

The Messenger

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

27th October 2013

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter - Wk.2)

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's
11.00am Mass at St Michael's
12noon Baptism SM Zofia Jesionowska-Aucamp

(All Liturgies are 30th week of Ordinary Time, Yr 1, unless otherwise stated)

Mon 28th No Service
(Liturgy: memorial SS Simon & Jude, Apostles)
Tues 29th No Service
Wed 30th No Service
(Liturgy: memorial Blessed Winchester Martyrs)
Thurs 31st No Service

Fri 1 November Holy day of Obligation
10 am SM Mass ALL SAINTS
12.30pm Funeral service SM for John Heron
7.30 pm SB Mass ALL SAINTS

Sat 2nd 10am SM Mass ALL SOULS
Sacrament of Reconciliation immediately after Mass.

Sun 3rd 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9.00am Mass at St Bernard's
11.00am Mass at St Michael's

Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 27th October:

For the Faithful Departed, For the Holy Father's Intentions, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Pat Gallanagh RIP, Joyce Grimes RIP Anniv, Ann Harding RIP, John Heron RIP, Rev Deacon Tony Lush RIP Anniv, Fr. David Lewis RIP, Fr Joseph McAllister RIP Anniv, John Parker RIP Anniv, Tianne Marie Smith-Evans RIP Anniv.

For the week beginning 3rd November: *All those who are unwell, Deceased Clergy of the Province, The New Forest Pastoral Areas, Pat Gallanagh R.I.P, Ann Harding RIP, John Heron RIP, Fr David Lewis RIP. Dot Manghan RIP Anniv, Peter Mulvenney RIP Anniv, Deceased members of Mulvenney & Brown families RIP Anniv, Ted Tisdale RIP Anniv, Katherine Tobin RIP Anniv*

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

New Forest West 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

REALITY PRAYER

The gospel passage this weekend is Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and the publican. Pharisees despised publicans because, of necessity, they mixed with all sorts of people most of whom were considered by the religious elite as either ritually unclean or morally compromised. They were the "sinners". In Jesus' day sinners were clearly defined by the Levitical Law of Holiness. If you were not able to follow the purification rules, the debt codes and the purity codes, you knew you were a sinner and others did too. These codes, ironically, created more and more sinners. In Jesus' day there was increasing emphasis on the codes. You had to jump the hoops at the temple and pay money to jump each hoop. Thus, it was getting so that lots of people couldn't afford not to be sinners, because their location, job or money kept them from ritual observance (R. Rohr).

For Luke, the Gospel writer, the Pharisee is profoundly out of touch with reality. He "said this prayer to himself". He is not even addressing God, although he thinks he is! He is ignorant of the Scripture, which says, "Do not call your servant to judgement, for no one is just in your sight" (Psalm 143). He presumes his own righteousness. He presumes the sinfulness of the publican, a complete stranger. He is acting as if he knows everything, like God! He sees only his successes and is blind to his sins. He is totally wrapped up in his ego world: I, I, I, - it is I-dolatry. His prayer is totally unreal!

The publican is connected to the real. He addresses God as Lord. He looks to God for mercy. He acknowledges his own sinfulness. There is truth. There is real person to person communication going on. There is humility. There is reality. Jesus says he goes home at rights with God.

Our prayer must be reality prayer. We must hold on to the reality of God – a loving merciful Father and Mother. But we must not run away from the reality of life. We are tempted to seek a prayer that is all peace, sweetness and light. It is futile. If we force the issue we will end up in serious self-deception and illusion. When we try to pray we must not be surprised that the stuff of life comes into our minds, the past, the present, the future, pleasure, pain, anger, lust, hope, shame etc etc. It is only by facing the realities in the presence of God that we open ourselves to the blessing of God and the healing of God. Reconciliation is a duty that takes precedence over worship (Matt 5:24). Deal with the real in hope and love and prayer will bring many blessings.

