

# The Messenger

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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - Divine Mercy Sunday 27th April

**9.00am Mass at SB**  
**11.00am Mass at SM**

### Year A, Weekdays Yr 2; Psalter week 2

Monday 28th April No Service  
*(St George, patron of England, transferred from 23rd April)*  
Tuesday 29th April No service  
*(St Catherine of Sienna. Religious & Doctor of the Church)*  
Wednesday 30th April No Service  
*(St Pius V, Pope)*  
Thursday 1st May No Service  
*(St Joseph the Worker)*

### Friday 2nd May Mass 10am SM

*(St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church)*

### Saturday 3rd May Mass 10am SM

*(SS Philip & James, Apostles)*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation straight after Mass**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Sunday 4th May

**9.00am Mass at St Bernard's**  
**11.00am Mass at St Michael's**

*Baptism 12noon SM Baby Vivienne Beth Kenny*

### Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 27th April

**Anniversaries this week:** Gerard Manghan(30th), Michael Teague (1st May), Mary Goddard (3rd)

**Those who have died recently:** George Farrelly, Honora Power

**Other Intentions:** Petra Daniels (Health), Leanne Martin (Health), Ruth Rowan (Health), George Watson (Health), Mike Woolf (Health)

## WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

### PASTORAL TEAM:

**Rev David Adams -Parish Priest-** based at Our Lady & St Joseph Church, Lymington: Tel: 01590 676696 ;

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### New Forest East Pastoral Area: Lyndhurst, Totton & Waterside,

#### Sunday Mass Times

**St Theresa, Totton** - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am

**Our Lady & St Edward, Lyndhurst** - Sun 9am, (Holy Day Vigil 7pm)

**Parish priest : Rev Innaiah Maddineni** : Tel: 023 8086 2270

**Rev Andrew Philpott** (Deacon)

### New Forest West Pastoral Area: Brockenhurst, Lymington, Milford on sea & New Milton

**Parish Priest :Rev David Adams** Tel: 01590 676696

**Rev Stephen Morgan** (Deacon)

St Anne-Brockenhurst, Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph-Lymington,  
St Francis of Assisi-Milford on Sea.

**Parish Priest: Rev Marcin Drabik** : Tel: 01425 614968

Our Lady of Lourdes- New Milton

#### Sunday Mass Times

**Saturday Vigil Mass:** Lymington and New Milton at 6pm

**Sunday:** Milford on Sea at 9.00am, New Milton at 10 am,

New Milton 6.30pm *Mass in Polish*

Lymington at 10:30am, Brockenhurst at 6.00pm

## SEEING AND BELIEVING: THOMAS

After the death of Jesus the identity of the disciples and the direction of their lives changes dramatically. Now they are a group of men whose shared fear keeps the company together, and whose only direction in life is to lock themselves into their own no-go area. After the death of Jesus their lives are rooted in fear.

It is into that desperation that the risen Christ comes: not to disown his disciples for abandoning him but to reclaim them with his peace. He shows himself to them. The resurrection doesn't make the marks of cruelty and suffering disappear: the risen Christ is *the wounded Christ*. He is Jesus who was crucified: the same. In his gift of peace the disciples experience great joy, and they are commissioned to share that joy when they release others from sin through the power of forgiveness. Again because of Christ, they have a new-found identity and a new direction to their lives. Now they have his Spirit.

Being absent from the community means that Thomas missed meeting the Lord, and when he returns he cannot bring himself to believe in the disciples' story. His doubt is that of a man who is committed to the truth. There is a sparkling authenticity about Thomas: he refuses to say that he can understand or believe when he can manage neither understanding nor belief. Thomas is brave enough to have the conviction of his doubts.

Later, the risen Christ appears again to his disciples and the purpose of the visit is clearly to pay attention to the doubt of Thomas – not to scorn it. Thomas is invited to inspect a wounded Jesus to discover the reality of the resurrection. But seeing Jesus is enough for Thomas, and he is the one who proclaims the basic Christian Credo: "My Lord and My God." As Thomas is fearless in voicing his doubts, he is quick to proclaim his faith, and in John's Gospel it is he who makes the most important affirmation about who Jesus is – that he is Lord and God.

