

The Messenger

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

22nd July 2012

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B (Psalter Wk.4)

Sun	22 nd	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst
Mon	23 rd	No Service (Liturgy: Feast, St Bridget of Sweden)
Tues	24 th	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: 16th Week of Ordinary Time)
Wed	25 th	10.00am - Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst (Liturgy: Feast, St James)
Thurs	26 th	10.00am - Mass at Our Ladys, Lyndhurst (Liturgy: Memory, Ss Joachim & Anne)
Fri	27 th	No Service (Liturgy: 16th Week of Ordinary Time)
Sat	28 th	10.00am SM Mass followed by Reconciliation until 11.00am (Liturgy: 16th Week of Ordinary Time) 12.30pm SM Wedding Service Laura Spillane & Paul Stevens
Sun	29 th	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass at St Bernards 1st Holy Communion 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 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, Bishop Crispian (Happy Retirement), Bishop elect Philip Egan, Laura Spillane & Paul Stevens (Marriage), Irene Cradick (Health), Laura & Robin Gray (Wedding Anniv), Margaret Ann Burke RIP, Angela Humphrey RIP, Rosalind Adams RIP Anniv, Tadeusz Ambroszewski RIP Anniv

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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 9.00am, New Milton at 11.30am,
 Lymington at 10:30am, Brockenhurst at 6.00pm

DESTROYING HOSTILITY IN HIS OWN PERSON

The situation in the Middle East has been festering for many years and now Syria is edging ever closer to internal conflict and Iran's nuclear issues remain unresolved. On all sides there are "shepherds" fixated on tribal divisions, filled with animosity and fear and allowing the "flock" to be destroyed and scattered. The situation gives still more credence to the view that this kind of religion really does produce nothing but oppression and conflict.

A new start is needed, a new consciousness has to arise, humanity has to move on or else we will destroy ourselves and the whole planet with us.

But isn't this "new start" and "new humanity" precisely what Jesus has done. Our second reading could not put it more clearly. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own body the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Humanity in himself ...

After this religion can never be used as an excuse for or source of violence and hatred between peoples. Yet when we examine history its almost as if nothing happened at all. Is it because Christianity developed into just another competitive, even hostile religion like any other? Rather than becoming a rival religion should Christianity have developed as a reconciling agent uniting all things in heaven and on earth and bringing everything together under Christ. Christ who stands not as another "name" or another competing deity but as the historical symbol of the Divine presence in everything and everyone.

But this is something that many so-called Christians cannot understand. Powerful Christian lobbies in America view the return of the Jewish people to Israel as the fulfilment of prophecy and an expression of God's will. They are prepared to give the state of Israel uncritical support no matter what it does. From their point of view the end justifies the means. So they encourage Israel to continue in the same belligerent, hostile manner caused by the very rules and decrees of the Law that Jesus himself abolished. They make the cross of Christ meaningless. Such a distortion of all that Jesus stands for just adds further weight to the secularists' argument that this kind of religion is nothing but a threat to the human race. Paul suggests that Jesus would be in total agreement with that. He acknowledges that the Law was a cause of hostility.

Hostile religion begins with the security of the tribe but it ends with the bitterness of conflict. It's the wide easy path to destruction. The hard narrow way of the cross means hostility has to be overcome within the person so that peace can be made outside. If we cannot transform our pain through love we will always transmit it in hate and anger. The way of peace is a hard road and few find it or are willing to pay the price for it. (DMA)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Amanda Bowden, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Sheila Godwin, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Judith Morrison, 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.)

ANGELA HUMPHREY RIP: Sadly last week we learned of the death of Angela. She was a parishioner and for some time was employed as a cleaner of St Bernard's church & hall. A Funeral Service for Angela will be held on Wednesday, 25th July at 2pm at St Bernard's followed by burial at Blackfield cemetery. *The picture of Angela shown here was taken some years ago.*



PRAYER POTTERY: the next meeting will be on Tuesday, 31st July at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Michael's. The prayer time is led by Christine Olden and comprises of music, quiet time & readings. All are welcome

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: We now have three children being prepared for their 1st Holy Communion. They are Laura Libakaite, George Lovelock & Rebecca Mitchell. They are being prepared by their parents. The 1st Holy Communion celebration will take place at St Bernard's **NEXT SUNDAY**, 29th July at 9.00am. We will keep them & their parents in our prayers during the coming week.

