

# The Messenger

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

28<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Psalter - Wk. 1)

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's

11.00am Mass at St Michael's

2.00pm SB Baptism Darcy Sofia Smith

6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

(All Liturgies this week are of Eastertide, unless otherwise stated)

Mon	29 <sup>th</sup>	No Service (Memorial St Catherine of Sienna)
Tues	30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass
Wed	1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst 11.30am Funeral Service, Brockenhurst
Thurs	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am Mass at Our Lady's, Lyndhurst (Memorial - St Athanasius) 1.00pm SB Funeral Service John Hepplewhite RIP
Fri	3 <sup>rd</sup>	No Service (Feast - Ss Phillip & James)
Sat	4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am SM Mass then Adoration of Jesus in the Bl. Sacrament and Reconciliation to 11am (Feast - The English Martyrs 1535-1680) 1.00pm Wedding Service - Brockenhurst
Sun	5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> 9.00am Mass at St Bernard's 11.00am Mass at St Michael's 6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

**Mass Intentions: For this week:** All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Children preparing for 1st Holy Communion, Fr David Adams (Ord Anniv), Eileen Brady (B'day), Josie Connolly RIP, John Hepplewhite RIP, Mary Goddard RIP Anniv, Gerard Manghan RIP Anniv, Michael Teague RIP Anniv, Tony Warrilow RIP B'day Anniv.

**For the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> May:** All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Deceased Clergy of the Province, Children preparing for 1st Holy Communion, Maria Tinkler B'day, Vera West 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  
Geo House (Ashurst) - Sun 9am  
Our Lady & St Edward, Lyndhurst - Sun 9am, (Holy Day Vigil 7pm)

## New Forest 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

## LOVE AND MISSION

Today's first reading continues the account of the preaching of Paul and Barnabas and of God opening the door of faith to pagans. There is much travelling and activity, gathering of people and appointing leaders, and even a sense of work completed. By contrast, the Gospel draws us into the intimacy of the small group of disciples surrounding Jesus who encourages them to love one another. This is how people will know they are his disciples. Proclaiming the Word and witness of love for one another are both valid forms of evangelisation.

The post-conciliar document *Evangelii Nuntiandi* (1975) speaks of the need to proclaim Christ the Lord to those who do not know him through preaching, catechetics, baptism and the administration of the sacraments. It also recognises, as the first step in the work of evangelisation, communities of Christians who radiate simply and spontaneously their faith and love for one another and for those among whom they live. This role of pre-evangelisation has long been recognised in the Church's mission to the nations, formerly known as mission territories, where communities of religious sisters and brothers engaged in works of mercy prior to the arrival of priests who would preach in the traditional sense. In our post-Christian Western societies the witness of Christian love and service is needed more than ever as a form of evangelisation that may touch modern people in a way that formal preaching does not. Both are needed, and witness to love, of which today's Gospel speaks, is the vocation of every Christian.

The reading from the Apocalypse presents a vision of heaven, the new Jerusalem, where all suffering and toil are ended. This echoes the Gospel where Jesus says: "The Son of Man has been glorified." Although he has yet to undergo the passion, in John's Gospel Jesus is already glorified. He is always one with the Father who has been glorified in him. In the new Jerusalem God will make his home among his people, his name is God-with-them, and the One sitting on the throne says, "Behold, I am making the whole of creation new." These readings both challenge and console a world that continues to experience war, famine and disease and the apparent lack of resolve of powerful nations to help the poor and suffering in our two-thirds world.

We can feel overwhelmed and powerless where so much is controlled by multinationals and superstates, but today's readings, summed up in the Gospel acclamation "I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you", give us encouragement and assurance that we can make a difference. This is not an easy option, Jesus' love led him to the cross, but in Christian faith the cross is not an end in itself but stands at the centre of the paschal mystery of death and resurrection. It is the door through which we enter the new Jerusalem where all suffering is ended. (*Preaching and teaching the Word by Bridget Tighe FMDM from Priests and People*)

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

**PRAYER POTTERY:** The next Prayer Pottery will take place on this Tuesday, 30th April at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Michael's. All are welcome.

**THANK YOU:** the obligatory Diocesan collection for the **CLERGY TRAINING FUND** raised £250 this goes to help fund the training of priests & deacons for the Diocese.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:** On Saturday, 11th May at 11.00am in St Michaels there will be a preparation meeting for parents of 1st Holy Communion children to introduce the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). First Reconciliation (Confession) will take place on Saturday, 18th May, at 11.30am in St Michael's. There is a practice for 1st Holy Communion on Saturday, 1st June at 10.00am at St Bernard's all children must attend with at least one parent. The Celebration of First Holy Communion takes place at St Bernard's on Sunday, 2nd June

**JOHN HEPPLEWHITE RIP:** John was 92 yrs old & used to attend St Bernard's many years ago. His Funeral Service will take place on Thursday, 2nd May at 1.00pm in St Bernard's Church, followed by burial in Blackfield Cemetery.

