

# The Messenger

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

## 4th Sunday of Lent 30th March Mothering Sunday / Laetare Sunday.

9.00am Mass at SB  
11.00am Mass at SM  
3.00pm Stations of the Cross SM

### Year A, Weekdays Yr 2; Psalter week 4

Mon 31st March No Service  
Tues 1st April No service  
Pause for prayer 10-11am SM  
Wed 2nd April No Service  
Thurs 3rd April No Service

Fri 4th April Mass 10am SM  
Sat 5th April Mass 10am SM

Sacrament of Reconciliation straight after Mass

### 5th Sunday of Lent Sunday 6th April

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's  
11.00am Mass at St Michael's  
3.00pm Stations of the Cross SB

### Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 30th March

For the sick of the parish and those who care for them, for all those in conflict around the world, especially the people of the Ukraine & Russia, for all Mothers, Grandmothers & Godmothers, for those missing, feared dead, on Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 & their families.

**Anniversaries this week:** Helen Taylor (30th), John Leahy (31st), Helen Farrelly (4th)

**Those who have died recently:** Ellen Pick, Canon Terence Walsh

**Other Intentions:** Ruth Rowan (Health), George Watson (Health)

### WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

**Rev David Adams -Parish Priest-** based at Our Lady & St Joseph Church, Lymington: Tel: 01590 676696 ;

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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)

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 Marcia Drabik** : Tel: 01425 614968

Our Lady of Lourdes- New Milton

#### Sunday Mass Times

**Saturday Vigil Mass:** Lymington and New Milton at 6pm

**Sunday:** Milford on Sea at 9.00am, New Milton at 10 am,

New Milton 6.30pm Mass in Polish

Lymington at 10:30am, Brockenhurst at 6.00pm

### NEW SIGHT TO THE BLIND

The Gospels give a number of stories of Jesus healing the blind and giving them new sight. The healings are never just ends in themselves but are always related to the healing of inner blindness.

What is inner blindness? Jesus refers to it in the Gospel passage for today, John 9:41. In Mark's Gospel Jesus voices his frustration with his disciples saying: "Do you still not perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes and fail to see? Do you have ears and fail to hear? ... Do you not yet understand?" (Mark 8: 17-21). So there is a physical blindness and there is also a spiritual, inner or mental blindness. The full mission of Jesus is to cure our whole blindness.

There is an old saying: None are so blind as those who do not want to see. This gets to the heart of our problem. There is a lot we do not want to see. There are disturbing things, challenging things, demanding things and we are tempted to look away, we would rather not know because otherwise we would have to respond. Change is unwelcome especially if we have a vested interest in the "system". We fear any threat to our comfort or security, to our status and our self-worth. It is a whole lot easier not to see! Again in John's Gospel Jesus gives us a diagnosis of the fundamental problem. It is interesting how modern and, sort of psychological, his words are. "How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? (John 5:44). This is repeated in John 12:42: *Nevertheless many, even of the authorities, believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they did not confess it, for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved human glory more than the glory that comes from God.*

This affects every area of our lives, how we see ourselves, our relationships, our work, our politics, our religious affiliations and our economics. How is it, we ask, that gifted politicians and economists, accountants and financial managers didn't see the coming of the economic crisis that shook the financial world a while ago? The simple answer is that they didn't want to see the problems. They were looking for profit, growth, business, the next big deal etc. Only a very few voiced concerns but these were ignored. A prophet of doom is never welcome at a party celebrating good times.

The problem with wilful blindness of course is that it keeps us in an inherently unreal world. We are driven more by dreams, fantasies, illusions and wishful thinking than by the whole truth of a situation. This is why trouble is never far ahead. Profound imbalances, dysfunctions, injustices, whether it is in countries, or organisations or institutions like churches, can only be sustained for so long before something begins to break down. We are witnessing this at present in the Middle East.

The Church is also in danger. Some people with power and influence have been directing it backwards, leading a retreat into the past. The windows opened by Vatican II have gradually been closed again. A hankering after lavish costumes & rituals, after male clerical power & privilege, a need for security & a strong, tribal identity are driving this trend. It exploits peoples nostalgia, anxiety and a cultivated over reliance on outer authority. When Jesus asks; (Lk. 12:57) "Why don't you judge for yourselves what is right"? Our response is: But we have no confidence in our capacity to listen to & hear the Holy Spirit within. This is not really about musical or linguistic aesthetics. Diversity & richness of expression are never a problem. It is about fear, fear of the new, of the complex and difficult. If we have to admit to goodness, holiness and truth "over there" we will have to open doors, start listening & changing. What then becomes of our goodness, holiness & truth? (DMA)

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers: Baby Elijah, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Gabrielle Hennig, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, Helen Pick, George Raffray, Ruth Rowan, Lilly Ricketts, Norma Rudd, Pauline Sharpley, Susan Soutter, Ronald Stevens, Emmie Walker, Neil Tisdale, George Watson, Helen Whitty.

**MOTHERING SUNDAY** We remember and pray for God's blessing on all our Mum's past and present.

*(If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Linda via the Parish office)*



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES:** Please keep in your prayers: Leon Carbayo-Borges, Carlos Carbayo-Borges & Caitlin Cross as they start their preparation for their First Holy Communion.