In coming to believe in the risen Jesus the disciples experience a profound change: they become spirited followers of their Lord. They have seen the Lord, they have met him, they have eaten with him. They can testify to others from the authority of their own experience. As John says: "What we have seen and heard we are telling you so that you too may have fellowship with us as we have fellowship with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ." (1 Jn. 1:3) The apostles have a unique place in the Church: they experienced Jesus at first hand and were authorised to be his witnesses.

But what about all those people who never met Jesus or heard him or touched him? Can we believe without seeing the Lord for ourselves? And *that* is why the story of Thomas is so important because it tells us that *it is possible to believe in Christ without having seen him*. "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe" is the teaching of the Gospel. And it is in the Lord that we have our identity as his followers and follow his direction in our lives. Like the apostles, because we believe in him, we know now *who we are* and *what we must do*. (From *Denis McBride: Seasons of the Word*).

(For helpful spiritual reflections check out; Fr. Ron Rolheiser OMI. He is an internationally acclaimed writer, retreat giver & columnist. Go to [www.ronrolheiser.com](http://www.ronrolheiser.com) for his weekly reflection & archives of those of past years.)

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: Baby Elijah, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, Keith Jerram, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, George Raffray, Ruth Rowan, Lilly Ricketts, Norma Rudd, Pauline Sharpley, Susan Soutter, Ronald Stevens, Emmie Walker, Neil Tisdale, George Watson, Mike Woolf.  
*(If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Linda via the Parish office)*

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- + The Canonisation of Blessed (Pope) John XXIII & Blessed (Pope) John Paul II. Pray for the whole Church & vocations.
- + Bishop Malcolm McMahon, Archbishop Elect of Liverpool who will be installed on 1st May at Liverpool's Metropolitan Cathedral.
- + Those in conflict around the world.
- + The First Holy Communion Candidates: Leon Carbayo-Borges, Carlos Carbayo-Borges & Caitlin Cross as they start their preparation for their First Holy Communion.
- + Eileen Brady- Happy birthday! (2nd May!)
- + Tony Warrilow (R.I.P B'day Anniversary 30th April)
- + Fr David Adams- Anniversary of Ordination 4th May (1981)

**SPECIAL THANKS FROM FR DAVID & FR VINCENT-** Thank you all for the very generous Easter offering this year. It is much appreciated.

**QUIZ NIGHT** The next quiz night this Saturday 3rd May 2014. Tickets will be available after masses at both churches today, or you can just turn up and pay on the night. There will be an American supper. (Mary King)

**DON'T FORGET the Spring Fair/Plant sale 17th May.** St Bernard's 10am-12.30. With all this sun your plants must be getting nice and strong ready to donate to the plant sale! If you need to buy more plants for your garden, then this is the place to be! Bargains galore! If you have any prizes for the raffle please take them to the parish shop or leave at the back of the church marked 'for plant sale'. To all the bakers among you- please help by baking a cake and taking it along on the day.

**HOLIDAY The office will be closed from 1st to 19th May as I shall be on holiday.**

**CAFOD** The final total for the Cafod Fast day in Lent is £1,864.10! Well done everyone! Terrific effort.

**HOLY PLACES** The collection for Holy Places was £196.09

**ST JOSEPH THE WORKER 1ST MAY** St. Joseph has two feast days on the liturgical calendar. The first is March 19: Joseph, the Husband of Mary. The second is May 1: Joseph, the Worker.

"May Day" has long been dedicated to labour and the working man. On this day we are asked to pray for all who work, that they may earn a just wage and be treated with dignity. We also pray for the stewardship of the earth's resources so that all may benefit for generations to come.

