

The Messenger

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

28th October 2012

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr B (Psalter Wk.2)

9.00am Mass at St Bernards
11.00am Mass at St Michaels
3.00pm Baptism baby Elijah Laven-Brown at St Michaels

6.00pm Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

Mon 29th No Service (Liturgy: 30th Week of Ordinary Time)

Tues 30th 10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass
(Liturgy: Memorial, Bl. Winchester Martyrs)

Wed 31st 10.00am Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst
(Liturgy: 30th Week of Ordinary Time)

Thurs 1st **ALL SAINTS - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**
10.00am Mass at Our Lady's, Lyndhurst
12 noon Mass at St Michaels
7.30pm Mass at St Bernards

Fri 2nd 10.00am SM Mass (Liturgy: All Souls)

Sat 3rd 10.00am SM Mass then Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation until 11am. (Liturgy: Memorial, Bl. John Body)

Sun 4th **31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9.00am Mass at St Bernards
11.00am Mass at St Michaels
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, Bishop Philip Egan, The family of Tianne Smith-Evans RIP, Peter Brady RIP, Joyce Grimes RIP Anniv, John Parker RIP Anniv

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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

PRAYER FROM AN HONEST PLACE

Today's Gospel needs to be seen in its broader context. It comes at the end on a section (chaps. 7:24 – 10:520) in which Jesus is journeying with his followers outside of Galilee. Jesus is teaching his followers. The journeys outside of familiar territory are symbolic of the spiritual journeys of the followers themselves. Jesus is trying to get them to see things in a new way and from different perspectives, mainly from God's perspective. The followers are constantly getting it wrong, objecting and missing the point. At one stage it seems Jesus is driven to exasperation: "Do you still not understand, still not realize? Are your minds closed? Have you eyes and do not see, ears and do not hear?" (Mark 8:17). Peter's thinking is "not as God thinks but as human beings do" (Mk 8:33) At another point they "did not understand what Jesus said and were afraid to ask" (Mk 9:32).

At the beginning of this section a blind man is healed at Bethsaida, but we do not know his name (Mk 8:22ff). The healing has to be done in two stages. At first the man begins to see dimly. Finally he can see everything plainly and distinctly. Once again the physical healing also expresses the spiritual healing. The disciples are beginning to see in a different way but it is difficult for them. It goes against everything they have been taught and everything they expect.

At the end of this section we have the healing of another blind person. This time we know his name, Bartimaeus. He acknowledges Jesus as "son of David" in other words as the Messiah, the Anointed One of God and he cries out for pity. He refuses to be discouraged by the crowd who tell him to keep quiet. There are also some other interesting features of his story. He is at Jericho, which is near the Dead Sea, geographically it is a low place. Bartimaeus is a blind beggar. Socially you couldn't get much lower. The only thing he possesses is his cloak which he throws off in his desire to meet Jesus. He responds to the call of Jesus. Jesus asks him "What do you want me to do for you?" (Jesus will ask us the same question too. What would our answer be?). Bartimaeus replies: "Master, let me see again." Jesus acknowledges his faith and restores his sight. Bartimaeus then follows him along the way. The first disciples of Jesus were called "followers of the Way". So Bartimaeus becomes a kind of model disciple.

When we begin to let go of all pretensions and all claims to power and privilege; when we begin to realize that as far as the things of God go, we are blind and totally destitute, then we are ready to learn from our Master, our Teacher, Jesus. If we can vocalize our faith in humble prayer and not be discouraged by conflicting voices we can receive the healing of Jesus and be ready to follow him along the Way. DMA

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Amanda Bowden, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Betty Marek, Judith Morrison, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Pauline Sharpley, Jason Singleton, Ronald Stevens. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

PRAYER POTTERY: Apologies there will be NO Prayer Pottery this week.

SECOND COLLECTION next Sunday, 4th November. will be for the Diocese of Bamenda in the Cameroons which has been supported by our Diocese for many years. This an obligatory collection.

MASS COUNTS DURING OCTOBER: As required by the Diocese Mass counts will be taken on the first four Sundays of October.

VISITS TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

& ADORATION: Opportunity to take part in Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will start in St Michael's on Saturday mornings from the end of Mass until 11.00am. Anyone wishing to be able to make visits to the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass times will need to see Fr David personally for access information.