DAY FOR LIFE: Next Sunday, leaflets will be available encouraging prayer and support so that life in all its stages and aspects can be respected & protected.

THANK YOU FROM EILEEN BRADY: Eileen wishes to thank everyone for prayers, get well cards and best wishes for her recent stay in hospital. Eileen is making a good recovery.

MGR PHILIP EGAN - BISHOP ELECT OF PORTSMOUTH. Mgr Philip's ordination to the Episcopate will take place on Monday, 24th September at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. He released the following statement: *It is with trepidation and yet with profound trust in the loving mercy of the Sacred Heart of Christ, that I accept the Holy Father's appointment as the new Bishop of Portsmouth, in succession to dear Bishop Crispian. I look forward with joy to working with my fellow priests and with all who minister in parishes, schools and other contexts, caring for the people of God. May we all together be in the closest communion of heart and mind with our Holy Father, Pope Benedict, and faithful to his call to new evangelisation. The ministry of the Bishop, as the chief shepherd, priest and teacher of the flock entrusted to him, involves carrying the Lord's Cross in a particular way. So as I begin this ministry and look to the years ahead, I sincerely ask you for your prayers, together with those of our brothers and sisters in the other Christian communities and indeed of every person of faith and goodwill. May Mary, Queen conceived without original sin, and St. Edmund of Abingdon, obtain for us a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that all may come*



to know,
and love
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MESSAGE FROM CAFOD - PORTSMOUTH

Following the exceptional response of the Catholic community to our Lent Appeal I would like to thank you all. The total for the Lent Appeal is now in excess of £9 million (before we receive UK Aid Match Funding from the Government). We had been planning a £2m programme to ensure the provision of safe water for thousands of people. This now means that many thousands more people currently in dire need will be provided with sustainable water resources for the long term.

THANKS - RE: CAKES FOR CAFOD : Thanks to everyone who baked cakes for the cake sale for the CAFOD Rwanda link. And a thank you to everyone who bought the cakes and supported this appeal. The amount raised from both churches was £136. Well done, everyone.

URGENT APPEAL - WATERSIDE FOOD BANK: Demand has been great over the last few months and especially this week because of the RBS banking crisis. I am so grateful to the members of The Waterside Catholic Parish for your regular & continued support, but was wondering if you would be able to make a special appeal for particular food items that we are running short of. The most urgent are: 1 litre cartons of UHT milk; Tins of powdered milk; Coffee; Rice pudding; Sugar; Instant mash potato; Tins of tomatoes. (from Jan Hayter - co-ordinator - Waterside Food Bank)

THANKS TO TWO PARISHIONERS who wish to remain anonymous. They both donated £50 to the Waterside Food Bank via the parish.

THE YEAR OF FAITH: (Oct 2012 - Nov 2013). This was announced by Pope Benedict last year. It is an invitation to every Catholic to re-discover the riches of their faith. "The Year of Faith will have to see a concerted effort to rediscover and study the fundamental content of the faith"; "if we interpret it (the 2nd Vatican Council) guided by a right hermeneutic, it can be and can become increasingly powerful for the ever necessary renewal of the Church"; "In order to arrive at a systematic knowledge of the content of the faith, all can find in the Catechism of the Catholic Church a precious and indispensable tool" (Extracts from Porta Fidei). Materials and national events are being prepared by the Bishops of England and Wales. Our own Diocese is preparing a booklet to guide us through the year and offer suggestions as to how we might respond. **See also the Geo House / St Joseph's, Ashurst programme which has a number of "faith days" planned.**

CONGRATULATIONS: Waterside Poetry Competition: Winner of the adult section, Lexley George for "Stepping Stones". Secondary Schools Section: Winner Anna Lawes for "Place of Dreams"; Highly Commended Isabel Lawes for "Legends"

BBQ/SKITTLE NIGHT SAT 25TH AUGUST: - Tickets WILL BE ON SALE for this event 5th-19th August. Tickets £6, family ticket £16. The evening will start at 7pm and is being organised by the St Martha group.



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