

The Messenger

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

26th June 2011

The Body & Blood of Christ Yr A - Divine Office: Week 1

Sun 26 th	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels
Mon 27 th	No Service (Liturgy: of the Day, - 13th Week of the Year, or optnl Memorial - St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, 380-444) 7pm SM Practice for Confirmation
Tues 28 th	10.00am SM Morning prayer & Mass (Liturgy: Memorial, St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr, 130-202)
Wed 29 th	Saints Peter & Paul - Holy Day 10.00am Mass at St Michaels 7.30pm Mass at St Bernards
Thurs 30 th	10.00am LT Mass (Liturgy: of the Day, or optnl Memorial - First Martyrs of the Church of Rome) 7.00pm St Michaels Mass & Celebration of Confirmation For the New Forest East Pastoral Area
Fri 1 st	No Service (Liturgy: Solemnity - Sacred Heart of Jesus)
Sat 2 nd	10.00am SM Mass followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am (Liturgy: Memorial: Immaculate Heart of Mary)
Sun 3 rd	14th Sunday of Ordinary Time Society of African Missions Appeal 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, Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Confirmation Candidates of the Pastoral Area, especially Anna Lawes & Hannah Teague, Linda Guilding (B'day), Keith Roberts (Thanksgiving), Paul Connolly RIP, Philippe Lafollie RIP, Lorraine Shearing RIP, Paul Sherrington RIP Anniv.

For the week beginning 3rd July: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian, Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Society of African Missions, Sue Norris (Intentions), Gloria Lorimer 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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THE SACREDNESS OF FLESH & BLOOD

A lot of primitive religion is about escaping from this world, this experience, this body and reaching up towards the Divine. A lot of religious endeavour is about the work that has to be done, the prayers that have to be said, the things that have to be denied in order to be pleasing to God or to attain to a higher spiritual level. This seems to be a very "natural" religious instinct and it has permeated Christianity even from the beginning. It is characterised by attitudes and approaches that presume it is in our power to determine our relationship with God: What have I got to do? What have I got to say? What sacrifices must I make? How can I guarantee eternal life? How can I justify myself? How can I persuade God to love me? It is one of Paul's central convictions that we are saved by God's work and not our own (however noble!) which is why "faith justifies us" (Romans 3:28; 5:1).

This question is put to Jesus in John's Gospel - "What must we do to be doing the works that God wants? This is working for God, Jesus replied, believe in the one he has sent" (John 6:28). The irony is that Christianity is above all a religion of Incarnation - of God's work being present in the flesh and the blood and yet many are still trying to work out what they have to do to escape the here and now, the flesh and the blood.

In John's Gospel quoted today Jesus says: - "Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you cannot have life in you" (John 6: 51ff). Jesus is referring to something much more than just receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion. (Indeed if it referred only to Holy Communion many innocent people would be automatically excluded which would make a nonsense of everything) It is first of all that God is flesh & blood in Jesus. The Divine life is present bodily and because God is present bodily in Jesus, God is also present bodily in us. In Christ (the universal creative presence of God) we are the Body & Blood of Christ. If we cannot accept (metaphorically eat & drink) that God is with us in our present condition - our flesh, then we are treating ourselves as lifeless, devoid of God. The revelation that Jesus brings is that God is the whole of us but we are not the whole of God. For peace and joy of soul we must learn to accept the pleasure & pain of the flesh, the beauty & ugliness of the flesh, the power & the mortality of the flesh. We must treat the flesh and blood not as an enemy (dualism) nor as a master (hedonism), but as a friend which mediates the Divine gift.

The burden of salvation is lifted from our shoulders. We do have to try to save ourselves. It is impossible for us anyway. God has done the work for us in Christ Jesus. Our fundamental response to God is acceptance, that is, faith. Our fundamental response to one another is love because we are all one in Christ. Incarnational faith means we are empowered to deal very positively with the "here and now", with the "messiness" of life and its relationships.

