

The Messenger

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

Third Sunday of Lent 23rd March

9.00am Mass at SB
11.00am Mass at SM

3.00pm Stations of the Cross SB

Year A, Weekdays Yr 2; Psalter week 3

Mon 24th March No Service

Tues 25th March No service
Pause for prayer 10-11am SM

Wed 26th March No Service
(Liturgy of the day The Annunciation of the Lord)

Thurs 27th March No Service

Fri 28th March Mass 10am SM

Sat 29th March Mass 10am SM

Sacrament of Reconciliation straight after Mass

Fourth Sunday of Lent Sun day 30th March

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's

11.00am Mass at St Michael's

3.00pm Stations of the Cross SM

Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 23rd March

For Pope Francis, for all those in conflict around the world, for the people of Ukraine and Russia, for those missing on Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 & their families.

Anniversaries this week: Roy Coddington (23rd) Jim Ross Snr (23rd), Deceased members of the Chrzanowski family (FM) (28th), Charles Ketley (29th)

Those who have died recently: Ellen Pick

Other Intentions: Ruth Rowan (Health)

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

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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)

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

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

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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

A SPRING OF WATER WITHIN OUR HEARTS

The whole of the universe evidences an irrepressible "passion" and energy for connection, interaction and growth. Particles get together, elements interact, life emerges moving towards ever greater complexity and diversity. There is also a great thirst within us, within the human soul and in the whole of humanity. This is a thirst for the totally wonderful unconditional love and acceptance of God. Somehow we must have experienced this or we would not be able to recognise it and long for it. Some would say that as we issued forth from the creative hand of God we were kissed and embraced by a love so marvellous its memory cannot be totally eradicated. Even though we are born with a mysterious forgetfulness of this, the call of this love continues to exert its powerful influence. So every longing and desire and passion even the most distorted and depraved stems from a deep thirst and hunger of the soul for God. This is the "sickness" which needs healing.

It is into this blind, hopeless striving and searching that the Christ meets us in Jesus. As St Paul says: we were still helpless, still sinful, still "enemies" when Jesus died for us. And now we see that same, wonderful, unconditional love written loud and clear from the Cross. "What proves God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners".


We see this same quality of love in the conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. Even before she had revealed anything of her colourful life history Jesus was offering her the living water of his love. "if you only knew who it is that is speaking to you, you would have been the one to ask and he would have given you living water".

We imagine that we have to get ourselves right first. We have to prepare, deal with our sins, put everything in order and then we might be ready for God. Then God might deign to listen to us and be with us. But this is a doomed enterprise. Without Jesus we can do nothing. We are helpless and trapped in our little self-constructed worlds. Not only do we not know the way out. We do not even imagine there is anything else, any different way of seeing, of being, of relating. We don't even know the depths of joy and happiness we are missing. We think this is all there is. We are certainly helpless. So its not our love for God (there isn't much of that anyway), but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

And we mustn't wait for others to "get their lives in order" before we tell them of God's love for them. We must share the good news of God's love precisely so that, eventually, maybe even suddenly, in the power of that love they will discover hope and healing. Then some order may begin to come into their lives. So its not: get the morality right and the mysticism, the love relationship with God will follow. It's the other way round. We must let ourselves be seduced, captured by God, healed by God's mercy then the morality will eventually come right. After all God has been pretty tolerant of humanity - waiting for us to evolve & "grow up", and we have still a long way to go!

We all have different preferences about liturgy and worship - this way or that way, this mountain or that mountain. Never mind what we think or want. Jesus reminds us that what is really important is what God wants. Jesus says his Father is seeking those who worship "in spirit and in truth". This is allowing God to see us as we are. It is being before God in our truth and it is being open, like a child, to the love, spirit, truth and being of God who is with us. (DMA)


PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Baby Elijah, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Gabrielle Hennig, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, Helen Pick, George Raffray, Ruth Rowan, Lilly Ricketts, Norma Rudd, Pauline Sharpley, Susan Soutter, Ronald Stevens, Emmie Walker, Neil Tisdale, Helen Whitty.
(If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Linda via the Parish office)

 **Foodbank:** At present there is a particular shortage of long life milk, toilet rolls, tinned fish (for example tuna, salmon, pilchards or sardines); sugar; and custard (tins or packets) plus the usual tinned and packed goods. If you can help with any of these items they will be greatly appreciated.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY there's still time to return your envelopes. If you are a UK tax payer, don't forget to fill out the gift aid slip on the back of the donation envelope. Envelopes are available at both churches.


