

The Messenger

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

24th July 2011

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr A - Divine Office: Week 1

Sun 24th 9.00am Mass at St Bernards
11.00am Mass at St Michaels

Mon 25th No Service (Liturgy: Feast - St James, Apostle)

Tues 26th 10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass
(Liturgy: Memorial - Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of Mary)

Wed 27th 7.30pm SM Evening Prayer & Mass
(Liturgy: of the Day - 17th Week)

Thurs 28th 10.30am SM Requiem Mass - Joy Prestage RIP
(Liturgy: of the Day - 17th Week)

Fri 29th No Service (Liturgy: Memorial - St Martha)

Sat 30th 10.00am SM Mass followed by Sacrament
of Reconciliation until 11.30am
(Liturgy: of the Day, or optnl Memorial -
St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor, 380-450, or
Our Lady on Saturday)

Sun 31st 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A
9.00am Mass at St Bernards (Childrens Mass)
11.00am Mass at St Michaels

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, Jason Singleton (Health), Laura & Robin Gray - Wedding Anniversary, Rosalind Adams RIP Anniv

For the week beginning 31st July: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian, Guidance for choice of new Bishop, deceased clergy of the Province, benefactors of the Clergy retirement Fund & "Living our Faith"

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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THE TREASURE OF THE KINGDOM

In order to teach as Jesus taught, the Church has placed most of Matthew's chapter on parables in the Lectionary. We have moved from Jesus' message on the inevitable victory of the kingdom of God (15th Sunday) to his teaching for us to recognise that the Christian life must be lived within, of its own ambiguity and the ambiguity of the world (16th Sunday). Now Jesus focuses his attention more immediately upon the wonder of that kingdom.

Jesus is not teaching us that the kingdom is a treasure or a pearl. That would be to miss the point by identifying the kingdom with a richness of this world. Nothing in this world matches the richness of the kingdom of God. To be part of the kingdom Jesus has come to establish among us we must be prepared to pay no less a price than everything. If we would sacrifice all that we have for a treasure hidden in a field or a pearl discovered by a merchant, what should we do for the kingdom?

It would be wonderful if we did judge the world in the light of the kingdom, so that even the most treasured things of this world would pale into insignificance before it. But, sadly, we all recognise that such is not the case. Thus, Jesus immediately adds another simile, comparing the kingdom to a dragnet, which contains many types of fish (vv. 47-50). Like the parable of the dandelion, which must be allowed to grow side by side with the good grain, the kingdom is likened to a net containing a haul of many kinds. Many of us may not be able to pay the price of everything. Yet we are part of that mixed bag, that net with many kinds. We must be happy to continue in the midst of our own ambiguity and the ambiguity of the Church and the people with whom and for whom we live. Let us leave it to a good God and Father to make the final judgement (vv. 49-50).

In the meantime, Jesus poses a serious question – not only to his disciples in the Gospel, but also to disciples in the Church today. He asks: "Have you understood all this?" (v.51). With the disciples, we answer "yes" to the question. As we "understand" the words which Jesus has spoken to us we attempt to live lives reflecting these words.

(From "This is the Gospel of The Lord" Year A by Francis J. Moloney).

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Mervyn Francis, Amanda Gudge, Doreen Holman, Joy Prestage, Norma Rudd, Sarah, Jason Singleton, Simon Smith, Ronald Stevens, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

NEXT WEEKEND: the Bishops of England & Wales have asked for a special collection for the "Day for Life". This is to support efforts to encourage everyone to treat all life as sacred.

PARISH FINANCIAL APPEAL: A reminder of the appeal made last week by Eileen Brady on behalf of our parish Finance Committee. Please can everyone consider making some increase to their weekly/monthly contribution. We need to find an extra £500 a month to repay a debt we owe to the Diocese & have enough in reserve to meet inevitable repair bills. Thanks to those who already have signed up for Gift Aid. If you are a tax payer & have not signed up for Gift Aid, please consider it. For every £10 you give, Gift Aid will add another £2.82p making a total of £12.82p!

