

The Messenger

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

28th July 2013

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter - Wk. 1)

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's
11.00am Mass at St Michael's
3.00pm Baptism at St Michael's
Lily Grace & Scarlet Rose Ratucoke
6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

(All Liturgies are 17th week of Ordinary Time, Yr 1, unless otherwise stated)

Mon	29 th	No Service (Liturgy: Memorial, St Martha)
Tues	30 th	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass
Wed	31 st	10.00am Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst (Liturgy: Memorial, St Ignatius of Loyola)
Thurs	1 st	10.00am Mass at Our Lady's, Lyndhurst (Liturgy: Memory, St Alphonsus Liguori)
Fri	2 nd	No Service
Sat	3 rd	10.00am SM Mass followed by Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation until 11.00am
Sun	4 th	18 th Sunday of Ordinary Time 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, The New Forest Pastoral Areas, For all who give the ministry of Welcome, John Cocker RIP, Terry Francis RIP, James Maloney RIP, Rafaela Ovale RIP Anniv.

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WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastoral Team: Rev David Adams (Parish Priest)
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New Forest East Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

St Theresa, Totton - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am
St Joseph's (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

The Outside and the Inside of Prayer

Our prayer must have an outside and an inside! What does that mean? First of all, it means it must express a concern and love for humanity in general. Secondly it must express the desire and longings of our own hearts. Prayer is about expressing and receiving God's love for all and God's love for you and me personally and individually.

The Outside of Prayer: Our duty and our privilege as Christians baptised into the priestly identity of Jesus (who is Prophet, Priest & King) is to share in the priestly prayer of Jesus for the salvation of all. The story of Abraham and his bargaining with God on behalf of the few just people left in Sodom and Gomorrah articulates the contradictions that confront our innate sense of justice – Surely the just are not going to be punished along with the sinners!! This is a mystery that touches the central nerve of God's people. It is worthwhile discovering how, again and again, the Bible returns to this "ache" – in Moses, in the prophets, in the Psalms, in Job and finally in Jesus. Slowly, painfully, the tender love of God for both saint and sinner is discovered. We must persevere in the priestly prayer of Jesus. It is not about us, about me or our little needs, its about everything and everyone. We must persevere in this prayer until our eyes have been cleansed and our hearts purified so that we can see and know and believe that all is in Christ and all are in Christ. God looks upon us and sees us as one with the Just One, the Holy One. Accepting that undeserved, unmerited gift and trusting in God the giver – that is faith, the faith that justifies.

The Inside of Prayer: This is very much about you and me. Am I radically loved and accepted warts and all? Is there a love that reaches and heals the other parts, the petty, the shallow, the dark and the sinful, the parts that no other created love can reach? Indeed there is – we were created in that love, we are sustained in that love and we will be forever held in that love. How come we do not experience it, or feel it? How come we are only just managing to believe it a little bit as an elusive hope (Really, is it true! Am I really loved like that?). Yet we know we should believe it, know it, experience it and feel it as the greatest certainty, the most blindingly obvious thing! Why does that love seem far away? Scripture tells us: *From there* (i.e. the experience of idolatry and separation) *you will seek the Lord your God and you will find him when you seek him with all your heart and soul*, (Deut 4:28). God is not far from us, we are far from God. We must persevere in asking, seeking, knocking because that is the way all our heart and soul is gradually gathered in to God. There is no doubt about the outcome: You will receive! You will find! You will have the door opened to you! God doesn't ask us to solve the mess first – God has already done that for you and for me and for everyone in Jesus. We need just to give ourselves to God, every part of us, good and bad, heart and soul. (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, John Cocker, 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, Pam Lonsdale, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, 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, 24th September at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Michael's. All are welcome.

SUPPORT OUR PARISH SHOP -

We need more support at the Parish Shop which sells a wide variety of cards for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Birthdays etc; religious books; giftware, Yankee Candles, jewellery and donated clothes and other goods.

OUR SHOP NEEDS HELPERS: The shop makes a huge financial contribution to the parish and we would be in serious difficulties without it. Can you give three & a half hours a week (either morning or afternoon) to help in the shop? Nice friendly atmosphere & good fun. Speak to Tina or Steve Bowler or Fr David. **THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY RESPONDED WITH OFFERS OF HELP. THIS IS VERY ENCOURAGING.**

To the Clergy and People of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish, Totton (28th July 2013)

As you know, after the summer, Fr. Kevin O'Brien will be leaving the parish in order to become the parish priest of Our Lady of the Assumption parish in Thatcham, and Fr. Ignatius Maddineni will take up residence as your new priest.

