

# The Messenger

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

## 21st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 24th August 2014

### Year A . Weekdays Yr 2: Psalter week 1

9.00am Mass SB  
 11.00am Mass SM

*Baptism 12.30pm SB Olivia Ellen Bridge*  
 Monday 25th August No Service  
*(St Louis IX, King of France)*

Tuesday 26th August No Service  
*(Blessed Dominic Barberi, Religious)*

Wednesday 27th August No Service  
*(St Monica)*

Thursday 28th August No Service  
*(St Augustine of Hippo, Bishop, Doctor of the Church)*

**Friday 29th August 10am Mass SM**  
*(The Beheading of St John the Baptist)*

**Saturday 30th August 10am Mass SM**  
*(SS Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, Martyrs)*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation after the 10am Mass today**

## 22nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 31st August

9.00am Mass SB  
 11.00am Mass SM

### Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 24th August

**Anniversaries this week:** Molly Bowler (24th), Betty Powell (26th), Henry Scott (28th)

**Those who have died recently:** Mary Cocking, Catherine (Kit) Cockton, Elzbieta (Liz) Flaherty, Terry Houlihan, Lily Ricketts, Pauline Sharpley, Ron Stevens, Isabelle Taggart, Neil Tisdale,  
**Other Intentions:** Mary King (Health), Henry Scott R.I.P

### WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

**Rev David Adams -Parish Priest-** based at Our Lady & St Joseph Church, Lymington: Tel: 01590 676696 ;

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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)

**Rev Stephen Short** (Deacon)

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

**Rev Andrew Philpott** (Deacon)

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

**Parish Priest: Rev David Adams** Tel: 01590 676696

**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

## REFLECTIONS

Remember where this week's gospel passage comes in St. Matthew's arrangement – in the section in which we see him dwelling on the kingdom of God on earth. Peter, who had stepped out of the boat to walk towards Jesus, metaphorically steps out of their number again when Jesus poses the question 'Who do you say I am?' This is quite a leap forward. For weeks we heard Gospel passages of Jesus telling parables so that people might grasp in stories what they could not grasp with explanation. We heard Jesus explaining those parables to his disciples, those who were inclined to understand. Now Peter sums up his courage and makes a bold, though one cannot help but feel it was a take-a-deep-breath-and-go-for-it, declaration: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God'. Here Peter articulates the faith growing among the disciples. What they have sought to grasp, he, or rather the Spirit of the Father, finds words for.

Helpfully the passage from Isaiah explains the imagery which Jesus then uses. Eliakim is made master of the palace, with the key over his shoulder both the sign and the instrument of the exercise of authority.

Whether or not Jesus used the word 'Church' is less important than the apprehension of the early community that Jesus was giving this role to Peter. Peter time and again is singled out for an individual position within the narratives. He seems not to have been the brightest or the most consistent, but he was nevertheless chosen.

All this is illuminated in Paul: '...how impossible to penetrate (God's) motives or understand his methods!' Week by week we are building up a picture that it is the unlikely who become the object of God's attentions. Mary's Magnificat last week spoke of a God who raised up the lowly. Peter is chosen not because of what he can do but because of what God can do through him. (From *The Pastoral Review* by Paul Donovan)

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Given the division in the Church today, the universal community of Christians clearly needs the Petrine figure, who will summarise in himself the unity of the Church. That is why the role of the papacy is at the centre of discussion between Roman Catholics and other Christians. We believe that being in communion with the Pope, the Petrine figure, is as important today as it was in the early Church. Too often, however, we tend to see the figure of the Pope as the one who uses his keys, the symbol of his authority, to keep people out. But keys open doors as well as close them, they give access as well as prevent it. And many non-Catholics are hoping that the Petrine figure can still become the great symbol of unity in the Church by using his authority in the service of unity.

This work of unity is something that can be seen practically at work in the second Letter of Peter. In spite of the real differences between Peter and Paul, Peter speaks movingly about "our brother Paul, who is so dear to us" (3:15), and goes on to defend Paul against those who distort his words. Peter functions as the great unifier, the one who holds the different factions together, the one who is the first in the defence of those who have received a mission from God to spread the Gospel. He lives up to his new name; he really is a rock. (From *Seasons of the Word* by Denis McBride)

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: Baby Blake Proctor, Baby Elijah, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Derek Francis, Mervyn Francis, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Mary King, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Sarah Mc Cann, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, Marta Pugsley, Ruth Rowan, Lilly Ricketts, Jim Ross, Norma Rudd, Cath Smith, Susan Soutter, Emmie Walker, George Watson, Francesca Wells.

*(If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Linda via the Parish office)*



**CHANGES OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.** Over the next few weeks you will see a few changes to the porches of St Bernard's & St Michael's. Father David has asked for the sun bleached cards to be removed from St Bernard's. Mass cards will now be available from the parish office, the parish shop: Faith Hope & Charity or from the Sacristy at St Michael's or St Bernard's. Other cards and repository items can be purchased from the large selection at Faith, Hope & Charity. A small parish library will go into both porches and parishioners are encouraged to 'take a book out'.