THANK YOU FROM DAVE KING: I would like to express my gratitude for the kind and generous donations received for my charity trek up Ben Nevis (4409 feet) on May 21st. The total amount I raised for the **Alzheimer's Society** was just over **£3100**, for which I am sure they will be extremely grateful. The challenge itself was a fantastic experience despite the appalling weather experienced during most of the day, with snow, ice, sub-zero temperatures and zero visibility at the top. Once again, many thanks for your kindness and generosity. Dave King (*Fr David apologises because he should have put this thank you in before!*)

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MASSES: the next few dates for young peoples Masses at St Bernard's are: 31 July, 4 Sept, 2 Oct, 6 Nov, 4 Dec. Children's Liturgy will continue during the holiday period as far as possible.

DEVELOPMENTS AT ASHURST: A copy of a letter from Fr Ronnie Mitchell SMM is on display in the churches giving details of the proposed "Centre of Mission Spirituality" that will be set up at Ashurst beginning from September this year. Our prayers are with them for a successful project.

NEW TRANSLATION OF THE LITURGY - RESOURCES
(These can be ordered now from the Parish Shop)

The following are available to be ordered now:

Simple Prayer Book - Standard Edition - CTS, £1.95p

Large Print Mass Book, CTS £1.95

Companion to the Order of Mass (*An exploration of the meaning & scriptural resonances of the words of the Mass, using the new translation*) CTS, £2.50

Understanding the Roman Missal - the New Translation (A presentation & explanation of the new translation, accompanied by liturgical and spiritual reflections) CTS, £1.95

And With Your Spirit (Missal Music CD) *A guide to singing the new English translation of the Mass.* CTS £14.95

The following will be available in November 2011 but can be ordered now

People's Sunday Missal - including the Order of Mass new translation. £ TBA

People's Daily Missal - including the Order of Mass new translation. £ TBA

CAFOD COFFEE MORNING in aid of **East African Famine Appeal** on Thursday 4 August at 10.30 am at 46 Kings Ride Langley, SO45 1ZN. All welcome. Raffle. Hosted by Theresa & Louise

CAFOD APPEAL FOR STARVING PEOPLE IN EAST AFRICA

Everyone will have seen distressing reports of thousands of people, including children dying of starvation because of the drought in East Africa (Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya). CAFOD has a number of partners in the area and is already involved in the relief effort but needs additional funds to help so many. **A special collection will be taken on 7th August** and Gift Aid envelopes will be available. If you are a taxpayer please complete the tax declaration. Envelopes will be available in advance for those away in August.

FOOD BANK: MANY THANKS from the organisers for 196.8kgs of food donated over the year. 716 people, including 299 children, were given food packs. The need is increasing so please keep up the good work. Updated lists of requirements are in the porches; particularly needed are tea, coffee, sugar and long life milk.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE: who worked so hard to put on the Cheese & Wine & Auction Evening. Special thanks to the Martha group for arranging the food & drink; special thanks to Linda for doing hours of organisation; special thanks to parishioners who donated items or promises for the auction; and special thanks to local businesses who donated gifts. **The amount raised is in excess of £1600 & there is still some money to come in. This was due mainly to parishioners who entered into the spirit of the event and effectively donated generously to the parish.**
Please take note of the businesses who have given generously to the Auction. **Please support them, as they have supported us.**

THE CROFT PUB	LANGDOWN LAWN, HYTHE,	02380 842141
NATURAL TONE	CHEVRON BUSINESS PARK, HOLBURY	02380 897700
EATSMART- CUPCAKES		02380 898239
MUDDY PAWS IN THE FOREST,	DOG WALKING SERVICE, DIBDEN	07784568667
FOREST HOME PUB,	HARDLEY	02380 842270
CADNAM GARDEN CENTRE	SOUTHAMPTON RD, CADNAM	02380 813878
HAIRTRADER SALON	THE MARSH, HYTHE	02380 845871
BEAULIEU MOTOR MUSEUM	BEAULIEU	01590 612345
OLD MILL INN,	HOLBURY	02380 891137
APPLEMORE HEALTH AND LEISURE	DIBDEN	0845 659 0845
LONGDOWN ACTIVITY FARM	ASHURST	02380 292837
BE BE'S CAFÉ	HYTHE	02380 207608
EDEN HEALTH & BEAUTY	HOLLYBANK	02380 207704
DIBDEN DOGGY GROOMING	DIBDEN	07577926399
STYLE POTENTIAL, COLOUR & MAKEUP CONSULTANT	HYTHE	07780159194