In the Spirit of Jesus we are to promote the "fullness of life" for ourselves and everyone. However this is not to be confused with unbridled consumption, exploitation of people, animals or the earth. This comes from a self-centred, divisive, competitive mentality which has its roots in our evolutionary development. It is not "bad" its just the opposite of the peace and love of the Divine harmony which is salvation. "Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one Body because we all share the one Bread & the one Cup". (DMA)

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

MISSION APPEAL: Next weekend (Sunday, 3rd July) Fr Gerry Toner, of the Society of African Missions will be making an appeal. The Society has permission from the Diocese to request appeals from parishes this year.

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION: Next Wednesday, 29th June is the Feast Day of Saints Peter & Paul. It is a holy day of obligation. Mass times are as shown opposite.

PRAYER POTTERY: This coming Tuesday, 28th June there will be Prayer Pottery in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel from 11.00am. It will be led by Christine Olden and is a time for quiet reflection and prayer with some spiritual music too. All are welcome.

CONFIRMATION PRACTICE: This coming Monday, 27th June, at 7pm in St Michael's Church there will be a practice for the Celebration of Confirmation

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: Please keep Anna Lawes & Hannah Teague in your prayers. Together with group of young people from Totton they will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Michaels on Thursday, June 30th at 7pm. The Sacrament will be conferred by Mgr Tom McGrath, a Vicar General of the Diocese. Due to health concerns Bishop Crispian has had to cut back on his commitments.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MASSES: Due to many calendar clashes, starting on Sunday, 4th Sept Young People's Masses will move to the FIRST Sunday of each month. There will NOT be one in August, so the next few dates are: 31 July, 4 Sept, 2 Oct, 6 Nov, 4 Dec. Please keep in mind, however, that the New Translation of the Liturgy is being introduced, in part at the beginning of September. The full introduction of this new translation will be on the 1st Sunday of Advent. It will have a big impact on the way we celebrate Mass. Therefore we will have to learn the best way forward when the time comes.

9AM CHILDREN'S LITURGY: This will continue through the school holidays as far as possible, so long as our youngsters still come. In both July and Aug there may be one or two Sundays when nobody is here to run it, due to our volunteer shortage (could you help us out in future? Please chat to Clare if so). Parents could use the opportunity to help your children follow the Mass from their own booklet, spotting specific parts and maybe colouring one of the pictures. Crayons and other materials will be available. In the autumn we hope to invite parents to a meeting to discuss ideas, resources and what more we could do for our youngsters. Watch this space!

STREET PASTORS - NEW FOREST: Local churches in the new Forest Area are being asked to support this new initiative. Could you become a Street Pastor? Or a member of a Support team? Street Pastors normally serve for just one evening each month. Senior citizens and those with disabilities can be very effective Street pastors. Full training is given.
For information email: fstreetpastors@hotmail.co.uk

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CAFOD:CONNECT 2 RWANDA LUNCH ON 10 JULY

Feza and Odette from the Connect programme are visiting England to meet some parishes involved in helping them. CAFOD groups from Waterside, Totton and Lyndhurst are arranging a buffet lunch at **St Theresa's Parish Hall, 20 Beaumont Road Totton at 12noon on Sunday 10 July for them to meet supporters.** There will be a short presentation and talk by Adela before lunch at 1pm This will be a unique opportunity to meet some of the people that our CAFOD collections help.

All are welcome.
Tickets include 2 course lunch and soft drinks (cost £5) will be available after Masses on 26 June and 3 July .
On 26 June there will be an exhibition of Rwanda artefacts in the porches after Mass: an introduction to meeting the ladies. Also raffle tickets for funds for Rwanda will be on sale.

CHEESE & WINE WITH AN AUCTION OF PROMISES.

This will take place on **Saturday, July 9th at 7pm at St Bernard's Hall. Tickets are ON SALE NOW £4** - cheese & biscuits and 2 glasses of wine or non-alcoholic drinks. Next Sunday, 3rd July, is the last chance to buy your tickets. We hope you will also come along on the night as the auction won't be successful without you!
WE HAVE SOME AMAZING AUCTION ITEMS: A list is available at the back of church. Don't miss out on these fantastic bargains - be there for the Auction - & help parish funds too! You can view the auction items from 6p.m. on the 9th July. If you don't drink & don't eat cheese just come along for the suction then!

THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE LITURGY - RESOURCES

(These can be ordered from the Parish Shop)

The following are available 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