Many of the problems we face as Church stem precisely from the fact that we are ignoring reality. We will go to any lengths to keep doing what we have always done, the way we've always done it. We would rather do anything except seriously engage with reality and face the things we do not want to face. As long as this attitude prevails we are blocking many of God's blessings. (DMA).

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Duncan Badley, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Vicky Carter, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Peter Gray, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, Honora Power, Jane Roberts, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Pauline Sharpley, Susan Soutter, Ronald Stevens, Neil Tisdale. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Linda via the Parish office)

Diocesan prayer: Jersey Pastoral Services

PLEASE PRAY FOR: please pray for the soul of Fr. David Lewis who died recently on 17th September in Germany. His funeral took place on 27th September in Willingen, Germany. Fr. Lewis was born in April 1947

JOHN HERON R.I.P. You will be sad to hear that John Heron has died. We extend our condolences to his family and friends. John's funeral service will be at St Michael's on Friday 1st November at 12.30pm.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE raffle tickets will be given out at Mass this week. Please take an envelope or two and try to sell to family and friends. Tickets this year are £1 each - fewer in a book so less writing of addresses and phone numbers! The proceeds from this raffle provides valuable funds for the parish. Thank you for your continued support.

OBLIGATORY COLLECTION FOR BAMENDA : Next Sunday, (3rd November) there will be a collection for Bamenda

The Solemnity of ALL SAINTS is celebrated on Friday 1st November.

It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses: 10 a.m. St Michael's;
7.30pm St Bernard's.

RED APF MISSION BOXES If you have a red box please arrange for it to be handed to your collector. If you used to hand your box to Tony Clue please leave your box at the back of church with your name on it so it can be returned. Thank you. The APF magazines are available at the back of church.

YOUTH RETREAT (16-30) from **1-3 November** at St. Peter's School, Bournemouth, led by young people. See website www.youth2000.org for details. Suggested donation £60 (waged) £45 (student or unwaged). Bishop Philip will attend on the final day.

CALLING ALL APF RED BOX COLLECTORS. There will be a short meeting for all those who collect the red APF Mission boxes in the meeting room of Angel house at **11.15am on Monday 11th November**. Thank you in advance for all you do 'behind the scenes'.

CAFOD Mass of Remembrance - The 11am Sunday Mass on 17 November at Our Lady Immaculate, Seamoore Road, Westbourne BH4 9AE will remember and hold in prayer all deceased CAFOD supporters from our diocese and celebrate their lives, faith and compassion. Everybody is welcome to attend. If you would like to remember a loved one (even if you cannot attend the Mass), please send their names to ports-mouth@cafod.org.uk or phone the CAFOD office on 01252 329385 by 5th November and they will be included in our Book of Remembrance.

CHRISTMAS CARDS. Please support the parish shop- Faith, Hope & Charity. It contributes a great deal to the parish finances every year. They have a good selection of Christmas cards, Calendars and Catholic diaries. They also have a great selection of gifts. Buy early- avoid the rush!

Holy Wisdom: A Theology of Imagination

A day of reflection at Our Lady Of Mercy, Lymington presented by Fr David Adams & Mary Dunn. *Who or what is Wisdom? We will explore the Wisdom Tradition in the Old Testament, and some modern ways of seeing it.* Saturday 9th November 10am-3.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch. There will be time for discussion and prayer.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE The Fayre takes place on Saturday, *December 7th from 10.00am until 1.30pm* at St John's Hall opposite St John's Church in Hythe.

BOTTLES(non-perishable) are urgently needed for the Bottle Stall for the Christmas Fayre. Please leave bottles at the back of church for collection. Thank you.

WEEKENDS IN OCTOBER: These are designated for the collection of Diocesan and National statistics so there are Mass Counts at all Sunday Masses during October.

Thought for the week:

"God is looking for ordinary people empowered by Him to do extraordinary things!"

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