

# 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> August 2011**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time - Divine Office: Week 2**

Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 3.00pm Baptism at St Bernards
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	No Service (Liturgy: Memorial - St John the Baptist)
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	No Morning Service 2.30pm St Bernards - Requiem Mass Michael McDonnell RIP
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm SM Evening Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: of the Day - 22nd Week, or Optnl Memorial - St Aidan & All Saints of Lindisfarne, d.651)
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am LT Mass (Liturgy: of the Day - 22nd Week)
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	No Service (Liturgy: of the Day - 22nd Week)
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am SM Mass followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am (Liturgy: Feast - St Gregory the Great, d. 604)
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels

**Mass Intentions: For this week:** All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian (Health), Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Rachel Bui (1st Holy Communion), Morag Horne (Health), Julie 7 Dave Poole (Spec. Int.), Krysia & Tony Masters (Spec. Int.), Michael McDonnell RIP, Molly Bowler RIP Anniv, Betty Powell RIP Anniv, Henry Scott RIP Anniv,

**For the week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> September:** All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian (Health), Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Staff & Pupils in all Catholic Schools & Colleges, Parish CAFOD group, Michael McDonnell RIP, Bernard Kenny RIP Anniv, Flo Warrilow RIP Anniv B'day,

## New Forest East Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

St Theresa, Totton - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am  
Ashurst Community - Sun 9am  
Our Lady & St Edward, Lyndhurst - Sun 9am

## WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

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## REFLECTIONS

'Pride comes before a fall'. After Jesus has raised Peter up, he now casts him down, because he is applying the ways of this world to the ways of God. The Jesus who in Luke asks 'Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?' (Luke 2.49) confronts the Peter who would have him steer away from that same business. So soon after finding words to express the faith of the community, Peter finds words which run counter to what Jesus is about.

Jeremiah cries from centuries before Peter of his own sorry state. 'The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long'. But as Peter will later demonstrate, he too has that fire in his belly which means that he does not give up. The word of the Lord has taken hold, and the effort to restrain it takes more out of the prophet than responding to that word.

One can only imagine how the early hearers of the word reacted to the lines which Jesus addresses to the disciples. Those early hearers knew persecution, and had witnessed their own losing their lives for the sake of Jesus. How poignant, therefore, are the words which issue from Jesus' lips in the gospel 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me'. The question now is: what do today's hearers of the word make of it? Is the cross to bear some trivial discomfort or a whole-life choice? Is it a token accommodation or the selling of everything for that pearl of great price? Does it, to use Jock Dalrymple's phrase, 'cost not less than everything?'

The recent Sunday readings have been blessed with resonances of the Gospel in Paul's writing. 'Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind'. Paul could be speaking to Peter, but by the time he wrote this Peter had already learned the lesson.

(From *The Pastoral Review* by Paul Donovan)

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The way of the cross that Jesus outlines for himself is the way of renunciation his followers are called to tread. Jesus faced suffering which could be conquered only if it was accepted. He faced rejection which could be transformed only if he assented to it. If the suffering was to pass, it had to be endured: "For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it."

The way of the cross which Jesus followed was one which passed through streets and markets, by houses and palaces, by windows and doors. While it happened people went about their business. Suffering must run the course of the familiar. As Christians we live in the assurance that our way of the cross does not go unnoticed. Jesus is our suffering companion; he proves to be our strength; his power is mighty in our weakness. If the cross is the price to be paid for love, then carrying it is love's proof in action. For Jesus, that is enough. (From *Seasons of the Word* by Denis McBride)

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Marion Butler, Bishop Crispian, Petra Daniels, Mervyn Francis, Amanda Gudge, Doreen Holman, Fr Chris Jenkins, Norma Rudd, Sarah, Jason Singleton, Simon Smith, Ronald Stevens, Jim Walker, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

**BISHOP CRISPAN' HEALTH:** Bishop Crispian made a public announcement last month that he is suffering from bowel cancer and will need surgery in September. He has asked for prayers from the people of the Diocese.

**MICHAEL McDONNELL RIP:** We have all been shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden death of Michael. He was a cheerful & friendly man, he regularly attended Sunday and weekday Masses and supported the parish social functions. He will be sadly missed. The Requiem Mass for Michael will be celebrated at **St Bernard's Church on Tuesday, 30th August at 2.30pm** followed by Committal at Southampton Crematorium.

