

The Messenger

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

29th May 2011

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Divine Office: Week 2

Sun 29 th	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels
Mon 30 th	No Service (Liturgy: of 6th Week of Easter)
Tues 31 st	10.00am SM Morning Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: Feast, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
Wed 1 st	7.30pm SM Evening Prayer & Mass (Liturgy: Memorial, St Justin, Martyr, 100 - 165)
Thurs 2 nd	10.00am LT Mass (Liturgy: of 6th Week of Easter or Optnl Memorial, Ss Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs, d. 304)
Fri 3 rd	No Service (Liturgy: Memorial, St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs, d. 1886)
Sat 4 th	10.00am SM Mass Followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation Until 11.30am (Liturgy: of 6th Week of Easter) 2pm SM Wedding Service Dominic Simon Tobin & Gillian Davies
Sun 5 th	The Ascension of the Lord 9.00am St Bernards 11.00am St Michaels

Mass Intentions: For this week: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian, Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Confirmation Candidates of the Pastoral Area, John Sawtell (Peace)

For the week beginning 5th June: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian, Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Confirmation Candidates of the Pastoral Area, John & Lena Keane - Diamond Wedding Anniversary, Irene Mitchell RIP Anniv, Norbert Power RIP Anniv, Eric Powell RIP Anniv

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

Pastoral Team: Rev David Adams (Parish Priest)
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I WILL GIVE YOU ANOTHER ADVOCATE

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus refers to the disciple who brings out from the store of spiritual wisdom, things both new and old (Matt 13:52). The irony is that often we are even unfamiliar with the old things. They seem new to us. One of the "old" things, if you will forgive the expression, is the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We know a little about the Holy Spirit but we know the Holy Spirit too little! Jesus promises us the Holy Spirit as another Advocate – a friend, a sponsor, a helper – to be with us forever. We must not be afraid. If we, who are evil, know how to give good things to our children how much more will God give the Holy Spirit to those who pray! (cfr. Luke 11:13) The Spirit is within us and among us. We share, by God's free gift, in Jesus' relationship with the Father. We stand with Jesus receiving the Spirit and allowing the Spirit to pray within us "with sighs too deep for words" (Romans 8:26).

It is all about relationship. That is why the children "get into" the Kingdom. For children the most important thing is relationship: love, trust, sharing, affirmation, giving & receiving life at all levels.

Too often we think in our "adult" way about what we must do for God, or try to achieve; we bemoan our unworthiness, our un-readiness and any number of other excuses. Frankly God doesn't really care! Why do we imagine that we should or even can be worthy? Trust! Surrender! Believe! Receive! Invite the Divine Guest into your body, soul, mind and heart. The important thing is not what we do but what God does in us. We are God's children; we are the Body & Blood of Christ. The gentle, compassionate God is Mother and Father to us. If we are content to be with God, God is always content to be with us.

We do not have to do more but rather we need to allow God to be with us and work in us and through us. It is allowing the Holy Spirit to guide and inform our thinking, our words and our actions. It is the Holy Spirit who will inspire us with the old and the new. A new age requires new virtues, new qualities and a new vision. The predatory, dominator culture is obsolete now we must live by listening, sharing, co-operation, non-violence, love and peace. Only the Spirit working within can create us anew. (DMA)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Jackie & Russell Bowlds, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Mervyn Francis, Amanda Gudge, Doreen Holman, Joan Hopper, Ellen Pick, Joy Prestage, Norma Rudd, Eileen Shanley, Ronald Stevens, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

OBLIGATORY COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY - WORLD COMMUNICATIONS. This helps the Bishops of England and Wales to fund the cost of using up-to-date communications, nationally & internationally.

PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND & WALES: This is to be read and made available at all Masses this weekend. It concerns the new translation of the Roman Missal which will be introduced partially in September and completely at the beginning of Advent 2011. Copies will be available at the back of church.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: Please keep Anna Lawes & Hannah Teague in your prayers as they begin preparation for Confirmation. They are joining a group of young people from Totton on their programme. Marion Teague is also assisting Deacon Andy Philpott as a Confirmation catechist. The celebration of the Sacrament will be at St Michaels on Thursday, June 30th at 7pm. The Sacrament will be conferred by Mgr Tom McGrath, Vicar General. Due to health issues Bishop Crispian has had to cut back on his duties

NOVENA PRAYER SHEETS: re the appointment of a new Bishop are available at the back of the churches.

PRAYER POTTERY : The next Prayer Pottery will be on this Tuesday, May 31st, at 11am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Michaels. It is a time for quiet prayer and reflection guided by Christine Olden. All are very welcome.