*****YEAR OF FAITH*****

THE "DOOR OF FAITH" 'The "door of faith" is always open for us, ushering us into the life of communion with God and offering entry into his Church. It is possible to cross that threshold when the word of God is proclaimed and the heart allows itself to be shaped by transforming grace. To enter through that door is to set out on a journey that lasts a life time. It begins with baptism, through which we can address God as Father, and it ends with the passage through death to eternal life, fruit of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, whose will it was, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, to draw those who believe in him into his own glory.' (Pope Benedict XVI, *Porta Fidei* ['The door of faith'] para 1)

CATECHISM EVERY DAY: For this Year of Faith, Pope Benedict has encouraged us to study and reflect on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Well, here's an easy and free way to do it. Go to the website listed below - simply enter your email address and you will start to get a little bit of the Catechism emailed to your inbox every morning. Read that little bit every day and by the end of the year, you will have read the entire Catechism. To sign up - click here: <http://www.flocknote.com/catechism>

EXPLORE YOUR FAITH: At Geo House (St Joseph's, Ashurst) on the first Saturday of each month inspired by the naming of 2013 as the 'Year of Faith' by the Holy Father Pope Benedict, we will be launching our 'Explore your faith days. Starting at 10am with Mass the day includes prayer, music, talks and sharing. Bring a packed lunch. Refreshments available.

November 3rd Alice Hall—Sion Community
December 1st Geoff & Gina Poulter—Catholic Bible School

ADVENT RETREAT (at Geo House, St Joseph's, Ashurst). We are very fortunate to have Fr James McCafferey OCD to lead our Advent Retreat. 7th- 9th December 2012 Theme: 'Prayer in the Gospels and prayer in our everyday lives' Book now on reception@geohouse.org.uk or 023 8029 2337

APF (MISSIO) RED BOX COLLECTIONS: The total for the parish in 2012 is £1468, this includes £156 in Gift Aid. This is again a great effort by everyone. Thanks to all those who have contributed. A special thanks is due to Tony Cluett who co-ordinates all this and does the administration of this collection and to his faithful helpers: - Theresa Anderson, Eileen Brady, Pat Canning and Monica West. If anyone would like a Red Box to collect for the Missions please put your name & contact details in an envelope & hand it to Fr David who will pass it on to Tony Cluett.

SPONSORED RUNS FOR CAFOD: congratulations to David McElhenny who completed (in style, I'm sure!) the Clarendon Marathon (a demanding, 26 mile off-road route between Salisbury and Winchester) on Sunday, 7th October which was to raise money for CAFOD. Dave finished uninjured, tired but with still some "fuel in the tank" having executed (no, not the other competitors!) his well-prepared plan. We are now collecting in the sponsorship money so please give that in a marked envelope either directly to David himself, Louise Croll or via the collection plate. We'll let you know the total in due course.

Catherine Smith is running for CAFOD in the Great South Run on this Sunday, 28th October. There are sponsorship forms for Catherine at the back of the church. And Oscar successfully completed the CAFOD mini-run yesterday, Saturday, 27th October & so sponsorship money is due in!

The **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**, organised by the St Martha group, for the senior members of our parish will be at a different venue this year.



Thanks to the generous hospitality of Roisin Kerr, it will be at The Old Mill, Lime Kiln Lane, Holbury on **Thursday 6th December, 12.30 for 1pm.** If you would like to attend, and/or require a table, please sign the forms at the back of the Church as soon as possible. **We shall be closing the list on Sunday 25th November so we can order the food...and the wine and sherry of course!**

If you are thinking about buying your **CHRISTMAS GIFTS** why not pop into the **parish shop**- Faith, Hope & Charity- for inspiration? We have a range of new gifts, Traidcraft goods, a fine selection of Christmas cards, Advent calendars and Advent candles, Catholic diaries and calendars. Hurry- the diaries are selling fast!

Date for your diary-

the parish **CHRISTMAS FAYRE** is on **Saturday 1st December 10 a.m. – 1.30pm.** Please come along to support your parish.

The **RAFFLE TICKETS** for the Christmas Fayre will be on sale this weekend. There are 5 books in an envelope. Each book costs £1. We realise money is tight at the moment but please try your best to sell your books to family and friends. If you sell all your books you can always have more to sell of course! **All ticket stubbs and money back by 25th November please.** Thank you so much for your help. If you have any good quality raffle prizes we can use for the main raffle on December 1st all contributions will be gratefully received.

Forthcoming event: **Quiz Night** A quiz night to be held on Saturday 24th November. St Bernard's hall. 7pm start, tickets £4. Tickets will be available shortly. **Meat Raffle:** the draw for a £20 voucher will be after 11am Mass on Sunday 28th October. All proceeds towards Senior Citizens Christmas lunch.

For the Ideal Gift or Gift Voucher visit
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