**SAD NEWS** It is with great sadness that I have to announce the death of Elzbieta (Liz) Flaherty, wife of Paul, who passed away on 15th August. May she rest in peace. Paul is very grateful for all the prayers and support he and his family have received over the past few weeks. Please keep the family in your prayers. Details of Liz's funeral to follow.



**THE FUNERAL** for Isabelle Taggart will be at St Michael's church on Tuesday 2nd September at 12noon, followed by a burial at Blackfield cemetery



**THE FUNERAL** for Lily Ricketts will be at the West Chapel, Southampton Crematorium, on Monday 8th September at 1.45pm.



**SAINT MONICA, Feast day August 27th.** St Monica is the patron Saint of Domestic violence. Monica's parents brought her up as a Christian and married her to an older, pagan man named Patricius. He was a man given to violent tempers and adultery who beat St Monica.



**WELCOME** to baby Olivia Ellen Bridge who is being baptised today at St Bernard's.

**CATHOLIC GAP YEAR** If you are planning to take a year out before work or further study, you don't always need to travel thousands of miles to find a worthwhile project where you can use your talents and serve in a Church-based environment. On 'Catholic Gap Year' you can find out about the many Catholic gap year opportunities that exist, many close to home, from working with disabled people to evangelisation See more at [www.catholicgapyear.com](http://www.catholicgapyear.com)



**Funny Money** You know what happens when you come back from holiday with those spare few euros or dollars in your purse and you think 'I'll use them next year'. Well, instead of accumulating a mini coin collection in your top drawer, why not give it to CAFOD? Please put your money in the CAFOD bins which are in the porches of both churches. Help the Aged, Marie Curie and Age UK collect *old* currency from Europe that you can no longer change.



### FIND A CATHOLIC CHURCH WHILE ON HOLIDAY

[www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org)  
 A great website for locating a church anywhere around the world and its Mass times ..... or that's the proud boast. Give it a try!

**BITESIZE** The best things in life aren't things.



**The Pope Tweets: @Pontifex** *Let us pray that the Church be holier and more humble, loving God by serving the poor, the lonely and the sick.*



**PASTORAL CARE SERVICES** So much outstanding practice already takes place in our local parishes that could be made more widely available. The Pastoral Care Services team is appealing for parishioners who have experience in caring for the dying, the homeless, those with disabilities, the elderly and housebound and for the sick.. Please consider joining one of the Diocesan Pastoral Care Teams. If you would like to talk about this contact Fr Peter Hollins on 01730 262290 or [pcs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pcs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).



**MARYVALE CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS** The Formation for Mission Team is offering the chance to study for a Certificate in Catechesis, awarded by Maryvale Institute in Birmingham. This course is open to anyone who wishes to study their Faith systematically and be able to explain it to others. It is for all parish catechists as well as those who simply want to give an account of their Faith to others. A special introductory taster evening will take place at the new Maryvale Centre in the Diocese of Portsmouth - St Edward the Confessor, Chandlers Ford - on September 10th at 7.30pm - 9pm.



**Online Bible Studies** You may be interested to know that Ascension Press offers **free, online, 10-minute Bible studies**. You can sign up to start for Bible studies starting in the autumn. Each one is led by a different facilitator, and participants have the opportunity to discuss, or simply to do their own study.



**THE MIRACULOUS RELIC IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** Protectress of the Unborn", is to visit Portsmouth Cathedral from 5th -11th September. The Relic Image, in its special travelling case and accompanied by The Guardians of Our Lady, will arrive in Portsmouth on 5th September and will be greeted by Bishop Philip Egan and Canon Dominic Golding, Dean, in the Cathedral with a Reception Ceremony and Mass.

**CAFOD COLLECTION** for Humanitarian aid in Gaza amounted to £523.18 Thank you for your generosity.

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- + Those struggling to come to terms with a bereavement or illness.
- + All the preparations and those travelling to Lourdes with the diocese at the end of the month.
- + For the Christians being persecuted in Iraq
- + For those suffering as a result of conflicts around the world.
- + All those who are on holiday or are travelling to see family and friends. May they have safe journeys and return home refreshed.

### WHAT'S ON

**CAFOD PORTSMOUTH SUPPORTERS' MEETING** CAFOD Portsmouth will be holding a meeting for all supporters on Saturday 13 September from 10am until 1.30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School (Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX). **To book a place** please ring 01252 329385 or email [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) by 8 September.

**SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND:** This annual Catholic Charismatic conference takes place 27 & 28 September 2014 at St Mary's College, Bitterne Park. The theme is "*Jesus, the hope of all the world*". Speakers this year are Charles & Sue Whitehead, David Matthews and John Vaughan-Neil. There will be workshops, plus children's streams and crèche. Praise and worship, with Mass every day. **Book now** for this popular, joyful and spirit-filled celebration where all are welcome: young and old, singles and families. Details from website: [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) or from Lynda & Peter Szymanski: 023 8029 2058 or from Frank & Angela Capocci: 023 8077 2868.

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