

The Messenger

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

26th May 2013

The Most Holy Trinity (Psalter - Wk. 4)

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's

11.00am Mass at St Michael's

6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

(All Liturgies are 8th week of Ordinary Time, Yr 1, unless otherwise stated)

Mon 27th No Service (*Feast, St Augustine of Canterbury*)

Tues 28th 10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass

Wed 29th 10.00am Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

Thurs 30th 10.00am Mass at Our Lady's, Lyndhurst

Fri 31st No Service (*Feast, Visitation of the B.V.Mary*)

Sat 1st No Service at St Michaels
10.00am St Bernard's
Practice - First Holy Communion

Sun 2nd The Body & Blood of Christ

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's
First Holy Communion Celebration

11.00am Mass at St Michael's
6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

Mass Intentions: For this week: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Children preparing for 1st Holy Communion, Raymond Critchell RIP, Marie Eastham RIP, Margaret Hall-Patch RIP, James Maloney RIP, Michael Moran RIP Anniv F/M, Jerzy Krzymuski RIP Anniv,

For the week beginning 2nd June: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Fr Peter Wilkie 60th Anniversary of ordination. Children preparing for 1st Holy Communion, Michael Monaghan F/M, Margaret Hall-Patch RIP, Norbert Power RIP Anniv, Eric Powell RIP B'day Anniv

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

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New Forest East Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

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

New Forest Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass: Lymington and New Milton at 6pm
Sunday: Milford on Sea at 9.00am, New Milton at 11.30am,
Lymington at 10:30am, Brockenhurst at 6.00pm

PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOP to be read in all churches and chapels of the Diocese of Portsmouth on 26th May 2013, The Most Holy Trinity. THE THIRD PERSON

Dear Christian Disciples,

In this fourth Pastoral Letter for the Year of Faith, I wish to talk about something disturbing. But let me first wish you today, Trinity Sunday, a Happy Feast day! During these last weeks, we have celebrated the Lord's Death and His glorious Resurrection, which brings us the forgiveness of sins, the promise of immortality and the 'grace' or energy to carry the cross of sickness, suffering and sorrow. We have also been given a new pope, Francis, whom we commend to the Lord in prayer. During this time too, in the diocese we have begun a process of restructuring, although I will say more about that next time.

For today, I want to discuss the often-neglected Third Article of the Creed: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Life-Giver. It is not easy to imagine this mysterious Third Person of the Trinity. God the Holy Spirit never speaks directly; we know Him only through His movements. The Bible paints a disturbing picture: He is fire, wind, noise, a rush of water, cloud and light, a dove, a hand, oil and breath, even a finger. He blows where He wills. He convicts people of sin. He overturns complacency, disrupting our plans, taking us where we would not go. Yet the Spirit is also a Paraclete and Comforter, God's forgiveness and healing, pleasant coolness in the heat, a 'frisson' or sense of awe that sets the hairs on our necks tingling, yet filling our hearts with the warmth of God's love. Indeed, His activity can be known for certain only by twelve fruits: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control and chastity.

Who is this Holy Spirit? What is He like? The Father always works in the world through His two hands, the Son and the Spirit, and They are inseparable; as St. Gregory of Nyssa, one of the Eastern fathers, explains, there is no distance whatsoever between Them. Yet in history, the Spirit was the First Person to be revealed, hovering over the waters, creating a world teeming with life and individuality. Then, through Israel and the prophets, the Spirit prepared the world for the coming of the Second Person, God the Son, in the fullness of time. But now, in these last days, the Spirit is preparing us for a new revelation at the end-time, the revelation of the Father, Whom we shall see as He is. This is why, even at this moment, the Spirit is sowing seeds of the Word. He is at work in the heart of every child, woman and man, wooing them into communion with Christ and His Church, and in the Mass and the sacraments, blending them into unity, making them bear fruit and preparing them for the *vitam venturi saeculi*, the life of the world to come.