I wish publicly to thank Fr. Kevin for his wonderful ministry in Totton and to ask your prayers for him. I also ask your prayers for Fr. Ignatius to whom, I am sure, you will give a most warm welcome. Like Fr. Kevin, Fr. Ignatius will have the challenging task of taking forward, with your support, the works that need to be done to the hall, the church and the presbytery to bring them up to standard. Please keep this project in prayer before the Lord.

For some time now, St. Joseph's, Ashurst, which is the house of the Montfort Missionaries, has formed a 'chapel of ease' or Mass centre for the Totton parish. However, once the changeover of priests has taken place this autumn, Mass will no longer be celebrated there by the priest from Totton. This will enable the Montfort Fathers to develop their own mission activities according to their own schedules etc. It will also consolidate the Eucharistic community of St. Theresa's, Totton, whilst freeing Fr. Ignatius to provide additional support, as required, within the New Forest East Pastoral Area. I acknowledge that some people may be inconvenienced by this decision, and I offer my apologies. The last Mass at Ashurst will be said by Fr. Kevin on 1st September 2013. After this date, I would kindly ask everyone to join the rest of the parish community at St. Theresa's, Totton for the usual Sunday Masses there at 6.00 pm (Saturday) and 10.30 am (Sunday). With my prayers and best wishes. **In Corde Iesu, +Philip Bishop of Portsmouth**

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Skittles & BBQ: Saturday 31st August 7p.m. @ St Bernard's **Quiz night and American supper** : Saturday 5th October 7 p.m. @ St Bernard's.

YEAR OF FAITH:

How often must a Catholic Christian participate in the celebration of the Eucharist? A Catholic Christian is obliged to attend Holy Mass on all Sundays and holy days of obligation. Anyone who is really seeking Jesus' friendship responds as often as possible to Jesus' personal invitation to the feast.

Actually, for a genuine Christian, "Sunday duty" is just as inappropriate an expression as "kiss duty" would be for someone who was truly in love. No one can have a living relationship with Christ without going to the place where he is waiting for us. Therefore, from ancient times the celebration of Mass has been the "heart of Sunday" and the most important appointment in the week.

NEWSLETTER "LITE": Due to the move to Lymington and the subsequent holiday during which supply priests will be celebrating the Sunday Masses for the parish over the next 8 weeks or so the newsletter will only contain the essentials. All being well the full edition will be produced for the weekend of 28th/29th September.

MESSAGE FROM FR DAVID FOR THIS TIME OF TRANSITION

The changes to the pastoral area announced last week will soon be upon us. I am appealing to all of you to help me to keep the Waterside parish flourishing.

There will be a number of supply priests coming and going throughout September as I had booked my holiday for September before the moves were announced, and so had Fr Vincent. Please make these supply Priests welcome.

The Deacons will need your prayers and support as they will have to oversee this transitional period.

When Father Vincent arrives late September I am sure you will all make him feel very welcome.

He will be undertaking all pastoral duties- Masses and the Sacraments. He will be visiting the sick and housebound.

May I point out that no parishioner is to take it upon themselves to introduce any new initiative. If you wish to start a new initiative please let the Deacons or Linda know and they will discuss it with me as your Parish Priest in consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council as required. Similarly if you have any concerns, please let the Deacons or Linda know and they will discuss it with me.

Please continue to take responsibility for your church. I hope all the parish ministries, committees, groups and all who help in any way, will continue to meet and serve the community.

I hope you will all be vigilant and make sure the church is locked and please report any vandalism.

Linda is hoping to start work in the office on Tuesday 24th September. Her days for working in the office will be Tuesday and Friday.

If you need to communicate with Linda you may do so in two ways: by leaving a message on the office answerphone 02380 843479 or by writing a message and putting it in the envelope provided at the back of church. Mark the envelope "For the attention of the Parish Secretary" Then put the envelope through the letter box of the house. Do not leave them in church.

If you need to book a Baptism, a wedding, funeral or have a Mass said check first with Linda to make sure the date is free in the parish diary, then ask Fr Vincent about his availability.

I would ask you all to remember us in your prayers as we make the move from Waterside to Lymington. God bless you all. Fr David.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY ACTIVITY DAYS: at St Dominic's Priory, Sway on 13th - 15th August. See poster or flyers for details. For more information speak to Lucy Maguire on 01202-483922

