

THE RICH SENT EMPTY AWAY

We are part of the 20% of the world's population that annually consumes 80% of the world's resources. But things never stand still for long. Some resources are becoming scarce and worldwide demand is growing. New economies, like China & India are on the ascendant. For so long we have ignored the consequences of our life-style on the rest of the world. We have hoped the problems will go away. Perhaps prosperity will solve them or advances in medicine and genetics. But everything we do either builds hope for the future or sows the seeds of future suffering. Often our actions are ambiguous, good in some respects but detrimental in others. It is good to have television and the internet. There is a lot of useful and inspiring material. Yet we can also waste a lot of time and energy on material that is egoistic, amoral and indulgent.

It is the same in our spiritual lives. The Catholic Church has undergone many changes, all of them good and necessary. We changed our churches but perhaps we didn't change our minds. The spiritual renewal of the Church has been isolated and patchy. We still have pagan priorities and worldly minds. The spiritual freedom, which Vatican II restored, did not, for the most part, become an opportunity for Gospel service. Burdens were lifted but shallow things not deeper things filled the space. Catholic and Christian countries are, by and large, populated by baptised pagans. We have been sacramentalised but not evangelised. The sacraments have been administered but no one's life has been changed. We do the ritual but we don't live the Gospel!

This situation cannot continue without serious consequences. If we are not living our faith seriously we can't blame people for not taking us seriously. If we are neither hot nor cold we are not inspiring anyone. If we don't think we have really good news to share then we haven't heard the good news ourselves. Now is the time for decision. There is only one way forward. We must put our whole life in God's hands, hand it all over and wait upon his mercy. Nothing we can do will make God love us any less. Nothing we can do will make God love us any more. God's love is perfect already. We cannot conjure, coerce, buy or manipulate God's touch. We can strive to be ready, to be awake, to receive it when it comes. Then we will be re-invigorated and we will experience the Good News and so have good news to share.

Then we can work towards faith communities that are open and inclusive yet dedicated and responsible. We want commitment but not judgement, strong faith but not narrow-mindedness. We want love that is neither cliquy nor cloying; service of others that is not proud & self-serving. We want patient compassion with strong ideals. We want to be in fellowship with the national and universal church not as mindless slaves but as brothers and sisters who share the one Spirit.

Such a community is ultimately the work of God's Spirit but God cannot do it without us. For our part there must be some reality to our faith. Are we keen to worship and celebrate the Eucharist? Are we striving to put the word of Jesus into practice? Are we strangers to our faith community or do we support it and take part in it? Now is the time for some important decisions. (DMA)

The Messenger

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St Bernard's Church, (SB) Southbourne Ave, Holbury, SO45 2NT

26th September 2010

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Divine Office: Wk 2

Sun 26th 9am SB Mass; 11am SM Mass; 6pm SM Mass

*Special Collection this Weekend
For our Diocesan Cathedral*

Mon 27th No Service
(Memory: St Vincent de Paul, 1580 - 1660
Founder: Vincentians & co-founder: Sisters of Charity)

Tues 28th 10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass
(Liturgy: Of the Day, optl Memory: St Wenceslaus d.929,
or St Laurence Ruiz et alia -martyrs, d.1633 in Japan)

Wed 29th 7.30pm SM Evening Prayer & Mass
(Feast: Holy Archangels - Michael, Gabriel & Raphael)

Thurs 30th 10.00am LT Mass
(Memory: St Jerome, Priest & Doctor, 342-420)

Fri 1st No Service - CAFOD Autumn Fast Day
(Memory: St Teresa of the Child Jesus & Holy Face
Religious & Doctor of the Church, 1873-1897)

Sat 2nd 10.00am SM Mass followed by Reconciliation
until 11.30am
(Memory: The Holy Guardian Angels)

Sun 3rd **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9am SB Mass; 11am SM Mass; 6pm SM Mass
CAFOD Collection

Mass Intentions: For this week: People of the Parish, Parishioners who are unwell, deceased Clergy of the Diocese & Province, Anthea Hayward RIP Anniv, Sarah Mitchell RIP Anniv.; for the health of the following: James Ford, Morag Horn, Chris Masters, Janet Sampson, Betty Williams

For the week beginning 3rd Oct: People of the Parish, Parishioners who are unwell, deceased Clergy of the Diocese & Province, Fred Warrilow RIP Anniv, Margaret Bull 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:
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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Marion Butler, Derry Condon, Petra Daniels, Bill Feltham, Pat Gallanagh, Amanda Gudge, Trevor Handol, Norman Haskell, Jenny Lauder, Bridget Reeves, Betty Williams, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

THIS WEEKEND: There is be an obligatory second collection for the upkeep of our Diocesan Cathedral in Portsmouth.