CAFOD Warmest thanks to everyone for their very generous support for CAFOD. The collection so far amounts to £1409.12 . This is more than last year! Well done! This total includes the money from the Soup Lunch which raised £492.90 and a generous donation of £140.00

Many thanks to all who supported the event by cooking soups and crumbles, serving the guests and attending it. (Louise Croll)

 **APF MISSIONS BOXES** Please give your box to your collector or bring it to church NEXT Sunday March 30th




SOMETHING TO DO FOR LENT: SVP Vinnie Packs:
The SVP are distributing 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless and those spending the principal part of their day on the streets. Each pack contains thermal gloves, socks and gloves, a toothbrush, toothpaste, emergency foil blanket, information card and pen. They would be very grateful if you could sponsor packs at a suggested donation of £3 per pack. Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP or go to virginmoneygiving.com and type "Vinnie Packs" into the sponsor a friend box. If you have a query, please email VinniePacks@hotmail.com. Thank you so much for your support.

 **EASTER EGG RAFFLE** organised by the staff at Faith, Hope & Charity. Tickets on sale 30th March, 6th & 13th April. £1 a strip. Money to Church funds.

 **RECOMMENDED READING:** "Pope Francis" by Chris Lowney

'Pope Francis' is that rare and splendid work that leaves you keenly excited and spiritually moved. The writing is lucid, vivid, inviting, and rich. From choosing to live in a simple apartment instead of the papal palace to washing the feet of men and women in a youth detention centre, Pope Francis's actions contradict behaviours expected of a modern leader. Lowney offers a stirring vision of leadership to which we can all aspire in our communities, churches, companies, and families.

 **QUIZ NIGHT** The next quiz night will be held on Saturday 3rd May 2014. Tickets will be available after masses at both churches on Sunday 13th April and after Easter on Sunday 27th April, or you can just turn up and pay on the night. There will be an American supper and as always, tea and coffee will be available but you are welcome to bring along wines and any other drinks you like. Proceeds from this very popular event help towards the Christmas lunch for our more senior parishioners. (Mary King)



The Pope Tweets: @Pontifex Thank you for all your warm wishes on my first anniversary. Please continue praying for me.



OBLIGATORY COLLECTION next weekend - 30th March for The Clergy Assistance Fund. This collection raises funds to help our sick & retired priests when they are in need.



BISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER Limited copies of the Bishop's Pastoral letter for the 3rd Sunday of Lent are available at the back of the church.



Bishop Philip's Lent Catechesis: This Lent, Bishop Philip is offering online catechesis each week to help everyone in the diocese deepen their spiritual preparation for Easter. A video will be available on www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk each Monday which includes the Gospel for the coming Sunday, followed by Bishop Philip's catechesis. There are also accompanying discussion questions which can be downloaded.



EWTN Lent Reflections – Bishop Philip & Priests of the Diocese Don't miss Bishop Philip accompanied by priests of Portsmouth Diocese on EWTN Global Catholic Television this Lent as they offer special seasonal reflections. Started Sunday 9 March.

THE ANNUNCIATION: Saying Yes to God. 25th March

At the Annunciation, Mary's consent was one of the most important moments in the history of salvation and in the unfolding of the Eucharistic mystery. We call that moment her 'fiat', the first word in a Latin phrase that means "Be it done unto me according to your word." When we say yes to God, we allow his grace to be fruitful. When we say no, his plan is thwarted. What would have happened had Mary said no to God's invitation? Would we still be awaiting a Messiah?

Catholic Women of the Year 2014: Nominations are invited for the 2014 Catholic Women of the Year. Every year, four women are honoured, chosen by ballot from nominations sent in from across Britain. This year, the committee is looking for joyful evangelists – joyful women who teach the Faith, serve their local community, and share Catholic values with the next generation. To nominate someone, go to: catholic-womenoftheyear.wordpress.com/nomination-form/ or write to: Catholic Women of the Year 2014, 22 Milton Road, Ware, Herts

BITESIZE: *But I always think that the best way to know God is to love many things.* (Vincent van Gogh)

Things to do in Lent this week:

Please pick up a list of dates for Lenten activities from the back of the church.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS St Bernard's Sunday 23rd March 3pm :



PAUSE FOR PRAYER: Tuesday 25th March 10-11am St Michael's, Hythe.

BBC RADIO 4 LENT TALKS: Started Wednesday 12th March 2014 Six people well known in their fields reflect on the story of Jesus' ministry and Passion from the perspective of their own personal and professional experience.



TOTTON: Stations of the Cross 7pm every Friday during Lent, St Theresa's Church, Totton



BROCKENHURST: 10am every Friday during Lent: Meditation followed by silent prayer and Benediction.

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