**MINISTERS OF WORD & COMMUNION** If you will be here during Holy week please contact the parish office or Win Cocker a.s.a.p.



**EASTER EGG RAFFLE** organised by the staff at Faith, Hope & Charity. Tickets on sale today, 6th & 13th April. £1 a strip. Money to Church funds. (Tina Bowler)



**APF boxes-** please give to your collector or leave at the back of the church.



**ADVANCE NOTICE: MINISTERS OF COMMUNION** Fr Vincent would like you to attend the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday 17th April to informally renew your commitment to your Ministry.



to the person who wishes to remain anonymous who gave a cheque for £225 to CAFOD for Family Fast Day and a further cheque for £225 for the Foodbank. Thank you on behalf of the above for your generosity.

CAFOD Lenten Fast Day The updated total is now £1802.33! This is an amazing total!. Well done everyone! If you still have a Fast Day envelope please hand it in a.s.a.p



**MOTHERING SUNDAY:** Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother' church - the main church or Cathedral of the area.

Inevitably the return to the 'mother' church became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home. As they walked along the country lanes, children would pick wild flowers or violets to take to church or give to their mother as a small gift.

Today it's a day when we show our mothers our appreciation for their unconditional love.



**WANTED: Feet!** Special offer- Free washing! See notice at back of church.



**LAETARE SUNDAY** Lent means 40 days of fast, abstinence, and penitential works, but on the fourth Sunday of Lent there's a change. On Laetare (Rejoice) or Rose Sunday, we look beyond the sorrows of Lent to the rejoicings of the coming Easter.



**QUIZ NIGHT** The next quiz night will be held on Saturday 3rd May 2014. Tickets will be available after masses at both churches on Sunday 13th April and after Easter on Sunday 27th April, or you can just turn up and pay on the night. There will be an American supper and as always, tea and coffee will be available but you are welcome to bring along wines and any other drinks you like. Proceeds from this very popular event help towards the Christmas lunch for our more senior parishioners. (Mary King)



**The Pope Tweets:** @Pontifex *Jesus is never far from us sinners. He wants to pour out on us, without limit, all of his mercy.*



**OBLIGATORY SECOND COLLECTION TODAY:** for the Clergy Assistance Fund. This fund helps the Diocese to provide accommodation and supplementary income to priests in retirement due to age or ill-health.

**PHOTOGRAPHS IN CHURCH:** Quite naturally sometimes grandparents and parents like to take a photo of their child involved in the liturgy (involved at sermon time, processions etc). This is understandable BUT please realise that **no such photos must ever be posted onto social web sites** (blogs, twitter and the like) without express permission of other children's parents (there are good reasons for this and ignoring is not only illegal, but can cause immense problems). Please be careful, and considerate.

### THINGS TO DO IN LENT : THIS WEEK

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** St Michael's, Hythe, Sunday 30th March 3pm

**PAUSE FOR PRAYER:** Tuesday 1st April 10-11am St Michael's., Hythe.

**TOTTON: Stations of the Cross** St Theresa's Church, Totton, 7pm every Friday during Lent,

**BROCKENHURST,** St Anne's church, Brockenhurst, 10am every Friday during Lent:: Meditation followed by silent prayer and Benediction.



**SVP 'VINNIE PACKS'** The SVP are distributing 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless and those spending the principal part of their day on the streets.

Each pack contains thermal gloves, socks and gloves, a toothbrush, toothpaste, emergency foil blanket, information card and pen. They would be very grateful if you could sponsor packs at a suggested donation of £3 per pack. Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP or go to virginmoneygiving.com and type "Vinnie Packs" into the sponsor a friend box. If you have a query, please email VinniePacks@hotmail.com. Thank you so much for your support.

### LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Our Lady's, Lymington

Tuesday 8th April 7.30pm,

St Michael's, Hythe

Thursday 10th April 7.30pm,

St Theresa's, Totton

Monday 14th April 7pm

### SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK:

**CHRISM MASS** Tuesday 15th April 11am Portsmouth Cathedral

**HOLY THURSDAY** Mass of the Lord's supper St Michael's 7.30pm

+ Please sign up to have your foot washed. Form at back of church.

+ Ministers of Holy Communion please be there to renew commitment

+ Can you sit & watch a while with the Blessed Sacrament after the Mass? Please book in a 15minute slot on the form at the back of the church.

**GOOD FRIDAY** 18th April

+ Ecumenical walk of witness. Meet in St John's car park to walk to the area outside Waitrose for 11am start

+ Celebration of the Lord's Passion St Michael's 3pm

+ Stations of the Cross St Bernard's 7pm

+ Tenebrae service Our Lady's, Lymington 8pm

+ Tenebrae is Latin for 'shadows' or 'darkness' The distinctive ceremony of Tenebrae is the gradual extinguishing of candles while a series of readings and psalms are chanted or recited.

**EASTER VIGIL** Saturday 19th April St Bernard's 8pm

**EASTER SUNDAY** 9am Mass St Bernard's; 11am St Michael's

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