Let me now ask you a question: When you pray, to Whom do you pray? In the Liturgy we mostly pray to God the Father. At other times, particularly in Eucharistic Adoration, we pray to God the Son, to Jesus our Lord and Master. But how often do you pray to God the Holy Spirit? The Spirit offers seven gifts to help us, three of knowledge, wisdom and understanding, and four for action: courage, counsel, piety and fear of the Lord. When we are lonely or in doubt, when we have a meeting or need to make an important decision, where there's discord and division, even when we pick up the phone or answer the door, we should pray to the Holy Spirit. As we make progress in the spiritual life, we develop a different relationship with each Person of the Trinity, as the Spirit leads us more deeply into the life, laughter and happiness of the Godhead. Like tuning a radio, the Spirit unites our petitions with the prayer of Jesus, placing them before the Father, who finds them - like us - irresistible.

During these weeks after Pentecost, I want to encourage everyone in the diocese to pray, more often every day, to the Holy Spirit and on weekdays occasionally to offer a Votive Mass. He will change your life. He will smash any pride or hardness of heart. He will fill you with what is so often lacking in our world today, in the mainstream media, the internet, in our parishes and even our own lives: love. Let me make some suggestions. Every morning, pray: 'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; enkindle in us the fire of your love'. Let every parish meeting and every school day begin with that prayer and a moment's silence for the Spirit to plough up our dispositions.

Try not to judge others; never speak uncharitably, even of public figures; resist the motivations of the devil and the evil spirits; and take care when on-line. Study in the Catechism, each day in turn, one of the fruits of the Spirit. Again, after Mass, why not speak to someone you don't know? Or extend the hand of reconciliation to one you have fallen out with?

One last thing. The Spirit forms the Church and sends her out on mission. I would like to ask every parish and school and every individual member of the Church, to engage in new evangelisation with a special concern for justice, peace and social responsibility. As Catholics, we are called to defend and promote the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, with care for the environment and a willingness, in our affluent Western culture, to adopt a simpler life-style. Most of us would readily wish to alleviate poverty in other parts of the world and in this the people of the Diocese of Portsmouth are notably generous. But let us not overlook the various forms of deprivation in our own communities. Indeed, I would like to invite every Catholic to consider tithing, that is, donating 10% of your time and talents to Christ's service, especially the care of the needy. It would be good if every Pastoral Area engaged in local works of charitable assistance, thus giving witness that the Jesus we love in the Eucharist is the Jesus we love in the poor.

To conclude, in this Year of Faith, at the end of the month of May, let us again turn to Mary, who conceived the Son of the Father by the power of the Spirit. We pray for Queen and country, as we recall next week the 60th anniversary of her Majesty's Coronation. We ask Mary's prayers too for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit on our land, so that many more will come to know, serve and love Jesus Christ, whose Heart in the Eucharist, pierced by a lance, burns limitlessly with love for us. Have a good day! May the Triune God bless you all. In Corde Iesu, + Philip, Bishop of Portsmouth.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Vicky Carter, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Peter Gray, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, George Hutcherson, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Tony O'Connell, Honora Power, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Pauline Sharpley, Ronald Stevens. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

PRAYER POTTERY: The next Prayer Pottery will take place next Tuesday, 28th May at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Michael's. All are welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: There is a practice for 1st Holy Communion on Saturday, 1st June at 10.00am at St Bernard's all children must attend with at least one parent.

The Celebration of First Holy Communion takes place at St Bernard's on Sunday, 2nd June at the 9.00am Mass.

MARGARET HALL-PATCH RIP: Margaret died last Tuesday, 21st May aged 94 yrs. She had been in a nursing home for the last couple of years. She and her husband, who died some years ago, were generous supporters of the parish.

Our condolences and prayers are with the families, friends and relatives who have lost loved ones and with all those who have been recently bereaved.

FR PETER WILKIE - DIAMOND JUBILEE OF

ORDINATION: On 4th June Fr Peter is celebrating his 60th anniversary as a priest. We will have a collection for him on June 16th. And on Sunday, 23rd June Fr Peter will say the 9.00am Mass at St Bernard's & then join us for the 11.00am Mass at St Michaels after which there will be light refreshments.

YEAR OF FAITH: (Newsletter insert from the Diocesan website)

Do we believe in one God or in three Gods?

We believe in one God in three persons (Trinity). "God is not solicitude but perfect communion." (Pope Benedict XVI, May 22, 2005). Christians do not worship three different Gods, but one single Being that is threefold and yet remains one. We know that God is triune from Jesus Christ: He, the Son speaks about his Father in heaven ("I and the Father are one", Jn 10:30). He prays to him and sends us the Holy Spirit, who is the love of the Father and the Son. That is why we are baptised 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' (Mt 28: 19).