PARISH WEDDING NEXT SATURDAY: It will be a happy day for the Tobin & Davies families next Saturday, 4th June. Ian & Barbara's son, Dominic will be getting married to Gillian Davies in St Michael's Church, Hythe, at 2pm. Proud father Ian will be officiating at the Wedding Service. It will be a lovely celebration and parishioners are very welcome to attend the Wedding. Please do be considerate when parking your cars to leave room for guests who will have travelled a long way.

WATERSIDE FOOD BANK: There is a continuing need for regular donations of food for Waterside Foodbank. There is a growing number of individuals and families suffering hardship through redundancy, illness, unemployment, homelessness, etc. Collection boxes are in the foyers of St Michael's and St Bernard's churches, with leaflets listing the types of food needed.

Book Recommendations:

Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life. By Richard Rohr. Jossey-Bass, ISBN 978-0-470-90775-7

Unmasking God: revealing God in the Ordinary. By Daniel J. O'Leary, The Columba Press, ISBN 978-1-85607-726-2

We Walk the Path Together: Learning from Thich Nhat Hanh & Meister Eckhart. By Brian J. Pierce OP, Orbis Boos, ISBN-13: 978-1-57075-613-9

The Warmth of the Heart prevents your Body from Rusting - Ageing without growing old. By Marie de Hennezel, Rodale ISBN 978-1-905744-84-8, (a BBC Radio 4 Book of the Week)

For helpful spiritual reflections check out; Fr. Ron Rolheiser OMI. He is an internationally acclaimed writer, retreat giver & columnist. Go to www.ronrolheiser.com for his weekly reflection & archives of those of past years.



CAFOD - URGENT ACTION: You may have heard the excellent news that the Government plans to fulfil the UK's long-held pledge (and manifesto promise) to legally set a minimum overseas aid budget of 0.7% of Gross National Income. Some voices have been raised against it, but this tiny commitment could make a special difference to the poor. Unlike ad hoc fundraising, it allows reliable long-term development planning. Creating a fairer world, our Christian duty, also eases the pressures on our own security, defence and immigration. If you agree, CAFOD ask you urgently to go online, to ask the Government to go ahead. In just a few clicks and keypresses you'll send a message straight to No. 10 (CAFOD provide a draft that you can just send, edit or completely rewrite if you like): <http://www.cafod.org.uk/take-action/tell-the-pm-to-keep-our-aid-promise>.

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE 2011

On Saturday, 18th June 2011 there will be a special Mass at St Bede's, Basingstoke for couples in our diocese celebrating significant wedding anniversaries during 2011. Bishop Crispian will preside at the Mass. If you are celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th anniversary during 2011, or any anniversary over 60 years, & are able to attend please let your parish priest know as soon as possible so that Bishop Crispian can send you an invitation. Attendance will be by invitation only and numbers are limited. For more information contact: Katja Babei, Advisor for Marriage and Family Life, Park Place. kbabei@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Tel: 01329 835583

CHEESE & WINE WITH AN AUCTION OF PROMISES & ITEMS

This will take place on Saturday, July 9th at 7pm at St Bernard's Hall. We need people to make promises which will then be auctioned. We need people to attend to bid for these promises. It'll be great fun and all the proceeds will go to the parish. We also need items that can be bid for. So get those thinking caps on!! Perhaps you can offer some time for cleaning, ironing, baby-sitting, gardening or car washing. Or you have some nice stuff but its cluttering up - why not auction it?

A VERY BIG THANK YOU: from Fr David to everyone who contributed to my very surprising & enjoyable 30th Ordination anniversary celebration. I really didn't know it was going to be anything that big!! Thank you for cards, prayers & best wishes & a very generous gift amounting to £1000. Special mentions for Linda (overall planning & lots of hard work behind the scenes), Steve & Tina for organising the Mass & monies; Tony & Irene & Gloria, Polly, Michela, Madeline & John - music, singing & leaflets & MC; the Martha Group - Win, Liz, Maureen, Linda, Mary, Linda, Phil & Anne- for setting up the Hall, paying for clergy meals, providing the wine & helping to clear up; Lynne for the cake, Louise for icing the cake, Mary - official photographer, slide show & welcoming; Sue for delicious food; her Mum, Mary & daughter Louise for helping; flower arrangers - Christine, Liz, Mary, Yvonne, Frances & Linda; Norman for the Prayer; Revs Ian, Steve & Stephen, Frs Peter, Andrew & Shaun Budden for concelebrating the Mass; Rev Barry, Pam & Charles for the Readings; Yvonne, Win, Mary, Tina, Frances, Simone & Lynne for the puddings, Terry & Peter for car park duties, Honora for Offertory; Kevin for doing the tables & everyone for coming to the Mass & the meal afterwards, & all who contributed towards the gift cheque.