*"Saint Joseph is a man of great spirit. He is great in faith, not because he speaks his own words, but above all because he listens to the words of the Living God. He listens in silence. And his heart ceaselessly perseveres in the readiness to accept the Truth contained in the word of the Living God,"* Pope John Paul II had once said.

There is very little about the life of Joseph in scripture. We can see from his actions in scripture that Joseph was a compassionate man, and obedient to the will of God. He also loved Mary and Jesus and wanted to protect and provide for them.

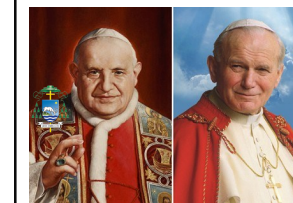
Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, at his death, or resurrection, many historians believe Joseph had probably died before Jesus entered public ministry. Joseph is the patron of many things, including the universal Church, fathers, the dying and social justice.

**WELCOME** to Vivienne Beth Kenny who will be baptised at SM on 4th May.

**The Pope Tweets: @Pontifex** *Please join me in praying for the victims of the ferry disaster in Korea and their families*

**Papal Prayer Intention** This month we join in Pope Francis' prayer intention

**"That governments may foster the protection of creation and the just distribution of natural resources."**



## CANONISATION OF BLESSED POPE JOHN XXIII AND BLESSED POPE JOHN II TODAY Sunday 27 April.

On Divine Mercy Sunday Pope Francis will Canonise Popes John XXIII & John Paul II. 1978-2005.

Pope John XXIII, or Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, was elected pope on 28 October 1958 at the age of 76 after eleven ballots. He was Pope from 1958 to his death in 1963. No one could have been more surprised with the election than Roncalli himself, who had come to Rome with a return train ticket to Venice. He was the first pope to take the pontifical name of "John" upon election in more than 500 years. He surprised those who expected him to be a caretaker pope by calling the historic Second Vatican Council (1962–65), the first session opening on 11 October 1962. However, he did not live to see it to completion, dying on 3 June 1963 of stomach cancer, four-and-a-half years after his election. He made many passionate speeches during his Pontificate. His passionate views on equality were summed up in his famous statement 'We were all made in God's image, and thus, we are all Godly alike.'

John Paul II, or Karol Józef Wojtyła, was elected Pope in 1978 until his death in 2005. He was the second longest serving Pope in history and the first non Italian Pope since Pope Adrian VI who died in 1523. He was one of the most influential leaders of the 20th century. He was one of the most travelled World leaders in history visiting 129 countries during his Pontificate. John Paul II significantly improved the Catholic Church's relations with Judaism, Islam, the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Anglican Communion. A key goal of his papacy was to transform and reposition the Catholic Church. His wish was "to place his Church at the heart of a new religious alliance that would bring together Jews, Muslims and Christians in a great [religious] armada".

Asked to describe the two late popes, Pope Francis said Blessed John was "a bit of the 'country priest,' a priest who loved each of the faithful and knew how to care for them. He did this as a bishop and as a nuncio." *He was holy, patient, had a good sense of humour. By calling the Second Vatican Council, he proved he was a man of courage. He was a man who let himself be guided by the Lord."*

As for Blessed John Paul, Pope Francis told the reporters "I think of him as 'the great missionary of the church,' because he was "a man who proclaimed the Gospel everywhere".



**MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PHILIP** to the Clergy and People of the Diocese of Portsmouth about the Canonisation of Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II

On behalf of the whole Diocese of Portsmouth, I would like to express delight and gratitude to God for the canonisation of Blessed John XXIII and Blessed John Paul II this coming weekend, Divine Mercy Sunday, 27th April, by Pope Francis. Here we have great popes of living memory. In them the Church is not only being given two powerful intercessors in heaven but also for us on earth two inspiring examples of Christian discipleship and priestly ministry. (See letter back of porch for full version)



## COLLECTIONS FOR MAY 11th May CLERGY TRAINING FUND

This fund is for the training of students for the Priesthood and Permanent Diaconate.



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II proclaimed to the world that "from now on throughout the Church this Sunday will be called Divine Mercy Sunday."