

The Messenger

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

24th November 2013

CHRIST THE KING (Office Proper)

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's

11.00am Mass at St Michael's

Mon 25th No Service
(Liturgy: memorial St Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr)

Tues 26th No Service

Wed 27th No Service

****Thurs28th 10 am SM Mass ****

Fri 29th No Service

Sat 30th 10am SM Mass

(Liturgy: memorial ...St Andrew, Apostle)

Sacrament of Reconciliation immediately after Mass.

Sun 1st December First Sunday of Advent

Consecration of the Diocese

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's

11.00am Mass at St Michael's

Baptism ; Holly May Wilson 12noon St Michael's

Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 24th November:

For the Holy Father's Intentions, Pat Gallanagh R.I.P, John Heron RIP, Fr David Lowis RIP, Philip Manghan RIP Anniv, Anthony Richards (Health) Edna Tisdale RIP Anniv (FM), Tony Warrilow RIP Anniv

For the week beginning 1st December: All those who are unwell, Deceased Clergy of the Province, The New Forest Pastoral Areas, David Donoghoe RIP Anniv, Charles Duffy RIP Anniv, Anthony Richards (Health)

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastoral Team: Rev David Adams (Parish Priest), Rev Vincent Convery Rev Steve Bowler (Deacon & Chair Parish Pastoral Council) (023 8020 7449) Rev Ian Tobin (Deacon) (023 8089 7354)

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New Forest East Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

St Theresa, Totton - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am
Our Lady & St Edward, Lyndhurst - Sun 9am, (Holy Day Vigil 7pm)

New Forest West Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass: Lymington and New Milton at 6pm
Sunday: Milford on Sea at 9.00am, New Milton at 10 am, Lymington at 10:30am, Brockenhurst at 6.00pm

UNIVERSAL SOVEREIGNTY

Our second reading today from Paul's letter to the Christians at Colossae gives us one of the early foundational statements of our faith. It was probably a hymn or canticle used in early Christian worship. It draws connections between the mystery of God, the universal Christ, the creation, the historical Jesus and the Church. The utterly Other, mysterious and unknowable God (Father) expresses the God Self in his Word, his Image, his Son, his Christ, (remembering that gender belongs to our language not to God). We could use other words too like Interface, Plan, Blueprint, Likeness or Form. It is through the Plan, Blueprint, Word or Form that the creation has its being and is held together.

The creation is the free and loving self-expression of God in the world of form, or finite reality. It takes place through the Blueprint or the Word, or in St Paul's vocabulary, the Christ. It is an unfolding, dynamic, evolutionary Universe. The connection between God and the Christ, between the Christ and the world is the Spirit. The Godhead, the Christ and the Spirit we speak of as the Holy Trinity, One God, Three "Persons". The human person Jesus is the free, loving self-expression of God in human nature again through the same Blueprint, Word or Christ. In Jesus the Divine Word, the Christ bridges the two natures, human and divine.

We cannot fall in love with abstractions, with sources of life or presences. To capture the human heart God must enter our world. God must take on a human face. Seeing the human Jesus we "see" the Father (John 14). When we see God (the Christ) in the face of Jesus we can begin to see the Christ in every human face, and then we see every human person in the universal Christ. Then we can "love the other as oneself".

Jesus knew (by shared life & experience) that "he came from God and was returning to God" (John). The Universal Christ was expressing in Jesus' life and death the loving, self-giving of God communicated by the Spirit. The Source of everything does not need anything. One infinitely rich in Being does not need "riches". Grounded in Life itself and totally embraced by Love itself death is powerless to intimidate. On the cross we see the triumph of love. Every finite thing is stripped away, infinite, boundless, unquenchable life & love reign supreme.

God is the whole of the universe, but the universe is not the whole of God. God is the whole of Life but Life is not the whole of God. God is all of me but I am not all of God. Realising and accepting that one is a part of Life, that one belongs to Life, that one must surrender to Life is accepting the Sovereignty of Christ. It is a sweet surrender because the love of God made visible in Jesus is the most wonderful love imaginable. When we allow this love to touch us, heal us and transform us. When we allow it to transform our social relationships, our politics, our workplaces, our commerce, our agriculture then we begin to experience the power of the kingdom on earth. This kingdom is a kingdom of peace, truth, love, compassion, forgiveness, fairness, kindness, gentleness, friendship, passionate benevolence, courage, perseverance, self-giving and very virtue. (DMA)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Duncan Badley, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Vicky Carter, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Peter Gray, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, George Raffray, Anthony Richards, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Pauline Sharpley, Susan Soutter, Ronald Stevens, Neil Tisdale. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Linda via the Parish office)

NATIONAL SURVEY: Vatican Family Questionnaire

Preparations are well under way for a meeting of Bishops in Rome in 2014 to discuss family life - an extraordinary general session of the Synod of Bishops.