NEXT WEEKEND (3rd OCT): we will be having the Autumn CAFOD collection. This coming Friday is a suggested Fast Day for CAFOD.

RED BOXES: Would red Box holders please bring their boxes to church on Sunday, 3rd October 2010. Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYER POTTERY: will take place on this Tuesday, 28th Sept after Mass at 11am in the Blessed Sacrament chapel at St Michaels. All welcome.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Approved Minutes of the July PPC meeting are available for consultation on the church noticeboards.

SUNDAY EVENING MASS: After discussion at last weeks PPC meeting it has been decided to discontinue the Sunday evening Mass. The last Sunday evening Mass will be on Oct 10th. While it has been convenient for a few people it has not drawn a sufficient & consistent core group able to assume responsibilities. It will also be expensive to keep the church heated in the winter for such a small group.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Any parent who considers that their child is ready to prepare for their 1st Holy Communion should contact Fr David. Once it is known how many children will be involved we can decide the best way forward.



CONFIRMATION: The parish is inviting young people, usually from the age of 14yrs upwards, to confirm their faith in God's love for them and to make a personal response to God's call. Anyone who wishes to go forward to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation should contact Fr David after first receiving their parents consent.



SPIRITUALITY & DEMENTIA: This subject will be examined using a short DVD entitled "Here I am Lord" and a discussion led by Dr John Lester. This will be held at St Joseph's, Lyndhurst Rd, Ashurst, SO40 7DU on **Wednesday, 29th Sept at 7.30pm**. Everyone is welcome & refreshments will be served.

CAFOD
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CAFOD 50th ANNIVERSARY: Totton parish are celebrating with a party on Saturday, 2nd October at 7.30pm in St

Theresa's Church Hall. There will be drinks and nibbles. All welcome.

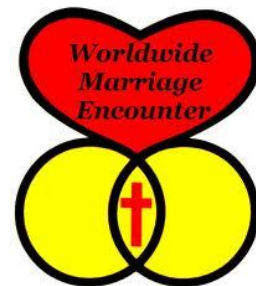
CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY: Friday, 1st October will be the Harvest fast day. CAFOD envelopes will be distributed this weekend and Louise or Clare will say a few words after Mass on this weekend.

CELEBRATE WEEKEND: 9th & 10th October 2010:

The 3rd Celebrate weekend is to be held at St Marys College, Southampton. *Celebrate* is a Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference for people of all ages, a chance for Christians to come together, learn more about their faith and feed the spirit inside. Adults £30; 16-22yrs £20, 3-15yrs £10, under 3s free. For more information and to book contact Peter & Lynda Szymanski 023-80-292058 or via peterszymanski@hotmail.com or ask Angela Slattery after Mass at St Bernard's.



MARRIED COUPLES: Would you like to experience a marriage enrichment weekend organised by Worldwide Marriage Encounter? It's a residential weekend designed to deepen and strengthen good marriages, away from the distractions of everyday life. It's not marriage counselling, therapy or a retreat, but a positive experience that can benefit any couple of any age group. The next weekend to be held in the South takes place in Hertfordshire from 22 - 24 October. Details: Mary & Chris Farrall 02380 275401 or <http://wwme.org.uk>



JAZZ EVENING: The 7th Parish Jazz Night is at St Bernard's Hall on **Saturday, 16th October** with the new Cavalier Jazzmen. Starting at **8pm**. Tickets are £6.00. Raffle prizes. Proceeds will go towards improving parish facilities. Tickets after Mass or from parish shop - F.H.C.



ALLOTMENTS: The area behind St Michaels church has become a wilderness. Is there anyone who might like to turn it, or part of it, into an allotment? Please contact Fr.David.

TWO SEATER SOFA/SETTEE: Doreen Holman has a 2 seater sofa if anyone wants it. It is cream colour, velvety fabric, in good condition. It is free. Transport can be arranged. If anyone is interested contact Fr David.