

# The Messenger

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

26<sup>th</sup> August 2012

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B (Psalter Wk.1)

Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	No Service (Liturgy: Memorial, St Monica)
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: Memorial, St Augustine of Hippo)
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am - Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst (Liturgy: Memorial, The Beheading of John the Baptist)
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am - Mass at Our Lady's, Lyndhurst (Liturgy: Memorial, Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward)
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am - Requiem Mass at St Bernard's Annie Wyatt RIP
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am SM Mass followed by Reconciliation until 11.00am (Liturgy: 20 <sup>st</sup> Week of Ordinary Time)
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 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, Bishop Crispian (Happy Retirement), Bishop elect Philip Egan, Joan & Peter Cocker (Wedding Anniv), Anne Imber (Intentions), Elaine Davies RIP, William Farrelly RIP, Sheila Godwin RIP, Jillian Plummer RIP, Betty Powell RIP Anniv, Henry Scott RIP Anniv

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## 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  
Geo House (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

## CHOICES ARE RENEWED EVERY DAY

All relationships, marriage included, need to be nurtured from both sides or they will eventually die. We cannot presume on the choices or decisions we made some years ago. We need to keep relationships alive and healthy by listening, sharing, spending time together and giving little surprise tokens of our affection.

A choice made in the past needs to be renewed each day. If this happens the relationship becomes stronger each day. If that doesn't happen it gradually withers. Relationships have to live in the here and now. If love and friendship are alive now then the past and the future are connected. The past is remembered with gratitude and where necessary healed with forgiveness. The future is anticipated with hope and joy. Where there is no love the past is a fading memory and the future is empty.

In our first reading today Joshua invites the people to renew their choice. They had reached the final threshold. They were about to enter the Promised Land. It was appropriate to re-affirm their commitment to God and to God's ways. Even though they had already been through the years of wandering in the desert and had had many testing experiences.

The disciples of Jesus had to make a similar decision. They had been following Jesus for some time but now others were questioning Jesus' teaching and could not follow him any more. Would they go away too? Thankfully they were able to respond to the light that the Father was giving them. They recognized in Jesus the one who brings the message of eternal life. They wanted to receive God's life – so where else could they go?

We must bear in mind here that the "intolerable language" was not about what we would now call the doctrine of the Real Presence. Jesus is talking about something even more fundamental than that. Jesus is saying that the life of God is experienced through his total self-giving – "flesh" & "blood" – his whole self – life and death. The old Law of Moses and everything that went with it was effectively abolished. This was something that had indeed been prophesied long ago through Jeremiah and the other prophets. (This theme of replacement is a major feature of John's Gospel. Jesus is the Best Wine kept till last; John was a witness - Jesus is the Light & the Lamb; Jacob gave a well, Jesus gives living water; the Feast of Tabernacles was celebrated with torches - Jesus is the Light of the world; the Pool at Siloam promised healing - Jesus is the Healer; those who led the people before were merely hired men - Jesus is the Good Shepherd; they had resurrection on the last day - Jesus IS the Resurrection & the Life; they had the patriarchs Abraham & Moses - before they ever were Jesus is "I AM"; they had manna in the desert - Jesus is "living Bread") Some were not ready to make this radical change. God still loved them but they could not move on at that time. It is the same with us, often we are not ready to change or to move on. God still loves us but until we are ready to move forward from where we are we cannot come to the next stage on the journey. Sometimes, too, sections of the Church cannot cope with change. If they are in authority they can sometimes hold others back who want to move on with the Spirit of God. (DMA).

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Amanda Bowden, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Judith Morrison, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Pauline Sharpley, Jason Singleton, Ronald Stevens. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

**ANNE "ANNIE" WYATT RIP:** Annie passed on at Ashlett Dale Rest Home, Fawley on August 15<sup>th</sup> 2012 aged 91 years.



The Requiem Mass for Annie will take place at St Bernard's on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> August at 10.30am followed by Committal at Southampton Crematorium, West Chapel at 12.15pm. Annie's ashes will be interred at Blackfield Cemetery on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am. We keep Annie & her family in our prayers.