You can play a key part in this by responding to the Holy See questionnaire on this important subject.

We have made this questionnaire available on <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FamilySynod2014> We would really value your responses to this questionnaire on family life but there are a few points to note before taking part.

To complete the survey in full could take 30 minutes or more so we'd strongly recommend you download and use the pro-forma word document catholicnews.org.uk/family-synod-survey to prepare your responses before submitting your answers online.

The survey has 46 questions/opportunities to give your feedback.

A few of the early questions are short answer, tick box or selections from a drop-down, however most allow for a full text response.

Although we'd encourage a full response, **it's not necessary to answer every question**, please skip questions you feel unable to answer. You can also simply send a completed pro-forma directly to elizabeth.davies@cbcew.org.uk

The current deadline for submissions is **Saturday, 30 November 2013**

If you asked Linda for a copy of the survey please see the Deacons in the respective churches as they will have your copy. The survey printed out has 30 pages. There is an envelope for its return included but you will have to pay the postage I'm afraid.

RAFFLE TICKETS Please return your raffle tickets for our Christmas Fayre by Sunday 1st December at the latest.

CAFOD appeal for Typhoon Haiyan£946.71.

Thank you for your amazing generosity; your donations will be put to very good use. (CAFOD)

PLEASE NOTE: Weekday Mass this week will be on THURSDAY at 10am **NOT** Friday.



CALLING ALL THOSE WHO CAN KNIT AND SEW!

The Arts and Crafts stall for the Christmas Fayre needs your help. If anyone can knit or sew any items for the craft stall it would be really appreciated. See Tina Bowler after Mass.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCH will be at The Old Mill on Thursday 12th December, 12 for 12.30p.m. Why not add your name to the list today! No charge. 'Last orders' NEXT WEEKEND Sunday 1st December.

HEALING MASS: St Joseph's Ashurst, Monday December 2nd 7.15pm with Fr Des Connolly



TRANSPORT NEEDED to take some of our senior citizens to and from their Christmas lunch. Can you help? If so, please contact Linda in the parish office.

I haven't had any volunteer drivers contact me yet!

CHRIST CENTRED MEDITATION St Joseph's, Ashurst every Thursday evening 7-8pm. £4 a session.



Bottles are needed for the bottle stall for the Christmas Fayre. Please leave them at the back of church for collection or take them to the shop- Faith Hope & Charity. Thank you.

MOBILITY SCOOTER free to good home. Ring Linda in Parish office for further details (Tues or Thurs 10-4pm) or leave a message on the answerphone.

TODAY THE BISHOP HAS CALLED US ALL TO BE INVOLVED IN THE CONSECRATION OF THE DIOCESE: Leaflets are available in both Churches.



CALLING ALL ASPIRING BAKERS! The great British Bake off has finished, but don't despair. Why not put your energies into cooking all manner of delicious cakes for the cake stall at our Christmas Fayre! Every little bun helps! Please take your creations along on the day. Saturday 7th December St John's hall Hythe by 10am.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 30th November 12-2pm Church hall, St Theresa of the Child Jesus, Totton.

DIOCESAN FRAMEWORK FOR COLLABORATION Bishop Philip has named the pastoral administration of the Diocese 'The Framework for Collaboration'.

The departments within this framework are run by priests, but they need Lay people to assist them on a voluntary basis. They are advertising the departments they wish to fill between now & July 2014.

The team descriptors for the first applications are: Marriage & family life; Liturgy team; Hospital chaplaincies; Youth Ministers; Social policy unit; Justice, Peace & social Responsibility, Charities and outreach, Marginalised & inactive Roman Catholics, Formation for Mission, Inter Religious dialogue, The Court of the Gentiles and Dialogue with Cultural Sectors.

There are a few copies available at the back of church.

If you would like to apply please apply on line at the Diocesan website. www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk You will also need to talk to Father David as you will require a reference from him.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Fr Vincent would like everyone to bring non perishable food items and place them in front of the altar during the first three Sundays of Advent. The food will stay there until the 15th December, then this mountain of goodies will be taken to the Foodbank by Terry from St Michael's & Theresa from St Bernard's with our prayers and best wishes. The food will be made into Christmas food parcels for families in crisis at Christmas.

Shopping list:

Tinned ham
Coffee
Christmas Pudd,
Christmas cake
Long life cream
Biscuits,
Selection box
Chocolates
peanuts,
Christmas crackers,
Mince pies.

JUMPERS FOR FISH N CHIP BABIES- deadline next Sunday, 1st December. Please leave them at the back of the church or hand in to the parish office: Tues or Thurs. On behalf of the babies, thank you so much to those who have been busy knitting. I had to wear my sunglasses when delivering them!

For the Ideal Gift or Gift Voucher visit
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