Our condolences and prayers are with the families, friends and relatives who have lost loved ones and with all those who have been recently bereaved.

**DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DIOCESE:** (*Extract from Bp Philip's letter to Clergy, 3rd April 2013*): I am writing here about some initial developments relating to the reorganisation of our diocesan pastoral administration (updated diagram attached). The process of implementation is going to take some time. We need to 'populate' the diagram and to establish new processes in the light of what needs to be done. Meanwhile, in this letter, I am happy to announce the make-up of the new Bishop's Council. Further details about other roles will follow in the summer Ad Clerum. Please pass on any relevant details here to your Staff and to those who need to know. I have appointed two new Vicar Generals, to take up office from 1st July:

- Fr. Michael Dennehy, who will also act as the Moderator of the Curia; and Fr. Dominic Golding, who after the summer will be moving to the Cathedral to be the new Dean.

I have also appointed the three Episcopal Vicars, effective from 1st July, who will be responsible for shaping policy in the three new Vicariates:

- Fr. Paul Townsend, as Episcopal Vicar for Vocation;
- Fr. James McGrath, as Episcopal Vicar for Education; and
- Fr. Mark Hogan, as Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation.

In addition, I have asked Fr. James McCauley to act as (part-time) Bishop's Secretary. After the summer, he will be moving to the Cathedral as the assistant priest and will be working with my Private Assistant, Hannah Vaughan-Spruce. I am enormously grateful to these priests for taking on these responsibilities and, where required, for moving from their present parishes. I have also begun appointing other priests, deacons, religious and lay people to various roles in the new framework and I will give details of these in the Ad Clerum.

## IMPORTANT PETITION TO THE EU.

A petition is being organised by a coalition of pro-life organisations throughout Europe in order to provide protection for the human embryo. To be successful 1 million signatures are necessary, 54,000 of which should come from the UK. The petition can be accessed on <http://www.oneofus.eu/>. If this campaign is successful, it will be a very positive step towards full respect for human life, which is so under threat at the moment. Please take a few moments to sign it and to pass it on to family and friends too.

## CAFOD COLLECTION FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES

Very many thanks to everyone who so generously supported the appeal for Syrian refugees; **£598** was raised which will be well used to help these suffering people.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED US CELEBRATE LENT & EASTER:** To our deacons, Steve & Ian, to all who pray, to Tony-not-yet Emeritus for liturgical and rubrical consultation services & Irene for liturgical preparation & music, to Linda for lots of help behind the scenes, to our choir (St Michaels) & music arrangers (St Bernards), to our Servers, to Ministers of Holy Communion & Readers, to Childrens Liturgy Catechists, to our Welcomers, to Cleaners, Flower Arrangers, Collectors & Collection Auditors & all helpers.

**PLANT SALE & SPRING FAIR:** @ St Bernard's Hall on Saturday, 4th May, organised by Veronica Chadwick. Please help to make this event a success: it makes a good contribution to parish maintenance. Raffle prizes, plants and home made cakes all needed: raffle prizes as soon as possible and plants and cakes on 3 or 4 May.

**THANKS TO THE MARTHA GROUP:** for another successful Quiz Night. The event raised £248 for parish funds. Thanks to Dave King for researching & delivering the quiz. And thanks to everyone who was able to support the event.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

**Bingo & fish n' chips supper:** Saturday 22nd June 7 p.m. @ St Bernard's.

**Skittles & BBQ:** Saturday 31st August 7p.m. @ St Bernard's

**Quiz night and American supper :** Saturday 5th October 7 p.m. @ St Bernard's.

**FIRST AIDERS:** Do we have any First Aiders who regularly attend church at St Bernard's or St Michael's? it would be good to know who you are & if you are willing to be called upon during Mass should the need arise. Please see Fr David.

**WORK AT ST BERNARDS:** There are still a few things to be done. New toilet roll holders will be fitted. The kitchen cupboards will be given a coat of paint. Also, if possible, new water heaters for the toilets & a more robust water heater for the kitchen This is being funded by money raised by parishioners at Parish Socials organised by the St. Martha group.

**PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE:** The latest copy is available now at the back of church. There is a really photo of Pope Francis on the front cover and lots of interesting articles inside.

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