

The Messenger

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

23rd June 2013

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Psalter - Wk.4)

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's
11.00am Mass at St Michael's
3.00pm Baptism at St Michael's
Charlotte Grace Purtil

6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

(All Liturgies are 12th week of Ordinary Time, Yr 1, unless otherwise stated)

Mon 24th No Service (Liturgy: Nativity of St John the Baptist)

Tues 25th 10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass

Wed 26th 11.30am Requiem Mass
at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

Thurs 27th 10.00am Word & Holy Communion Service
at Our Lady's, Lyndhurst

10.30am - 2pm: Co-ordinating Pastors
Meeting - Bishop's House

Fri 28th No Service

Sat 29th No Service

Sun 30th Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's
11.00am Mass at St Michael's
6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst
6.30pm Ecumenical Service at St Bernard's

Mass Intentions: For this week: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Linda Guilding (B'day), Paddy Brady RIP, James O'Sullivan RIP, Paul Connolly RIP Anniv, Kathleen Cummings RIP Anniv, Lorraine Shearing RIP Anniv, Paul Sherrington RIP Anniv, Ann Wilton RIP Anniv

For the week beginning 30th June: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Sue Norris F/M, The Shemwell family (Intentions), Members of the Martha group, Paddy Brady RIP, James Maloney RIP, Bill O'Shea RIP, Joyce & Peter Grimes RIP Anniv, Gloria Lorimer RIP

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastoral Team: Rev David Adams (Parish Priest)
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New Forest East Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

St Theresa, Totton - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am
St Joseph's (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

A Willingness to Suffer for Love and Truth

Nobody wants to follow in the footsteps of someone who is heading nowhere. Few people are willing to risk following a person who looks as if he is shaped for failure; few people want to join a movement that looks primed for collapse. We know from experience that in the presence of some people our life is fuller and richer when we're with them. They make an impact on us and we enjoy being in their company. So when a small group of men left the security of their familiar ways to follow Jesus, their new direction indicates the impact Jesus must have made on them. If Jesus made no impact on them they would have no reason to follow him.

We tend not to seek out those people who, as one observer put it, "when they enter a room it's like someone just left." When Jesus entered a room something happened. He generated something in people. He gave them hope. He gave them new life. Because of the impact Jesus made on people, many became interested in discovering who Jesus really was. *Because of the impact of his presence, people became interested in the question of his identity.* It is a measure of the effect Jesus had on people that they were concerned to get his name right.

In today's Gospel we see Jesus actually promoting the question about his own identity. He risks asking his disciples who people really think he is. Asking that question is always dangerous because the answers you are likely to hear will rarely match the answers you hope to hear. Jesus moves on to ask his own disciples: "Who do you say I am?" The question we tend to ask, "Who do you think you are?" doesn't put the questioner at risk. Jesus, however, risks his question. Peter answers that he believes Jesus to be the Christ. But, given the popular overtones of this title within a tradition that spoke of triumph rather than suffering, Jesus insists that he has to suffer for his identity. Because he is who he is, he cannot avoid suffering. It's not that Jesus plans it; rather, he knows that suffering is inevitable if he is to face the future honestly. And he states further that those who become his followers will have to suffer for their identity like their master.

Most people like to keep the subject of suffering outside normal conversation. Jesus brings it to the centre - no doubt because the question is central for him. He refuses to cover up the truth; he will not cheat his followers with a banal optimism that refuses to face the real. He does not seduce his disciples with empty promises but opens them to the question of their own willingness to pay the price for who they are as his followers.

The disciples still follow Jesus. It is a measure of his continuing impact that they stay with him. The disciples are not following someone who is programmed for failure: they are not idiots. They follow someone they sense is not kidding them; someone who faces the real with enormous courage and commitment. Every commitment to love means a willingness to suffer for a while. And it's that kind of commitment that Jesus still expects of all who follow him.

