

## SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD THEN EVERYTHING ELSE WILL FALL INTO PLACE

Many countries today are suffering from what we might call economic indigestion or hangover. In the heady days of easy credit, property booms and financial speculation we lost sight of reality and believed our own fantasies and wishful thinking. We were serving money and the desire for money. We are addicts to affluence and addicts don't make good stewards. Now we have to face reality and come to terms with our debt. Money has to become the servant of the common good.

We are all understandably concerned about our economic future. As far as we can it is reasonable to plan ahead and make sensible provision for the future. The problem arises when concern becomes worry and anxiety. When worry and anxiety take a hold of us we lose our capacity to think straight and to think creatively. We can become paralyzed in indecision. The anxiety affects us physically and emotionally. It increases the toxins in the body, raising heart rate & blood pressure. It can upset our sleep and our digestion. It robs us of joy, hope and confidence. Anxiety has all these negative effects and as long as we are in its grip prevents us from finding positive ways forward. All our anxiety will not change our hair colour or our height. Although we might go prematurely grey and even shrink under the burden of our worries!

Having a healthy and balanced sense of what we can and cannot control, of what we can and cannot do and being reconciled to that reality can give us peace of mind. This peace of mind will enable us to receive and appreciate the every day things that we take for granted. Gratitude leads to joy.

God has given us life. God loves us even more than the tenderest of mothers or fathers. God is concerned not just with our bodily welfare but with the welfare of the whole person. God wants to feed us with love, wisdom and every blessing. God wants to clothe us in dignity and with the beauty of Christ which are all the virtues and strengths of the Divine Word.

One of the main features of our journey of faith is growth from the untested presumptions of naïveté towards a trust and confidence matured by experience, prayer and shared stories. We grow from thinking that God will protect us from all harm towards the realisation that in all circumstances, pleasant and painful, difficult and easy, God is with us working for our good.

In this the great spiritual law operates: - forgive & you'll be forgiven, give & you will receive, seek & you will find, look without selfishness and you'll see goodness, beauty and God everywhere, give joy & joy will come back to you. (DMA)

# The Messenger

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

**27<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time - Divine Office: Wk 4**

Sun	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels
Mon	28 <sup>th</sup>	No Service ( <i>Liturgy: of the Day</i> )
Tues	1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass ( <i>Liturgy: Feast - St David, Religious, Bishop</i> )
Wed	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm SM Evening Prayer & Mass ( <i>Liturgy: of the Day</i> )
Thurs	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am LT Mass ( <i>Liturgy: of the Day</i> )
Fri	4 <sup>th</sup>	No Service ( <i>Liturgy: of the Day, or optl mem. St Casimir, Prince of Poland</i> )
Sat	5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am SM Mass followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am ( <i>Liturgy: of the Day, or Our Lady on Saturday</i> )
Sun	6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> 9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels

This Sunday, 6th March:

Voluntary Collection for Cabrini Children's Society

**Mass Intentions: For this week:** All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, deceased Clergy of the Province, Benefactors of the Clergy Retirement Fund, Benefactors of "Living our Faith", Anne Candrl RIP, John Gawthorn RIP Anniv, Dorothy Horner RIP Anniv, Alice Manghan RIP Anniv, Roy Nicholas RIP, Norbert Power RIP Anniv,

**For the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> Mar:** All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, all deceased of the parish whose anniversaries occur at this time & Norah Manghan 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)  
Rev Steve Bowler (Deacon) (023 8020 7449)  
Rev Ian Tobin (Deacon) (023 8089 7354)  
Kevin Barnett (Chair: Parish Pastoral Council)

All correspondence to: The Parish Office,  
Angel House, 6 Langdown Lawn, Hythe SO45 5GR

Tel: 023 8084 3479

e-mail: [watersidecp@btinternet.com](mailto:watersidecp@btinternet.com)

website: [watersidecatholics.org.uk](http://watersidecatholics.org.uk)



For the Ideal Gi visit  
Faith, Hope & Charity  
8 ST JOHN'S STREET, HYTHE SO45 6DA  
Tel: 023 8020 7882

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Pat Gallanagh, Amanda Gudge, Margaret Hall-Patch, Joy Prestage, Norma Rudd, Eileen Shanley, May Sycamore, Betty Williams, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

**THANKS FOR PRAYERS:** Eileen Shanley would like to thank everyone for prayers. She is very grateful to have come through her operation okay.

**THANK YOU:** The Diocesan Collection for the Catholic Education Service raised £195.60p.

**NEXT WEEK:** There is a voluntary collection for the Cabrini Childrens Society.

**ROTAS AVAILABLE NOW:** for Readers & Ministers of Holy Communion at St Bernards & St Michaels



**9.00am Kids' Masses:** Parents & young folk, please try to commit to these dates, so that these Masses can grow into something special for us all. The next few are: Sun 27th March (clocks go forward!), 24th April (Easter Sunday), Sun 29th May (half term), Sun 26th

June. We need you!

