

# The Messenger

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For St Bernard &  
St Michael's churches

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## Waterside Catholic Parish

### PASTORAL TEAM

Priest: Fr David Adams

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Parish Administrator: Helen Hughson

To contact The Parish Administrator based at St Michael's  
call between 9am - 2pm daily (Mon, Tue, Wed)

### PARISH SERVICES

#### Solemnity of Saint Peter & Saint Paul

Sun	28	9 am	SB	Mass: Ss Peter & Paul
		11 am	SM	Mass: Ss Peter & Paul
Tue	30	10 am	SM	Prayer Pottery led by Christine Olden
Wed	1	7.30 pm	SM	Evening Prayer & Mass: of the Day
Thur	2	10 am	LT	Mass at Lyndhurst: of the Day
Sat	4	10 am	SM	Mass: Our Lady on Saturday
		11 am	SM	Sacrament of Reconciliation (until 11.30 am)

#### 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sun	5	9 am	SB	Mass: 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time
		11 am	SM	Mass: 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time



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This week we will be offering Masses for:  
Gabor Marek RIP & John Murphy RIP  
Dot Mangham RIP, Sue Norris  
Gloria Lorimer RIP, John Paul Lyttle  
Linda Guilding - Birthday  
Enzo & Pam Peronio—50th Wedding  
Next week (5th July) we will be offering  
Masses for:

People of the Parish, Fr Charles  
Aylward RIP, Fr Sean Tobin Anniv.,  
deceased Clergy of the Diocese,  
Benefactors of the Clergy Retirement  
Fund,

### Information & Notices:

**Congratulations to:** Enzo and Pamela Peronio who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

**Prayer Pottery:** There will be no Mass this Tuesday but Christine Olden will lead a reflective prayer time at St Michaels from 10am until about 11am. All are welcome.

**A REFRESHER WORKSHOP FOR MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** will take place on Saturday 4th July 1-3pm at St Michael's. Fr David will lead the session. Please put your name on the list in the porch. Please do your very best to attend.

**FIRE WARDEN TRAINING - Friday 17th July, Angel House, St Michael's 7-9pm.** This has been arranged for the following people who have kindly volunteered to be Church Fire Wardens: Steve Bowler, Anne Turner, Veronica Chadwick, Liz Jones, Maureen Cain, Eileen Brady, Francis Waddington and Peter Mitchell. This short training is open to anyone else who feels they could act as a Fire Warden in event of a fire situation. If interested please let Helen know at the Parish office - Tel: 023 8084 3479.

**APF ANNUAL MISSION MASS** celebrated by Fr Frank Thompson MHM, Thurs 23rd July 7.30pm at Christ the King, Bitterne, Southampton, or Tues 21st July 7.30pm at Portsmouth Cathedral. After Mass there will be a short film (20mins) "Malana Papua" by the Czech Pontifical Mission Society. Tea & biscuits will be served. All are welcome. The Masses are offered for all the supporters of the APF as a gesture of thanks.

### MARTHA GROUP SUMMERTIME EVENTS:

- ◆ **Skittles & Barbecue - Sat 8th August.** Bring your own bottle. Evening starts at 7pm. Tickets will be £7 and on sale from Sunday 12th July.
- ◆ **Jazz Night - Sat 12th September.** The return of the ever popular Jazz Night organised by Mike Slipper! American Supper/bring a bottle + Raffle. *If anyone has any suitable prizes which could be used for the raffle and would be happy to donate them please drop them at the Parish Office between Monday and Wednesdays.* Thanks
- ◆ **Treasure Hunt - Tue 4th October** with cream tea at the end (mmm!)

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Total Roof Fund collected to date  
**£2644.19**  
(Target - £13000)  
**Thank you all for your generosity.**

## **Peter & Paul: Builders of Faith Community**

This feast celebrates two founders of community who shared in the sufferings of Christ as an intrinsic part of that development work. Their role is fleshed out from the Acts of the Apostles and from Paul's letters and combines the task of evangelisation with a willingness to endure persecution for their public commitment to operating in Jesus' name.

Acts describes a Peter who is in prison and facing severe punishment for his proclamation of the risen Jesus. Yet his ministry is not finished and God's angels intervene to release him to continue his vocation of working for the growth and support of Christian community. It is interesting to note the role of that same community in achieving his release as they pray continually to God on his behalf. The writer of Acts understands the prayer of the community as effective in working with God's own power to further the divine plan of establishing Christian communities. The life and action of Peter are given greater significance by this means. God, divine messenger and human worshippers combine to free a powerful community leader to return to the heart of his group and to strengthen it in his turn.

The Epistle text pictures Paul as also giving all his energies to community building among the followers of Christ and suffering in consequence. The chosen metaphor for this is the popular sport of the day, the Games. His life constitutes the libation or offering poured out at the start of a race and his preaching has been the race itself. Once again this action is situated within God's own energies. As Paul runs his race, preaches the gospel of Christ, he encounters much opposition – symbolised by meeting a hostile lion on the road. But God has intervened to keep him alive so that God's own message can be proclaimed. It is in his role as righteous judge that God both protects Paul and also draws him on to complete his ministry. Paul imagines God as the magistrate standing at the winning post holding the Victor's crown out to the one who keeps on doing his task to its full completion.

The text from Matthew provides a focus for these stories. The central event in this scene, the acknowledgement of Jesus as *Meschiach*, as Anointed by God and so a royal son, is attached to central symbols in this passage, to the images of rock, of church, of gates and of keys. The community of those who share a confession of faith is like a building built on a rock. But this building is also dynamic, a force which can break down the gates of the underworld and take it over. The building on the rock has its own gates but these have keys which can offer a proper mode of entrance. The figure of Peter is symbolically both rock and keys. He is the means by which others can find a way into the community through an opened door. At the same time he can close the door to prevent evil forces entering. In these images the function of the Founder Disciple is set out. Such a person is called to give all human energy and effort to the tasks of founding and caring for Christian community whatever the personal cost.

*(From Priests and People – preaching and teaching the Word by Mary Mills)*