

The Messenger

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

24th April 2011

Easter Sunday - Divine Office: Proper

Sun 24 th	9.00am Mass at St Bernards with Baptism of Oscar Davies 11.00am Mass at St Michaels
Mon 25 th	No Service (<i>Liturgy: of the Easter Octave</i>)
Tues 26 th	11.30am SM Funeral Service - Gilbert Myland RIP 12.20pm - Burial at Blackfield Cemetery
Wed 27 th	No Service (<i>Liturgy: of the Easter Octave</i>)
Thurs 28 th	No Service (<i>Liturgy: of the Easter Octave</i>)
Fri 29 th	No Service (<i>Liturgy: of the Easter Octave</i>)
Sat 30 th	No Service (<i>Liturgy: of the Easter Octave</i>)

Second Sunday of Easter

Sun 1 st	9.00am St Bernards 11.00am St Michaels
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Mass Intentions: For this week: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian, Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Bill Feltham RIP, Mick Harrington RIP, Gilbert Myland RIP, David Roberts RIP, John Weaver RIP, Tony Warrilow RIP, Gerard Manghan RIP Anniv, Vera West RIP Anniv,

For the week beginning 1st May: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, deceased parishioners who helped at Plant Sale over the years, Fr David Adams (30th Anniversary of Ordination)

New Forest East Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

St Theresa, Totton - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am
Ashurst Community - Sun 9am
Our Lady & St Edward, Lyndhurst - Sun 9am

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

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RESURRECTION - THE RESPONSE OF THE FATHER

When Mary of Magdala goes to visit the tomb of Jesus she expects to make a rendezvous with death. It is very early on the first day of the week. It is still dark, but there is light enough to see that the stone has been moved from the entrance to the tomb. Mary's reaction is not immense relief that Jesus is not dead. She does not cheat herself with that mad groundless hope. The only conclusion she can come to is that some unknown people must have stolen the dead body of Jesus. Even in death Jesus is not allowed to rest in peace.

When Simon Peter and the Beloved Disciple hear Mary's story they run to the tomb. The account in John's Gospel is clearly written in favour of the Beloved Disciple. When Peter enters the tomb he sees the burial clothes; when the Beloved Disciple enters the tomb he sees and he believes. The disciple who was closest to Jesus in love is the one who is first to believe in him as the risen Lord. Perhaps the Beloved Disciple reckoned that if someone had stolen the body he would not have taken the trouble to strip the body first and then roll up the burial clothes. Or perhaps the evangelist John is simply telling us that beloved disciples are always the first to get to the heart of the matter. For the heart of the resurrection is the matter of love.

What we celebrate in the resurrection is God's liberating love for his beloved Son. Resurrection is the Father's response to the cross, his defiant answer to a world that hoped violence could keep Jesus in its hold. In raising Jesus from the dead God raised every value that Jesus stood for, every story that Jesus told, every preference that Jesus made, every purpose that Jesus followed. All this was given new life and new significance.

If death had spoken the final word about Jesus, it would only have been a matter of time before everything about Jesus would have been reduced to a curiosity, a forgettable footnote in the crowded history of lost causes. But God had the last word. As indeed he had the first. The resurrection of Jesus was not a hysterical invention of people who refused to accept the death of their master. On the contrary, resurrection is the original act of accepting Jesus' death. The Father's act of raising Jesus from the dead is the Father's way of accepting his Son's death. Jesus is wakened to new life by the applause of his Father, by the sheer energy of his Father's love, by the loud shout of his Father's gratitude. The dead Jesus has no alternative but to rise to the occasion. The tomb can never be his permanent address. The Good News is that the Father's affirmation is not confined to Jesus; it is extended to all who follow the way of the beloved Son. As Paul says in today's second reading: "When Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him." In the meantime, however, we struggle to let some of that glory shine through our halting efforts to follow the Lord. We know the way of the cross leads to our own doorstep and that we are challenged to take it. But it also leads us to the Father's ultimate affirmation, to the God who will laugh us out of our tombs. Today let us bless the God who insists on having the last laugh! (from Denis McBride: Seasons of the Word).

(Book Recommendation: *The Warmth of the Heart prevents your Body from Rusting - Ageing without growing old.* By Marie de Hennezel, Rodale ISBN 978-1-905744-84-8, a BBC Radio 4 Book of the Week)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Christina Drury, Mervyn Francis, Amanda Gudge, Doreen Holman, Joan Hopper, Ellen Pick, Joy Prestage, Norma Rudd, Eileen Shanley, Ronald Stevens, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: Please keep Anna Lawes & Hannah Teague in your prayers as they begin preparation for Confirmation. They will be joining a group of young people from Totton on their programme & the celebration of the Sacrament will be at St Michaels on Thursday, June 30th at 7pm. The Sacrament will be conferred by Mgr Tom McGrath, Vicar General.

PRAYER POTTERY : The next Prayer Pottery will be on Tuesday, May 31st, at 11am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Michaels. It is a time for quiet prayer and reflection guided by Christine Olden. All are very welcome.

