

The Messenger

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

25th September 2011

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Divine Office: Week 2

Sun	25 th	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels
Mon	26 th	No Service (Liturgy: of the Day - 26th Week, or optnl Memorial, Ss Cosmos & Damian, Martyrs, dates unknown)
Tues	27 th	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: Memorial - St Vincent de Paul, Founder, 1580-1660)
Wed	28 th	7.30pm SM Evening Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: of the Day - 26th Week, or optnl Memorial, St Laurence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs)
Thurs	29 th	10.00am LT Mass (Liturgy: Feast - Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael)
Fri	30 th	No Service (Liturgy: Memorial, St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church, c342-420)
Sat	1 st	10.00am SM Mass followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am (Liturgy: Memorial, St Therese of the Child Jesus & Holy Face)
Sun	2 nd	27 th Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass at St Bernards 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 (Health), Rodney Cooper (Health), Bill Duncan (Health), Leanne Martin (Health), Jillian Plummer (Health), Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Anthony Baddour RIP, Margaret Harris RIP, Doug Horrill RIP, Michael O'Brien RIP, Michael Ball RIP Anniv, Anthea Hayward RIP Anniv, Sarah Mitchell RIP Anniv

For the week beginning 2nd October: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian (Health), Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Michael Ball RIP Anniv, Anthea Hayward RIP Anniv, Sarah Mitchell RIP Anniv

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

Pastoral Team: Rev David Adams (Parish Priest)
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GETTING INTO THE DANCE

True religion is not first morality and then relationship. It is first relationship and then morality.

Think of the way a family nurtures a new baby. First come the bonds of joy, love, tenderness and belonging. The first years are fairly crucial. If the right foundations are laid the young person can go forward with confidence, self-worth and trust. They are free enough to begin taking responsibility and seeing beyond their own needs. They learn that right and wrong have their source in love. In the absence of sufficient love and affirmation a person becomes haunted by a certain emptiness and a feeling of unworthiness. It becomes more difficult to break free from the preoccupation with ones own needs. It takes longer to begin responding to the needs of others.

This development pattern is also true in our relationship with God. It is not us loving God so that God will have to love us. It is God loving us first so that we can love in return. We do not get it all right and then enter the "kingdom" of God's loving friendship. The offer of God's friendship is given to us and then we begin to get it right. If we have fear and anxiety as the foundation of our relationship with God we will continually try to win God over. Our spiritual lives will be very self-centred. We won't be able to share the Good News because deep down we haven't heard it ourselves. We can't give what we haven't got.

This explains why we can take years anxiously struggling to be good and holy. We either give up in discouragement or deny the shadow both to ourselves and others. We then have to fabricate a righteousness to mask the shadow. We cannot imagine God loving us with our sins and weaknesses. Deep down we resent the effort to "make God love us" and we don't really like the false image of God we have in our imaginations. It is no wonder that joy does not characterise our Christianity as much as it should.

It may be shocking to us but "the tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before" us. There isn't any indication here that tax collectors and prostitutes have been able to instantly change their occupations. What has changed is that they have accepted God into their lives. They have accepted God's undeserved love. They agreed to join the dance. The joy and strength this love gives will enable them to let go of anything that is not right in God's eyes. (DMA).

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Marion Butler, Bill Duncan, Rodney Cooper, Bishop Crispian, Petra Daniels, Mervyn Francis, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Leanne Martin, Jillian Plummer, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Sarah, Jason Singleton, Simon Smith, Ronald Stevens, Jim Walker, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

PRAYER POTTERY: The next prayer meeting will take place on Tuesday, 27th Sept at 11.00am after the morning Mass. It is a time of quiet prayer with spiritual music & readings led by Christine Olden. Everyone is welcome.

ROSARY BEFORE MASS AT ST BERNARD'S: Marion Teague will lead the Rosary before Mass at St Bernard's on the Sundays of October.

BISHOP CRISPIAN' HEALTH: Bishop Crispian is now back in Bishop's House convalescing.

THIS WEEKEND: There is an obligatory second collection for upkeep & maintenance of the Diocesan Cathedral in Portsmouth

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MASSES: the next dates for young peoples Masses at St Bernard's are: 2 Oct, 6 Nov, 4 Dec.
PARENTS: If your children sometimes attend Children's Liturgy and/or the Young People's Masses (including the older children who help), please complete a yellow parent consent form (at the back of St B's) and pass it to Clare Davies. This is part of the diocese's requirements for safe-guarding your children, and will also let us stay in touch and better support your family. Thanks for your help.
CHILDREN'S BOOKLETS: If your child has one of the colour-in Mass booklets that we produced some months ago, please contact Clare for a printed set of edits to cut out and stick onto it, to show the new wording of the Mass responses. (This is a great chance to work on it with your child at home, and talk about the Mass with them - but please remember to bring the booklet back to church!) We'll also be continuing to use these in some Children's Liturgy sessions.