Can we deduce logically that God is triune?

No. The fact that there are three persons (Trinity) in one God is a mystery. We know only through Jesus Christ that God is Trinitarian. (237)

Men cannot deduce the fact that God is Trinity by means of their own reason. They acknowledge, however, that this mystery is reasonable when they accept God's revelation in Jesus Christ. If God were alone and solitary, he could not love from all eternity. In the light of Jesus we find already in the Old Testament (for example, Gen 1:2; 18:2; 2 Sam 23:2), indeed, even in all of creation, traces of God's Trinitarian Being. Dig Deeper: Corresponding CCC section 238-267. Source: YOUCAT 35-36

COME FOLLOW ME – A GROUP FOR DISCERNING YOUNG CATHOLICS:

This discernment group is aimed at young men and women aged 16-30, who are looking to deepen their relationship with Christ and who are asking themselves how best to follow Him in the future. It is for all who are open to the possibility that God is calling them to the priesthood or religious life. The gatherings are usually on the 2nd Friday of each month at St. Joseph's Church, St Michael's Rd, Basingstoke RG22 6TY. They begin with Mass at 7:30pm, are followed by a delicious meal in the presbytery, an informal presentation on a theme related to vocation discernment, and finish at 9:30pm. The next gathering will be on Friday 14th June with Fr Paul King speaking about The Holy Spirit in Discernment. If you are able to come, or are over 30 but would still like support discerning your vocation, please contact Fr Mark Hogan:-Tel: 01256 323595 or Email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Any under 18s will also require a parental consent form which can be obtained from the same email address.

CAFOD: ENOUGH FOOD FOR EVERYONE CAMPAIGN

Invitation for everyone! CAFOD and the other Aid Agencies are holding a giant mobilisation in London on Saturday 8 June to coincide with the G8 Heads of Government Meeting. The aim is to demonstrate our support for *Enough Food for Everyone* and demand action from the Heads of Government. This is an enjoyable event for all the family, starting with a lively Ecumenical Service in Central Hall and then a walk to Hyde Park. Coaches from Southampton are being booked. Please let Louise Croll (80898213) or CAFOD Portsmouth know if you can come.

FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE:

Bishop Philip encourages people to pray to the Holy Spirit, a Prayer Card with a prayer to the Holy Spirit can be found on the website: <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/docs/comeholyspirit.pdf>

Corpus Christi Holy Hour – Sunday 2nd June one of the major events of the Year of Faith is a Eucharistic Holy Hour presided at by the Holy Father in St Peter's Basilica on Corpus Christi, Sunday 2nd June, at 5pm (Rome time), in communion with local diocesan communities around the world. Bishop Philip urges all parishes – as far as possible – to hold a similar Holy Hour in your churches. In doing so, we provide an opportunity for all the faithful to join with their Bishop and with the successor of Peter in the prayer of adoration to Jesus alive in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. This Holy Hour is sure to bring forth many graces for the universal Church and for our own diocese. In order to coincide with the Holy Father's Holy Hour, it should start at 4pm on Sunday 2nd June. (*This will take place at St Michaels Church, Hythe*)

WATERSIDE FOODBANK: (extract from the April letter to the parish from the organisers of the Waterside Foodbank) "On behalf of Waterside Foodbank, I am writing to express our sincere and grateful thanks for the support of the members of your churches during 2012/13. The combined total donated during the year was an amazing 963.7kg, which represents some 96 people being able to receive Emergency Foodboxes. Thank you also for the generous monetary donations of £170.00." A copy of the latest Newsletter & other information can be found at www.watersidefoodbank.co.uk.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Bingo & fish n' chips supper: Saturday 22nd June 7 p.m. @ St Bernard's.

Skittles & BBQ: Saturday 31st August 7p.m. @ St Bernard's

Quiz night and American supper : Saturday 5th October 7 p.m. @ St Bernard's.

FIRST AIDERS: Thanks to all those who have come forward and identified themselves as First Aiders. Also to two of our parishioners who went on a Red Cross training course.

WORK AT ST BERNARDS: Most of the work is now completed and the toilets and kitchen certainly are a lot more presentable now. It is hoped we can sort out the water heaters in the next few weeks. This is being funded by money raised by parishioners at Parish Socials organised by the St. Martha group.

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