. No longer under condemnation and judgement we can be honest about our difficulties and failures and gradually "the truth will set us free".

ACCEPTING THE IMPLICATIONS OF EVOLUTION

For thousands of years it was story and symbol that mediated what was perceived, or believed to be true. Over the last two hundred years or more science has been struggling to establish itself as the predominant interpreter of reality. This is no threat to faith because all truth is from God. However it does mean we need to re-express our faith in ways that are in harmony with the truth being revealed in God's world as it has come into being. The ancient stories (like Adam & Eve) have gradually become redundant, no longer taken literally or simplistically they function more as metaphor. Like toys & clothes one grows out of, they are not so much rejected, as stored away to become the memorable milestones of humanity's cultural/religious/spiritual journey. As the ring markers in the trunk of a tree they are celebrated residuals of previous growth.

The new emerging picture reveals the love of God in creation in a wonderful and exciting way. There is much work & re-thinking to be done. The Church must not allow fear & insecurity to tempt it to lag behind the work of the Spirit. With St Paul it must: "forget what lies behind and strain forward to what lies ahead". (DMA)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Marion Butler, Bishop Crispian, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Magdalen Forshaw, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Ken Hemmings, George Hutcheson, Patrick Martin. Gillian Plummer, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Jason Singleton, Ronald Stevens, Ann Wilton, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

BARBARA COUGHLAN RIP: You'll be sad to hear that Barbara Coughlan passed away last weekend. She died peacefully at home after a long illness. Her Funeral Service will be on Tuesday, 31st January at 2pm in St Michael's Church, followed by burial at Blackfield Cemetery.



PRAYER POTTERY: The next prayer meeting will be on Tuesday, 31st January at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Michael's. It will be led by Christine Olden & all are welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Parents, please contact Fr David if your child is in Year 3 at primary school and will be 8 yrs old this year and you wish your child to make their First Holy Communion. If you think your child is ready to begin receiving Holy Communion but does not yet match the age criteria mentioned above, contact Fr David also. At the moment we are only able to offer support for a home & parent centred programme of preparation.

SPECIAL THANKS TO WIN COCKER: Win has been a very active and hardworking member of the Martha Group for the past 9 years. She has been organising and helping with all our social and fund-raising events. She has also been the chairperson all the time I've been here. Win was the brains and hands behind the parish Christmas Lunch for Senior Citizens. Win's husband is insisting she takes it a bit easier from now on, so she must call it a day. On behalf of myself & the parish, thank you, Win.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ANN HARDING: Ann has been helping out as a volunteer at the Parish Shop for the past 9 years. Her help has been particularly appreciated when she stood in for other volunteers when they were unable to work through ill-health or some other reason. The shop makes a very important and vital financial contribution to the parish as well as providing a service as a repository & Fair trade outlet. Ann tells me she will now have time to catch up with other things she wants to do. On behalf of myself, the parish and all the people at the shop, thank you, Ann.

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. See main feature.

UNITED CHRISTIAN SERVICE - WATERSIDE: All the Waterside Churches are invited to participate in the annual united service which will take place at: Waterside Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, Fawley on Sunday 22nd January at 6.30pm. Fr David has to be at Brockenhurst at that time so if anyone can represent the Catholic community it would be good.

A DAY OF PRAYER organised by the Diocese will take place on Saturday, **4th February 2012 at St. Swithun Wells Primary School, Hillcrest Avenue, Chandlers Ford, Hants. SO53 2JP.** The theme of the day is 'Prayer: tools for the toolbox'. It will include a variety of sessions, led by Department of Pastoral Formation members and others, enabling people to experience different ways of praying, as well as a quiet room for silent prayer. **The day starts at 10.30am (tea/coffee will be available from 10.00am) and will end at 4.00pm. Feel free to come for all or part of the day. Please bring a packed lunch. Booking is essential** since we need a minimum number of people to make the day viable. If you would like to reserve a place please email: estephenon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or telephone her on 01329 835583. There is no charge for the day.

DO YOU LOVE FLOWERS? Have you ever thought that you would like to arrange flowers, but don't know where to start? Well now you can find out. In conjunction with Blackfield Flower Club we are having some very basic workshops at St Bernard's Hall. This will start at St Bernard's Hall on Thursday, 2nd February at 10.00am. Why not come along and have fun with flowers? For details of what you need to bring ring Monica on 80-892930.

THANK YOU TO: a parishioner, who wishes to remain anonymous, who has paid for the repair of the hand rails on the steps leading to the main doors at St Michael's, and has also repaired and strengthened the hand rails & brickwork on the ramp leading to the side door at St Michael's. It is a much needed improvement and is greatly appreciated.

THE LIFE OF CHRIST - WINTERSHALL:

We are planning a parish/pastoral area outing to experience this amazing open air dramatization of the life of Christ. This will be on Saturday 23rd June, 10am until 4pm. We will organise a coach to take us there. This is a wonderful experience and everyone who has been there will tell you of the powerful and moving effect the re-enactment had on them. Many are keen to go again too! Louise Brown (PPC) & Deacon Steve Bowler are helping to organise the tickets and transport. Don't miss out! Get ready to sign up for your tickets at the first opportunity.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE: To mark the Queen's Jubilee the PPC has decided that we should have only one parish Sunday Mass on Sunday, 3rd June. This will be at 10.00am and will take place at St Bernard's. Parishioners will be encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy some of the Jubilee weekend together. Those with cars will also be encouraged to offer lifts to those without transport.

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