

The Messenger

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

17th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 27th JULY 2014

Year A, Weekdays Yr 2; Psalter week 1

9.00am Mass SB
 11.00am Mass SM

Baptism 12noon SM Phoebe Anne Jones

Mon 28th July No Service

Tuesday 29th July No Service
 (St Martha)

Wed 30th July No Service

(St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church)
 Requiem Mass Mary Cocking 11.30am SM

Thurs 31st July No Service

(St Ignatius of Loyola, Founder)

Friday 1st August 10am Mass SM

(St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop)

Saturday 2nd August 10am Mass SM

Sacrament of Reconciliation after the 10am Mass today

18th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 3rd August

9.00am Mass SB
 11.00am Mass SM

Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 27th July

Anniversaries this week: Winifred Lis (27th), Rafaela Ovalle (29th)

Those who have died recently: Mary Cocking, Catherine (Kit) Cockton, Mae Kelly, Pauline Sharpley, Ron Stevens, Neil Tisdale, Ellen Patricia Terry.

Other Intentions: Deacon Steve (Birthday)

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

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

Rev Vincent Convery

Rev Steve Bowler (Deacon & Chair Parish Pastoral Council) Tel:02380 207449

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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)

Rev Stephen Short (Deacon)

Parish priest : Rev Innaiah Maddinani : 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

THE TREASURE OF THE KINGDOM

In order to teach as Jesus taught, the Church has placed most of Matthew's chapter on parables in the Lectionary. We have moved from Jesus' message on the inevitable victory of the kingdom of God (15th Sunday) to his teaching for us to recognise that the Christian life must be lived within, of its own ambiguity and the ambiguity of the world (16th Sunday). Now Jesus focuses his attention more immediately upon the wonder of that kingdom.

Jesus is not teaching us that the kingdom is a treasure or a pearl. That would be to miss the point by identifying the kingdom with a richness of this world. Nothing in this world matches the richness of the kingdom of God. To be part of the kingdom Jesus has come to establish among us we must be prepared to pay no less a price than everything. If we would sacrifice all that we have for a treasure hidden in a field or a pearl discovered by a merchant, what should we do for the kingdom?

It would be wonderful if we did judge the world in the light of the kingdom, so that even the most treasured things of this world would pale into insignificance before it. But, sadly, we all recognise that such is not the case. Thus, Jesus immediately adds another simile, comparing the kingdom to a dragnet, which contains many types of fish (vv. 47-50). Like the parable of the dandelion, which must be allowed to grow side by side with the good grain, the kingdom is likened to a net containing a haul of many kinds. Many of us may not be able to pay the price of everything. Yet we are part of that mixed bag, that net with many kinds. We must be happy to continue in the midst of our own ambiguity and the ambiguity of the Church and the people with whom and for whom we live. Let us leave it to a good God and Father to make the final judgement (vv. 49-50).

In the meantime, Jesus poses a serious question – not only to his disciples in the Gospel, but also to disciples in the Church today. He asks: "Have you understood all this?" (v.51). With the disciples, we answer "yes" to the question. As we "understand" the words which Jesus has spoken to us we attempt to live lives reflecting these words.

(From "This is the Gospel of The Lord" Year A by Francis J. Moloney).

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Baby Blake Proctor, Baby Elijah, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Derek Francis, Mervyn Francis, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Mary King, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Leanne Martin, Sarah Mc Cann, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, Sharon Poole, Ruth Rowan, Lilly Ricketts, Jim Ross, Norma Rudd, Cath Smith, Susan Soutter, Emmie Walker, George Watson,
(If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Linda via the Parish office)

THE GROUNDS: SM are in urgent need of some TLC.

Thank you to Kevin at SB the grounds are kept neat and tidy.

Thank you to Joe Breen who zaps the weeds in the car park and mows the lawn at the back of the church at SM.

Thank you to Joy Lovelock who looks after the flower bed near the ramp at SM.

BUT there are a lot more areas that need looking after. If more people take one small part each, doing a little bit when you can, it won't be such an onerous task for those who are helping already.

Can you help with any of the following:

- * the clay pots near the ramp need tending to
- * the raised flower beds at the top of the steps need more soil and plants
- * the hanging baskets are looking very sad and need replanting
- * the bushes behind the church need pruning
- * The 2 yellow planters by the ramp need replanting.