(From *Seasons of the Word* by Denis McBride)

*I don't think of all the misery
but of the beauty that still remains.*

(Anne Frank 1929 - 1945)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Vicky Carter, John Cocker, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Peter Gray, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Sere-na Hoskyns, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Pam Lonsdale, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, Honora Power, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Pauline Sharpley, Ronald Stevens. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

PRAYER POTTERY: The next Prayer Pottery will take place on this Tuesday, 25th June at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Michael's. All are welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY: There will be a supply priest, Fr Tony Day celebrating the Masses on the Waterside & at Brockenhurst

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Next Sunday there is an obligatory national collection for "Peter's Pence". This is an annual contribution from all the Dioceses around the world to support the Papal ministry.

JOINT ECUMENICAL SERVICE

AT ST BERNARD'S: On Sunday, 30th June at 6.30pm there will be a **Christian Unity Service at St Bernard's**. Rev Steve Bowler will lead the service. Please do your best to attend. Encouraging Christian Unity is an important work and is Jesus' on-going prayer. Besides we wouldn't want to be embarrassed by a poor representation!

FR PETER WILKIE - DIAMOND JUBILEE OF

ORDINATION: On 4th June Fr Peter is celebrating his 60th anniversary as a priest. This Sunday, 23rd June Fr Peter will say the 9.00am Mass at St Bernard's & then join us for the 11.00am Mass at St Michaels after which there will be light refreshments. Fr Peter will be presented with a cheque of equal amounts at each Mass thanks to your generous collection which amounted to £500.

ANNUAL MISSION MASS: The Annual APF-Mill Hill for 2013 will be celebrated at various venues around the Diocese. The nearest one for us is on Wednesday, 17th July, at Christ the King, Bittern Road, Southampton. It will begin at 7.30pm and will be followed by a short film on St Augustine's Major Seminary, Mpima, Zambia. Tea & biscuits will be served afterwards.

YEAR OF FAITH:

(Newsletter insert from the Diocesan website)

What elements are essential to a Holy Mass?

Every Holy Mass (celebration of the Eucharist) unfolds in two main parts, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

In the Liturgy of the Word, we hear readings from the Old and New Testament and also the Gospel. Besides that there is an opportunity for preaching and general intercessory prayers. In the subsequent Liturgy of the Eucharist, bread and wine are offered, consecrated, and distributed to the faithful at Communion. **Dig Deeper:** Corresponding CCC section (1333-1336). Source: *YOUCAT 213*

CAFOD RALLY IN LONDON TO END FOOD POVERTY:

Thanks to all those who supported CAFOD at the recent anti-poverty rally in London.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

23rd-30th August 2013 together with the Bishop. If you would like to join this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes contact Fr John Cooke 01489 572797 or office@stmm.org.uk, or the Diocesan Web site: <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/>.

CANCELLATION: Unfortunately we have had to cancel the **Bingo & Fish & Chips** evening because not enough helpers are available that weekend. We do apologise for any inconvenience and disappointment.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Skittles & BBQ: Saturday 31st August 7p.m. @ St Bernard's

Quiz night and American supper : Saturday 5th October 7 p.m. @ St Bernard's.

COME FOLLOW ME – A GROUP FOR DISCERNING YOUNG

CATHOLICS: This discernment group is aimed at young men and women aged 16-30, who are looking to deepen their relationship with Christ and who are asking themselves how best to follow Him in the future. It is for all who are open to the possibility that God is calling them to the priesthood or religious life. **The gatherings are usually on the 2nd Friday of each month at St. Joseph's Church, St Michael's Rd, Basingstoke RG22 6TY. They begin with Mass at 7:30pm, are followed by a delicious meal in the presbytery, an informal presentation on a theme related to vocation discernment, and finish at 9:30pm.** If you are able to come, or are over 30 but would still like support discerning your vocation, please contact Fr Mark Hogan:-Tel: 01256 323595 or Email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Any under 18s will also require a parental consent form which can be obtained from the same email address.

St Anne's Catholic School
and Sixth Form College

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 26th June 2013
6.00pm – 8.00pm

Parents with daughters in Year 5 considering
applying for admission to St Anne's are invited to

The Open Evening
in the School Hall

Parking: Bedford Place public car park & local streets

Carlton Road, Southampton, SO15 2WZ

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