

The Messenger

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

24th March 2013

Palm Sunday (Yr C) (Psalter - Proper)

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's

11.00am Mass at St Michael's

6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

Mon	25 th	No Service
Tues	26 th	11.00am St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth Chrism Mass
Wed	27 th	10.00am Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst 12 noon Funeral Service at St Anne's
Thurs	28 th	8.00pm SM Mass of the Lord's Supper Vigil at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm
Fri	29 th	Good Friday: Ecumenical Witness: 10.00am (Holbury) from Lighthouse Ch. To Blackfield 11.00am (Hythe) United Witness - Waitrose Precinct 3.00pm SM Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7.30pm SM Stations of the Cross
Sat	30 th	10am-11am SM Sacrament of Reconciliation 8.00pm SB Easter Vigil
Sun	31 st	Easter Sunday 9.00am Mass at St Bernard's 10.00am Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst 11.00am Mass at St Michael's

Mass Intentions: For this week: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Pope Francis, Bishop Philip Egan, Children preparing for 1st Holy Communion, Molly Booth RIP, Denis Donovan RIP, Linda Hayes RIP, Eddie McGuinness RIP, deceased members of the Chrzanowski family, deceased members of the Gallagher & Collins families, Peter & Joyce Grimes RIP & family.

For the week beginning 31st Mar: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Pope Francis, Bishop Philip Egan, Children preparing for 1st Holy Communion.

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

HOW DOES THE CROSS OF CHRIST SAVE US?

When the Christian Bible refers to the death of Jesus it relies heavily on metaphors of ransom, payment and blood sacrifice. This is because the first believers in Jesus had to understand the death and resurrection of Jesus in terms of what went before in their own religion. What preceded it, of course, was the Law and the Prophets and all the ritual of animal sacrifice associated with the Jewish religion before the destruction of the Jerusalem temple. While this provided a rich, interpretative framework for the first Christians it is not so important for us now. And in some ways it has become a barrier to the proclamation of the Good News precisely because of its richness, complexity and historical remoteness. We really need to leave behind all these metaphors which if interpreted logically end up completely distorting the image of God. Unfortunately many Christians are still unaware of the implications of these crude metaphors which if used unthinkingly without qualification can make God appear as an angry monster demanding a blood sacrifice in order to be appeased.

Abandoning the Scriptural imagery may appear dangerously presumptuous if it wasn't for the biblical writing attributed to John the Evangelist. The text is: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life" (John 3:16). And in another place we are told quite emphatically "God is love" (1 John 4:8). Jesus remained faithful to his Father, refusing to deny his goodness and compassion even when it cost him his life. Jesus' love for the Father is the expression of God's love for us. Jesus' forgiveness of his enemies is God's forgiveness of us. This is the light, the truth of love and this love takes our sins away. They are taken away not by ceasing to be, for what was and what is will always be. They are taken away in the sense that sin no longer has the power to separate us from God. This power of condemnation was given by the Law but the Law has been abolished as the sole arbiter of our relationship with God. It is replaced by God's invincible graciousness. "Now the sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. (*but now the law is abolished so*) thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor 15:56). God sacrifices God's self for us to bring us the revelation of the love that reconciles and unites all things in heaven and all things on earth (Eph 10:10; Col 1:20).

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, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, John Leahy, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Tony O'Connell, 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 Tuesday, 26th March at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Michael's. All are welcome.

EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION: This raised £150 which will go towards the floral decoration of the churches at Easter. Thank you for your generosity.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: As instructed by the Bishop the collection is for the Holy Places and will be taken as the congregation leaves the church in silence on Good Friday.

EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION: The collection on Easter Sunday is for your parish priest and forms part of his ordinary income for the year. In these difficult economic times Fr David appreciates very much your kindness and generosity.

SERVICES DURING LENT: Stations of the Cross: , Good Friday, 29th March, 7.30pm at St Michael's.

SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK: Tues, 26th Mar - 11.00am Chrism Mass in Portsmouth Cathedral; Maunday Thursday, 28th Mar. Mass 8pm in St Michael's, Good Friday, 29th Mar 10.00 Ecumenical Walk from Lighthouse Church, Hardley to the Baptist Church, Blackfield; 10.45am Gather in St John's car park to proceed to 11.00am - Ecumenical Witness, Hythe, outside Waitrose; 3pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion in St Michael's, 7.30pm Stations of the Cross in St Michael's; Holy Saturday, 30th Mar., 10am to 11.00am Reconciliation (Confessions) at St Michael's, 8.00pm Easter Vigil at St Bernard's; Easter Sunday, 31st Mar, 9.00am Mass at St Bernard's, 11.00am Mass at St Michael's.

YEAR OF FAITH: "EXPLORE YOUR FAITH DAYS" at St Joseph's Chapel, Geo House, Lyndhurst Rd, Ashurst: Saturdays, 10.00am to 4pm. Starts with Mass, bring your own packed lunch, tea & coffee provided. Donations welcome to cover the cost of the day. **April 6th - Fiona Castle**, (& more afterwards!)

EWTN is a free Catholic television and radio service. It is currently broadcasting a series entitled Catholicism, a 10-part, internationally-acclaimed series created by Fr Robert Barron. This is an excellent series and details are available on www.ewtn.co.uk. We encourage you to make both EWTN and Catholicism known to your parishioners as much-needed sources for formation and nourishment in the Catholic faith. (*Extract from Bishop Philip's Ad Clerum, used to communicate information to priests & deacons of the Diocese*)

BEING CATHOLIC IN A SECULAR CULTURE. How does our relationship with Jesus lead us to respond to the world around us? **Speaker: Bishop Philip Egan.** Tues, 19th March in Portsmouth. Evenings 7.30pm until 9.00pm. For more details see the poster at the back of church & see below for internet access.

WATCH A RECORDING OF BISHOP PHILIP'S FINAL YEAR OF FAITH TALK: These talks – 'Being Catholic in a Secular Culture' – have been hugely popular. Please spread the word that this talk can be watched online at the following address: www.churchservices.tv/portsmouthcathedral.

The following **Holy Week ceremonies at the Cathedral** can also be watched live online, and will also be recorded for viewing afterwards – this may be of interest to housebound parishioners or those in nursing homes: Tuesday 26 March, Chrism Mass: 11am; Thursday 28 March, Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7.30pm; Friday 29 March, Good Friday Liturgy: 3pm; Saturday 30 March, Easter Vigil: 8pm.

EASTER RAFFLE: Tickets will go on sale next Sunday (17th & 24th) for the Easter raffle. There are great egg & bunny prizes!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Quiz night and American supper : Saturday 20th April 7pm @ St Bernard's. Tickets will be on sale at both Churches Sundays 7th & 14th April.



Plant Sale: @ St Bernard's on Saturday, 4th May, organised by veronica Chadwick.

Bingo & fish n' chips supper: Saturday 22nd June 7 p.m. @ St Bernard's.

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

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

A RETREAT EXPERIENCE IN FRANCE: Highly recommended by Terry George is an English retreat to be held at the Foyer of Charite Community at Tressaint in Brittany from Sunday, 30th June to Saturday 6th July. Retreats at Foyers are held in silence, in beautiful surroundings, with all the retreatants' needs catered for, including excellent home-cooked food. See the poster for details.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES FOR THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH. Please take yours.

FIRST AIDERS: Do we have any First Aiders who regularly attend church at St Bernard's or St Michael's? it would be good to know who you are & if you are willing to be called upon during Mass should the need arise. Please see Fr David.

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