

# The Messenger

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

## 26th Sunday of Ordinary time 28th September Year A, Weekdays Yr 2; Psalter week 2

9.00am	Mass SB
11.00am	Mass SM
Monday 29th September	No Service <i>(The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael)</i>
Tuesday 30th September	No Service <i>(St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church)</i>
Wednesday 1st October	No Service <i>(St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Religious, Doctor of the Church)</i>
Thursday 2nd October	No Service <i>(The Holy Guardian Angels)</i>
<b>Friday 3rd October 10am Mass SM</b>	<i>Funeral for Brenda Bowen 12.15pm SB</i> CAFOD: Harvest Fast Day
<b>Saturday 4th October 10am Mass SM</b>	<i>(St Francis of Assisi - Founder)</i>
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation after the 10am Mass today</b>	
27th Sunday of Ordinary Time 5th October	
9.00am	Mass SB
11.00am	Mass SM

**Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 28th September**  
**Anniversaries this week:** Anthea Hayward (30th), George Turuta (2nd)  
**Those who have died recently:** James Barnard, Frances Josephine Bianchi, Brenda Bowen, Elzbieta (Liz) Flaherty, Lily Ricketts, Isabella Taggart  
**Other Intentions:** John Walsh R.I.P. Anniv., All Catechists.

**WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:**  
**Rev David Adams -Parish Priest-** based at Our Lady & St Joseph Church, Lymington: Tel: 01590 676696 ;  
**Rev Vincent Convery**  
**Rev Steve Bowler** (Deacon & Chair Parish Pastoral Council) Tel:02380 207449  
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**New Forest East Pastoral Area:** Lyndhurst, Totton & Waterside,  
**Sunday Mass Times**  
**St Theresa, Totton** - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am  
**Our Lady & St Edward, Lyndhurst** - Sun 9am, (Holy Day Vigil 7pm)  
**Rev Stephen Short** (Deacon)  
**Parish priest : Rev Innaiah Maddineni** : Tel: 023 8086 2270  
**Rev Andrew Philpott** (Deacon)

**New Forest West Pastoral Area:** Brockenhurst, Lymington, Milford on sea & New Milton  
**Parish Priest: Rev David Adams** Tel: 01590 676696  
**Rev Stephen Morgan** (Deacon)  
 St Anne-Brockenhurst, Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph-Lymington, St Francis of Assisi-Milford on Sea.  
**Parish Priest: Rev Marcin Drabik** : Tel: 01425 614968  
 Our Lady of Lourdes- New Milton  
**Sunday Mass Times**  
**Saturday Vigil Mass:** Lymington and New Milton at 6pm  
**Sunday:** Lymington at 9.00am, New Milton at 10 am, New Milton 6.30pm Mass in Polish Lymington at 10:30am, Brockenhurst at 6.00pm

## GETTING INTO THE DANCE

True religion is not first morality and then relationship. It is first relationship and then morality.

Think of the way a family nurtures a new baby. First come the bonds of joy, love, tenderness and belonging. The first years are fairly crucial. If the right foundations are laid the young person can go forward with confidence, self-worth and trust. They are free enough to begin taking responsibility and seeing beyond their own needs. They learn that right and wrong have their source in love. In the absence of sufficient love and affirmation a person becomes haunted by a certain emptiness and a feeling of unworthiness. It becomes more difficult to break free from the preoccupation with ones own needs. It takes longer to begin responding to the needs of others.

This development pattern is also true in our relationship with God. It is not us loving God so that God will have to love us. It is God loving us first so that we can love in return. We do not get it all right and then enter the "kingdom" of God's loving friendship. The offer of God's friendship is given to us and then we begin to get it right. If we have fear and anxiety as the foundation of our relationship with God we will continually try to win God over. Our spiritual lives will be very self-centred. We won't be able to share the Good News because deep down we haven't heard it ourselves. We can't give what we haven't got.

This explains why we can take years anxiously struggling to be good and holy. We either give up in discouragement or deny the shadow both to ourselves and others. We then have to fabricate a righteousness to mask the shadow. We cannot imagine God loving us with our sins and weaknesses. Deep down we resent the effort to "make God love us" and we don't really like the false image of God we have in our imaginations. It is no wonder that joy does not characterise our Christianity as much as it should.

It may be shocking to us but "the tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before" us. There isn't any indication here that tax collectors and prostitutes have been able to instantly change their occupations. What has changed is that they have accepted God into their lives. They have accepted God's undeserved love. They agreed to join the dance. The joy and strength this love gives will enable them to let go of anything that is not right in God's eyes. (DMA).

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: David Bazley, Janice Bird, Baby Blake Proctor, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Alice Branhill, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Baby Elijah, Derek Faiers, Derek Francis, Mervyn Francis, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Mary King, Trudy King, Doreen Holman, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Sarah Mc Cann, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, Marta Pugsley, Ruth Rowan, Jim Ross, Norma Rudd, Cath Smith, Susan Soutter, Emmie Walker, Pam Watkins, George Watson, Francesca Wells.