**NEW TRANSLATION OF THE LITURGY:** On **Sunday, 4th September** we begin using the new translation of the Order of Mass. Mass cards will be available to assist us. To understand why a new translation is being introduced please consult the various resources available from the Parish Shop.

## THE MINISTRY OF READER & THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE LITURGY.

**All Readers in Church**, please take note that the changes in the new translation will affect you. Please take the pink hand out sheet available at the back of church and study it carefully.

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S MASSES:** the next few dates for young peoples Masses at St Bernard's are: 4 Sept, 2 Oct, 6 Nov, 4 Dec. Children's Liturgy will continue during the holiday period as far as possible.

## Forthcoming Dates:

**Rachel Bui** will be making her First Holy Communion this Sunday at the 11am Mass at St Michaels. Alexia Bui will be doing the 2nd reading at that Mass. Our thoughts and prayers are with Rachel as she prepares for this new experience of Christ's love.

The **Baptism** of baby Matthew James Cross will take place at St Bernard's this Sunday, at 3pm.

The next **PPC Meeting** is on Thursday, 22nd September, at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at St Michaels.

**Praying with Children - a workshop for Christian adults.** Saturday, 24th Sept, 10am to 4pm, Brockenhurst Village Hall, see poster for details & booking information.

The next **Finance Committee Meeting** is on Thursday, 13th October at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room.

**Vocations Discernment for Women**, Saturday, 22nd October at Wisdom House, Romsey. More details later.

**THANK YOU FOR ENORMOUS GENEROSITY TO THE STARVING PEOPLE IN SOMALIA, ETHIOPIA AND KENYA:** You gave £2100.91 and the tax refund will add more. **CAFOD COFFEE MORNING** : A huge thank you from Theresa and Louise to ALL who supported the coffee morning on 4th August. £300 was raised to help with Famine Relief in East Africa.

## SPUC LEAFLET DISTRIBUTION VOLUNTEERS

The Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child plans to conduct a nationwide leafleting campaign later this year (no specific dates yet known) with a target distribution of 9 million! If any parishioners feel that they or someone they know may be able to assist with distribution please contact Louise Blacker on 07708 954 993, louseblacker@hotmail.co.uk or let her have your contact details after Mass.

**PARISH FINANCIAL APPEAL:** Please can everyone consider making some increase to their weekly/monthly contribution. We need to find an extra £500 a month to repay a debt we owe to the Diocese & have enough in reserve to meet inevitable repair bills. Thanks to those who already have signed up for Gift Aid. If you are a tax payer & have not signed up for Gift Aid, please consider it. For every £10 you give, Gift Aid will add another £2.82p making a total of £12.82p!

**CHANGING THE ALTAR AT ST BERNARD'S:** The round altar at St Bernard's was a temporary construction comprising a round piece of MDF skilfully attached (thanks to Bruno) to a liturgical side table. After listening to some concerns & consulting with our deacons I have decided to replace this with the original purpose built wooden altar that was in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Michael's. Another wooden altar (too long for St Bernard's) which has been in storage is now being used in the small chapel at St Michael's.

**THE PARISH SHOP: Now has Gift Vouchers!!! Any amount from £5 to £100!**

**Also "The Order of Mass -New English translation " - now in stock, £1.95p.**

**NEW TRANSLATION OF THE LITURGY - RESOURCES**  
(These can be ordered now from the Parish Shop)

*The following are available to be ordered now:*

**Simple Prayer Book** - Standard Edition - CTS, £1.95p

**Large Print Mass Book**, CTS £1.95

**Companion to the Order of Mass** (An exploration of the meaning & scriptural resonances of the words of the Mass, using the new translation) CTS, £2.50

**Understanding the Roman Missal - the New Translation** (A presentation & explanation of the new translation, accompanied by liturgical and spiritual reflections) CTS, £1.95 \*\*NOW IN STOCK\*\*

**And With Your Spirit** (Missal Music CD) *A guide to singing the new English translation of the Mass.* CTS £14.95

*The following will be available in November 2011 but can be ordered now*

**People's Sunday Missal** - including the Order of Mass new translation. £ TBA

**People's Daily Missal** - including the Order of Mass new translation. £ TBA