**PRAYER POTTERY:** the next meeting will be on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Michael's. The prayer time is led by Christine Olden and comprises of music, quiet time & readings. All are welcome

**HEALING MASS:** will take place at Geo House (St Joseph's) on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.15pm. There will be a visiting speaker who is rather special & well worth listening to. He is Marino Restrepo from Colombia. See the poster at the back of church.

**CHILDREN'S MASS** Our next Children's Mass at St Bernard's will be 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Children's Liturgy will resume as usual in September. If anyone would like to join our team of catechists for Children's Liturgy please contact Fr. David!

**MGR PHILIP EGAN - BISHOP ELECT OF PORTSMOUTH.** Mgr Philip's ordination to the Episcopate will take place on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> September at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.

## TIME TO SAY "GOODBYE"

And to say **Thank you** to this parish for its friendliness and generosity to us, Roger and Josie . We have only spent 2 and half years here but we will miss you very much.

Where are we going? Back to Peru.

Why? To carry on with the wonderful life that we have had in Peru for many years. We thought we had retired but it seems that the Good Lord didn't agree with us. We were suddenly presented with £11,000 to strengthen the whole idea of baby and toddler and childhood stimulation together with good nutrition amongst the population in this jungle area.

Iquitos is a large town, it is only the outskirts which are rain forest, the rest is just rainy city!

If you want to know how we are faring our private e-mail address is :- [Josie.bluebell103@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Josie.bluebell103@hotmail.co.uk) and I hope to be sending news and photos from October.

Web site [www.handinhand.org.uk](http://www.handinhand.org.uk)

Thank you , Father David for your inspiring thoughts and teaching. Bye, and enjoy the life you have.

**Josie and Roger Masters**

**CAFOD SUPPORTERS MEETING ON SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER AT BASINGSTOKE:** FEEDBACK ON LENTEN APPEAL SUCCESS AND HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE SPENT. Plus question and answer session on any aspect of CAFOD's work and news of forthcoming activities. ALL WELCOME. Full details on poster in the church porches or from Louise (80898213). Booking is requested.

**CAFOD - GREAT SOUTH RUN:** - entrants need to register now for this event. See poster in church porch for details.

**A BIG THANKS TO THE MARTHA GROUP:** - for organising the BBQ and skittles evening which was a great success despite the weather. Special thanks to Jim Ross for use of his super-wiz Barbie and for Veronica for transport. Proceeds will be announced next week.



**ROOF REPAIRS AT ANGEL HOUSE:** Many of you will have noticed the scaffolding at Angel House at the moment. The Finance Committee approved the work being carried out to renew the felt and batons under the tiles. Many years ago the parish was made aware of the poor state of the roofs of both the church and the house. This was due to the poor quality roofing felt used when the building was erected and which was not of a breathable material. This led to the rotting of batons, shifting tiles and subsequent leaks. Necessary repairs to the church & house have been carried out in the last four years but a complete renewal was always needed. A recent leak in the house roof indicated that the time was right to do the whole roof. This applies to the church as well but at the moment we can only afford to do the house. As the old felt was removed it became clear that the roof joists are only 3" x 2" timbers and not the 6" by 2" as one would expect. Understandably our roofers, Richard & Steve worked somewhat cautiously! The work has now been completed satisfactorily. We are just waiting now for the scaffolding to remove the scaffolding.

**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH ROOF REPAIRS:** Two suspect leak spots on the church roof have now been patch repaired.

**THE YEAR OF FAITH: (Oct 2012 - Nov 2013).** This was announced by Pope Benedict last year. It is an invitation to every Catholic to re-discover the riches of their faith. "The Year of Faith will have to see a concerted effort to rediscover and study the fundamental content of the faith"; "if we interpret it (the 2nd Vatican Council) guided by a right hermeneutic, it can be and can become increasingly powerful for the ever necessary renewal of the Church"; "In order to arrive at a systematic knowledge of the content of the faith, all can find in the Catechism of the Catholic Church a precious and indispensable tool" (Extracts from Porta Fidei). Materials and national events are being prepared by the Bishops of England and Wales. Our own Diocese is preparing a booklet to guide us through the year and offer suggestions as to how we might respond. **See also the Geo House / St Joseph's, Ashurst programme which has a number of "faith days" planned. Details are on the noticeboard.**

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