**If you wish someone to be included for prayers here, or if the person being prayed for is now well & you would like their name removed, speak to Deacons Ian or Steve or Linda via the Parish office.**

**OUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE** is only 69 days away from today!! To avoid inundating you with requests nearer the date we are going to specify different things each month. This month we would like: **Raffle prizes. & Craft items**

If you have any prizes for the main raffle please take them to the parish shop: Faith Hope & Charity, or leave them at the back of the church for collection THIS WEEK. Please mark them 'Parish raffle'. If you can make or buy anything which can be sold on the Craft stall for the Fayre, please see Tina Bowler or ring the parish office. Thank you!

**RED APF BOXES** are due for emptying. Please hand them in as soon as possible to your collector, hand them in to the office (Tues or Thurs) or leave your box at the back of church for collecting *Please make sure your name is on the box.*

The next St. Martha Group quiz night is being held on Saturday 25th of October and tickets will be on sale, at £4 each, after mass at both churches on the 12th and 19th of October. Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring your own alcohol and a plate of food for the American supper.

**SHORT TERM HELP NEEDED** One of the cleaning teams at St Michael's needs help covering for one of their members who will be temporarily indisposed for 3 months due to an operation. It will involve 1 hour on the following dates: 22nd Oct, 19th November, 17th December and a date in January. Please ring Peggy Kirwan on 02380 848526 if you can help or need further information.

**CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY – Friday 3 October.** Thank you so much for all your support this summer for CAFOD's Gaza and Iraq appeals. Please join us in prayer on Friday 3 October and make a place at your table for the one in eight across the world who do not have enough to eat. Your Fast Day envelopes are now available in church. Please give as much as you can so that hunger doesn't remain a fact of life for the world's poorest people. Thank you for your compassion and solidarity at this time.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** at St Bernard's 9am Mass Sunday. Would you like to help this group? They desperately need adults to work with the children -doing appropriate activities around the Gospel of the day. Not sure if it's for you? Why not go to a session at the 9am Mass at SB and observe. There are a lot of resources available. The Lord has given us all unique gifts. Can you use yours to help these children? If you think you'll need training then the Diocese is holding a training session 7.30-9pm Holy Family Church, Millbrook on Tues October 14th. I'm sure you'll agree that it is very important that the Children's Liturgy continues. Why not give it a try? Many hands make light work. Please, please support this very important Ministry. *I would like to take this opportunity of thanking those who continue to give their time to help with Children's Liturgy every week. It is appreciated. (Fr David)*

**The Pope Tweets:** @Pontifex *The Lord is always there waiting to give us his love: it is an amazing thing, one which never ceases to surprise us.*

**CAFOD Harvest fast day** next Friday October 3rd Have you taken your envelope?

**SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY** for the maintenance and running costs of our Cathedral in Portsmouth. The collection for Home Mission Sunday last week was £117.53. Thank you for your generosity.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER

**CAFOD Harvest** 5th October  
**Mission Sunday** 19th October

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- + Those struggling to come to terms with a bereavement or illness.
- + For those suffering as a result of conflicts around the world.
- + All those attending the Celebrate weekend in Southampton
- + The parishioners of St Francis of Assisi, Milford on Sea on their patronal feast day.
- + The needy & hungry of the world

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** 'The concept of the pastoral council was first articulated in the 1965 Vatican II: Decree on Bishops. The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) assists, advises and cooperates with the Parish Priest in sustaining and developing the Christian life of the community.' Your PPC members are: Fr David Adams: parish Priest, Steve Bowler (Chair), Louise Brown, Roger Daniels, Philomena Hopkins, Peter Mitchell, Christine Olden, Polly Read, Marion Teague & Deacon Ian Tobin. The Minutes from the PPC Meetings are displayed in both churches. If you have any concerns about life in the parish please address them to any of the PPC members mentioned above. The next PPC meeting is 13th November.

**FOR THOSE MINISTERS OF COMMUNION WHO WILL SOON BE GOING OUT TO THE HOUSEBOUND FOR THE FIRST TIME** details of a Diocesan course on Safeguarding that you are required to attend will be with you shortly.

### WHAT'S ON

**AN EVENING OF HEALING** with Little Way Healing Ministries **TOMORROW** Monday 29 September 7pm-9:30pm, Highfield House Hotel, Highfield Lane, SO17 1AQ. Fr. Laurence Brassill OSA and Mrs. Pauline Edwards and team offer an evening of teaching and healing. Everyone is welcome so bring your friends, neighbours and relatives. No need to be a churchgoer to attend. Tea and coffee provided. Jesus said: *'Lay your hands on the sick and they will be healed'*. Come and see.

**PAUSE FOR PRAYER** 10-11am St Michael's Hythe **30th September**

**ST ANNE'S CHURCH, BROCKENHURST** A fun concert with the Grainger Quartet. **Thursday 2nd October** 7pm. Tickets £10 on the door includes interval refreshments.

**TAIZE SERVICE: ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH:** The choir and musicians from Our Lady Queen of Peace in Southbourne have kindly offered to support the Parish of St. Francis of Assisi in a special candlelit Taize service to celebrate our Patronal Feast Day. The Service will take place at St. Francis Church in Milford on Sea on **Friday 3rd. October** at 7:30pm. We would like to invite all parishioners to come and join us on this special day.

For the Ideal Gift or Gift Voucher visit  
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