**WOMENS' WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** This year the service will be held at St Andrew's Church & centre, Dibden Purlieu on **Friday, 4th March at 2pm**. All are welcome.

#### **FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 28 FEB - 12 MARCH:**

On 27th Feb & 6th March we will be selling a selection of Fairtrade goods (tea, coffee, biscuits, jam & sweets) after Mass at both churches.

#### **WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH - LENTEN EVENTS**

**Stations of the Cross;** - 3pm on Fridays; 11th Mar at SM; 18th Mar at SB; 25th Mar at SM; 1st Apr at SB; 8th Apr at SM; 15th Apr at SB.

**Lenten Talks:** *Become One Body, One Spirit in Christ - Deepening our understanding of the Eucharist in our lives.*

We will use an interactive DVD published by the International Commission for English in the Liturgy (ICEL) for English speaking Bishops Conferences. This is designed to promote the new English translation of the Mass which will be introduced in September 2011. There will be five sessions at St Michaels, on Sundays, 5pm - 6pm: 13th Mar; 20th Mar; 27th Mar; 3rd April; 10th April.

**Reconciliation Service:** 7.30pm, Tuesday, 19th April in St Michaels.

#### **Holy Week Services:**

**Palm Sunday,** 17th April

**Chrism Mass,** 11.00am, Tues, 19th April at Portsmouth Cathedral

**Maundy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper, 8pm, Thurs, 21st April at St Michaels.

**Good Friday:** Ecumenical Service, 10.45am for 11.00am, Hythe, outside Waitrose.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3pm, Fri, 22nd April at St Michaels.

**Holy Saturday:** Easter Vigil, **9pm**, on Sat, 23rd April at St Bernards.

**Easter Sunday:** 9am Mass at SB; 11am Mass at SM



#### **CAFOD IN LENT - DATES FOR DIARY:**

Shrove Tuesday, 8th March, at 7.30pm in St Bernard's Hall, Ecumenical Pancakes, Prayer & Praise and burning old palms.

**CAFOD SOUP LUNCH:** on Thursday, 24th March at 12.30pm at St Bernard's Hall,

**Coffee Mornings for CAFOD:** Anyone to host??

#### **ON BEING COMFORTABLE WITH SILENCE IN**

**PRAYER:** On Saturday, 26th March 2011, from 10am until 3.30pm in St Saviour's Church Hall, Brockenhurst. There will be an opportunity to gently discover how you personally feel about silence, as well as hearing about the experience of others. Please bring a packed lunch. Suggested donation of £10. Please book by contacting Mary on 01590 622301, or [dunmary@mac.com](mailto:dunmary@mac.com).

#### **ECUMENICAL STUDY GROUPS FOR LENT 2011 - WATERSIDE CHURCHES TOGETHER (SOUTH)**

The dates and venues are as follows: March 15th, 22nd, 29th & April 5th, 12th. On each date there will be a group at 1.30 for 2.00pm at Blackfield Baptist Church (Hampton Lane, Blackfield) and 7.00 for 7.30pm at Waterside Methodist Church (Chapel Lane, Fawley). The groups are open to all.

**NEW FORMAT NEWSLETTER:** Redemptorist Publications are offering a month's free trial of an A3 size newsletter with Mass readings & reflections on one side. We will try this in March. Feedback would be appreciated.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** New boxes for the year beginning April 2011 are ready for collection at the churches. Our thanks to Carmel McClatchey.

**BRAVE DAVE KING:** is taking part in the Ben Nevis Challenge to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society. Please sponsor him. See him after Mass at St Michaels or go online: <http://www.justgiving.com/David-King/3>. See poster for more details.

**LENTEN TALKS ON DVD:** 10 Sessions by internationally famous Christian speaker: J. John "The 10 Commandments" **At St. Joseph's House of Prayer, Ashurst at 7.30pm on Thursdays & Fridays in Lent;** 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March, 31<sup>st</sup> March & 1<sup>st</sup> April, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> April. Contact: Peter & Lynda 023 80292058, Email: [peterszymanski@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peterszymanski@hotmail.co.uk)

**DIOCESAN EVENTS & COURSES:** Notification of Diocesan events and courses can be found on the printed sheets at the back of church.

**JAZZ FOR COMIC RELIEF:** Mike Slipper & the Jazz Band will be playing at **The Croft** Public House on **Friday evening, 18th March** to raise funds for Comic Relief. Please go along & support. Also Mike would be grateful for any raffle prizes that could be used to raise money for the cause.

**WHAT! A CHRISTIAN EASTER EGG??** These are chocolate eggs that mention Jesus and explain the meaning of the feast day on the packaging. Waitrose, Morrisons, & Co-op have agreed to stock the £3.99 eggs in their biggest stores on a trial basis. So customer demand from you, dear reader, will encourage them to stock the product more widely.