THE EASTER OFFERING - As is traditional the collection at Easter is for your parish priest and forms a part of his ordinary income for the year. Fr David will be very grateful for whatever you give at this time.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED US CELEBRATE LENT & EASTER: To our deacons, Steve & Ian, to all who pray, to Tony & Irene for liturgical preparation & music, to our choir (St Michaels) & music arrangers (St Bernards), to our Servers, to Ministers of Holy Communion & Readers, to Childrens Liturgy Catechists, to our Welcomers, to Cleaners, Flower Arrangers, Collectors & Collection Auditors & all helpers.

WATERSIDE FOOD BANK: There is a continuing need for regular donations of food for Waterside Foodbank. Especially in these times of economic difficulty, there is a growing number of individuals and families suffering hardship through redundancy, illness, unemployment, homelessness, etc. Collection boxes are in the foyers of St Michael's and St Bernard's churches, with leaflets listing the types of food needed. We are in Lent - the ideal time to be generous to those in need, and to resolve to continue to donate regularly throughout the year ahead.

EASTER SUNDAY - ST BERNARD'S - to celebrate Oscar Davies' Baptism today, there will be breakfast refreshments after Mass so, if you can, you're very welcome to stay behind a while and celebrate with the family.

APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS - PARISH SHOP: As you know the parish depends heavily on the Faith, Hope & Charity shop for financial support. At the moment volunteers are needed to cover a couple of mornings. It's a service to the parish, its meeting people and its having fun with Tina & the great team of volunteers. A regular commitment is what is needed, once a week, once a fortnight or once a month for Thursdays 9.30am - 1pm &/or Saturdays 9.30am - 1.30pm. A share arrangement with a friend would also be possible. Training & support given.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - WATERSIDE METHODIST FELLOWSHIP: This will take place on Wednesday, 4th May 2011, at 2.30pm, at the Methodist Church, North Road, Dibden Purlieu. The Speaker will be Gloria Lewis and the soloist will be Mrs Valerie Mead. There will be refreshments afterwards. If you wish to attend please advise Jackie Aberly on 023-8084-8610



CAFOD - CARD CAMPAIGN Our CAFOD parish group will soon be inviting us to take part in a new CARD CAMPAIGN. CAFOD are asking the Secretary of State for International Development, Andrew Mitchell, to back small businesses so that people can raise themselves out of poverty.

GREAT SOUTH RUN - Do you enjoy a challenge? Would you like to help CAFOD in a different way this year? We are looking for runners to take part in the Great South Run in Portsmouth on Sunday 30 October (10 miles), or, if you are aged 3-8 or 9-15, in the Mini (1.5 km) and Junior (2.5 km) Great South Runs! We will be there on the day to cheer you on! For more information and/or to register please contact Sian Hughes: shughes@cafod.org.uk or 020 7095 5333

THANKS TO THE MARTHA GROUP & STEVE BOWLER for a great QUIZ NIGHT. £282 was raised for the parish. Thanks to those who contributed raffle prizes. The raffle raised £82 on the night.

PLANT SALE: The annual plant sale will be held on the 14th May 2011. There will be a Raffle, Cake Stall, hand-made Card stall & a hand-made Jewellery stall. **Raffle prizes gratefully received.** Oh yes - and pray for good weather. Any queries or offers of help to Veronica Chadwick tel. 80897458

JUST LISTEN! Because we have 2 ears we think that we listen well. We may hear well, but do we listen effectively? On **Saturday, 14th May, 10.30am - 3.30pm (coffee from 10.00am)**, the Acorn Christian Healing Foundation will provide an introduction to listening skills called 'Just Listen'. It will be of interest to anyone who would like to explore how to listen more effectively. Can you spare time to listen to others? Do you visit the sick or house bound? Are you a Catechist helping with Children's Liturgy, or preparing children for Holy Communion or Confirmation? Do you listen to others who come to you with problems? Then this day is for you.

Cost: £7.50. Advance booking is essential. Please bring a packed lunch (tea and coffee will be provided)
Booking forms are available from Fr David. If you would like to go but don't have transport, please let Fr David know as he may be able to pair you up with someone else who is attending.
Venue: St. Edward the Confessor, 191-193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2DU

SOUTH HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC CLUSTER SCHOOLS

There will be a celebration of the Year of Catholic Education at St George Catholic College, Southampton on Thursday, 26th May with Mass at 6.30pm followed by cheese & wine & a race night. All proceeds will go to CAFOD. If you would like to attend let Fr David know at the Parish Office as space is limited.

ROTARY CLUB - SPRING BAND CONCERT 2011: This will feature the Waterside Youth Orchestras and will take place at Waterside Theatre, Holbury on Sunday, 22nd May at 3.00pm with a break for cold drinks & biscuits. The event will finish at 5pm. If you wish to attend please notify Leslie Sharpe on 80-424240 by Wednesday, 11th May.