If you can help with any of the above, however small, please contact Joy Lovelock at SM Tel: 02380 842591



THE FUNERAL of the late Pauline Sharpley will be at SM on Tuesday 5th August at 12noon followed by Cremation at Southampton Crematorium at 1.45pm



MASS INTENTIONS: On an envelope write:

- ◇ Your name
- ◇ The name of the person(s) the Mass is being said for
- ◇ The reason : Anniversary of a death, special intention etc
- ◇ The date you would like the Mass said
- ◇ Put the envelope through the door of Angelhouse F.A.O. Linda Guilding, with the offering for the priest.
- ◇ If the date specified for the Mass intention falls on a Monday to Thursday when Fr Vincent isn't here, I will do my best to have the Mass said at either Totton, Lyndhurst or Lymington on the specified date. I will, of course, let you know where the Mass is being said.
- ◇ If you are happy with the Mass being said on the nearest date to the one specified then that will be the nearest Fri, Sat or Sunday here at SM or SB.

If you want a Mass card they are available from the parish office, Our parish shop Faith, Hope & Charity or the Sacristies at SB or SM.



SAD NEWS It is with great sadness that I have to announce the death of Pauline Mary Josephine Cocking, who passed away recently. May she rest in peace. At time of printing the Requiem Mass is 11.30am Wed 30th July SM followed by burial at Blackfield cemetery. (Please check details with Fr Vincent if you wish to attend)



The Pope Tweets: @Pontifex ... Dear young people, do not be mediocre; the Christian life challenges us with great ideals



CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE TO 'THE JOURNEY': Father PJ Smith, Head of Educational Chaplaincies and Youth Ministry, is organising a coach to the Youth 2000 festival in Walsingham this summer from 21-25 August. The festival is called *The Journey*. For more info see website <http://www.youth2000.org/>. If you, or someone you know, aged 16-30, would like to go, check the diocesan website soon to book



THANK YOU for the tremendous outpouring of love and prayer I have received on the death of my father. It has been immensely consoling to hear of the Masses and prayers offered for his soul. His funeral will took Friday 25th July in Altrincham. (Bishop Philip)



RCRS (Roman Catholic Religious Studies) HOME STUDY COURSES available for Roman Catholic GCSE and A-level Religious Studies for pupils not able to attend a Catholic Secondary School. The courses prepare students to take the Edexcel GCSE examination in Religious Studies (Roman Catholic Papers). The A-level course is tutored from a Roman Catholic perspective and prepares students to take the OCR A-Level Religious Studies examination (Philosophy of Religion and Religious Ethics). Full details of both courses are available on their website: www.romancatholicreligiousstudies.co.uk.



TODAY : DAY FOR LIFE (England and Wales) 27th July 2014
There will be a mandatory second collection in parishes TODAY to support Day for Life. Proceeds of the collection will go to The Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other pro-life related activities supported by the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

COLLECTIONS FOR JULY

TODAY: 27th July: Day for life (see above)

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- + Those struggling to come to terms with a bereavement or illness.
- + The families of those whose anniversaries are at this time
- + (Belated) Steve Bowler (B'day) & Steve & Tina Bowler (Wedding Anniversary)



WELCOME TO Phoebe Anne Jones who is being baptised today at 12noon SM.



ST MARTHA 29TH JULY From St. Martha one basic lesson learned is that there is both active and contemplative work. Some vocations require more of one, but we all need to stop and experience quiet to pray, meditate, contemplate. Another lesson to learn is that we serve God when we serve others through our work, whether it be the daily duty of household chores or other charitable work outside the home.

WHAT'S ON



CREAM TEA ! Our Lady & St Edward Catholic church, Lyndhurst Sunday 27th July, Afternoon Cream Tea 2.30pm till 5.00pm A social afternoon with Cream Tea and Strawberries.

Flower arrangement display in the church All welcome.

Marriage Care One Day Courses If you are thinking of getting married or committing to a long term relationship, Marriage Care's specially designed, thought-provoking and fun marriage preparation courses will equip you with insights and know-how, clarity and confidence to avoid the pitfalls and build the best possible future together. To find your nearest centre visit www.marriagecare.org.uk/how-we-help/marriage-preparation

Bitesize I always turn to the sports section first. The sports page records people's accomplishments; the front page has nothing but man's failures.

Earl Warren

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