THE RE-INTRODUCTION OF FRIDAY ABSTINENCE (from 16th September)

"The Bishops also wish to remind us that every Friday is set aside as a special day of penitence, as it is the day of the suffering and death of the Lord. They believe it is important that all the faithful again be united in a common, identifiable act of Friday penance because they recognise that the virtue of penitence is best acquired as part of a common resolve and common witness".

"The law of the Church requires Catholics on Fridays to abstain from meat, or some other form of food, or to observe some other form of penance laid down by the Bishops' Conference. The Bishops have decided to re-establish the practice that this penance should be fulfilled simply by abstaining from meat and by uniting this to prayer. Those who cannot or choose not to eat meat as part of their normal diet should abstain from some other food of which they regularly partake".

"Canon 1252 states that: "The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. The law of fasting binds those who have attained their majority, until the beginning of their sixtieth year. Pastors of souls and parents are to ensure that even those who by reason of their age are not bound by the law of fasting and abstinence, are taught the true meaning of penance."

"Those under fourteen years of age, the sick, the elderly and frail, pregnant women, seafarers, manual workers according to need, guests at a meal who cannot excuse themselves without giving great offense to their hosts or causing friction, and those in other situations of moral or physical impossibility are not required to observe abstinence from meat; in other words, we should act prudently".

For the full text of the Bishop's declaration on this subject visit the Diocesan website: www.portsmouthdiocese.org, or ask Fr David for a copy.

CAFOD HARVEST FASTDAY - FRIDAY, 7TH OCTOBER.
Sunday 9th October - collection for CAFOD

SPONSORSHIP REQUEST: One of our youngest parishioners is doing the 'Mini' Great South Run for **CAFOD!** Please find out more and support him: sponsor forms at the back of both churches.

SOUTHAMPTON GENERAL HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: They urgently need volunteers who could give one or two hours each Friday to go round the hospital wards to ask patients if they would like to come to the services on Sunday. More details are on the poster in the church porch.

ST ANNE'S SCHOOL: has an Open Evening (for Year 7 entry in 2012) on Tuesday, 4th October, 6pm-8pm. See poster for details.

CELEBRATE WEEKEND: opportunities for prayer, healing, teachings, praise worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass each day at 3pm. On 1st & 2nd October (Sat 9am - 9pm & Sun 9.30am - 5.30pm) at St Mary's College, Bitterne Park. Speakers to include Charles & Sue Whitehead, Steve Murray, Jim Graham, Jenny Baker & David Matthews Workshops & Seminars: both days; Dramas by Steve Murray & Local Youth Groups. Worship by Tom Bonard, Steve Szymanski & friends. Children's groups for all ages and a Young Adult stream. See the poster in the porch for further details & how to book or else ring Peter and Lynda Szymanski on 023 8029 2058.

STUDY DAY ON THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE LITURGY: "How should we listen to the texts? How might we move beyond the words?" American priest, Fr Paul Turner will lead the day on Sunday, 9th Oct, from 2.00pm until 6.30pm. Venue: Bishop Challoner School, St Michael's Rd, Basingstoke, RG22 6SR. Cost £5.00, tea & coffee provided. See the poster for more details. Booking forms available at the back of church.

Forthcoming Dates:

Celebrate Weekend - (see main item for details)

QUIZ NIGHT & AMERICAN SUPPER: (see below)

Vocations Discernment for Women, Saturday, 22nd October at Wisdom House, Romsey. More details later.

The next **Finance Committee Meeting** is on Thursday, 27th October at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room.

AUTUMN JAZZ (see below)

QUIZ NIGHT & AMERICAN SUPPER: This will take place on Saturday, 1st October at 7pm in St Bernard's Hall. There will be a Raffle (donations of prizes gratefully received!). American Supper so bring your own refreshments & a plate of food to share. Those who require special diets will need to bring their own.

AUTUMN JAZZ: with The New Cavalier Jazzmen (including our own Mike Slipper) on **Saturday, 5th November from 7.30pm.** Venue: **St Bernard's Hall.** Raffle & American Supper (Bring your own refreshments & a plate of food to share. People requiring special diets must bring their own). Tickets are £7.00 each. Tickets are available from Mike Slipper (023 8084 3908), from Faith Hope & Charity Shop, Hythe & from St Bernard's & St Michaels Churches.

