

The Messenger

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

30th October 2011

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time - Divine Office: Week 3

Sun	30 th	9.00am Mass at St Bernards 11.00am Mass at St Michaels
Mon	31 st	No Service (Liturgy: of the Day - 31st Week)
Tues	1 st	ALL SAINTS - HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION 10.00am St Michaels 12 noon Fr David at St Annes, Brockenhurst 7.30pm St Bernards
Wed	2 nd	10.00am (Fr David saying Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst) (Liturgy: All Souls)
Thurs	3 rd	10.00am Lyndhurst Mass (Liturgy: Memorial - Bl John Bodey, Martyr, 1549-83)
Fri	4 th	No Service (Liturgy: Memorial, St Charles Borromeo, Bishop, 1538-1584)
Sat	5 th	10.00am SM Mass followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am (Liturgy: of the Day - 31st Week, or Our Lady on Saturday)
Sun	6 th	32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass at St Bernards (Childrens Mass) 11.00am Mass at St Michaels 6.00pm - Fr David saying Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

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, Joyce Grimes RIP Anniv, Dot Manghan RIP Anniv

For the week beginning 6th November: All members of the Parish, All those who are unwell, Holy Souls, Bishop Crispian (Health), Guidance for choice of new Bishop, Peter & Joyce Grimes RIP Anniv, Dot Manghan RIP Anniv, Peter Mulvenney RIP Anniv, deceased members of the Mulvenney & Brown families, Katherine Tobin RIP Anniv, Eric Parker RIP Anniv, Tianne Marie Smith-Evans RIP Anniv.

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)

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastoral Team: Rev David Adams (Parish Priest)
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THIS SUNDAY: Wherever brothers & sisters gather in faith & humility, accepting and respecting each other, not dominating or allowing any one else to dominate, having God as Father & Mother, Christ as teacher and the Spirit as life, there is church.

A REFLECTION FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints celebrates God's grace in bringing ordinary people, young and old to share in the glory of God's life. We are celebrating, not just the "big" saints, (the canonised ones who are proposed as beacons and models for imitation) but everyone who is in heaven.

We too should have a strong hope of joining them. Our hope is based, not on our own efforts – thank goodness – but on the same grace of God. All we have to do is to trust to God's love and let it work in us. God will use the joy and the pain, the happiness and the sadness, the agony and the ecstasy to draw us out of ourselves into the loving embrace of God.

We are already God's children, we are already sanctified, and the Father has lavished great love upon us. If we can just accept that God accepts us completely, the good and the bad, then all things will work to our greater glory. Although we may have sinned over the years, and like St Peter denied Jesus, or we may have grown sad and cynical, the mercy of God can refresh and renew us in the twinkling of an eye. The mercy of God is symbolised by the blood of the Lamb and we will be made white again, innocent and care free in that mercy. Where sin abounded grace did abound all the more. God will purify us we just have to let it happen and work with God.

All this displays how wonderful God is and how amazing is the power of God's tender love. We, like all the other saints, will have nothing to boast about. We will recognise that it hasn't been our doing but God's.

A REFLECTION FOR ALL SOULS DAY

Prior to the Reformation the dependence of clergy upon Mass stipends, and the fear, anxiety and bereavement of people made for a situation vulnerable to exploitation. The Reformers had just criticisms. However they went to the other extreme refusing all prayer for the departed. This left people disconnected and did not respect the bonds of love and hope in the Body of Christ.

Where are we today? We have recovered the Good News. We have begun to exorcise the demons of fear and mistrust. We have a new confidence based on God's love: God has imprisoned all people in their disobedience only to have mercy on all people (Romans 11). Should we then be praying for our departed brothers and sisters? Yes, indeed and very fervently. But we pray not with our own prayer but with the prayer of the Spirit. The Spirit yearns for the revealing of God's children. The Spirit intercedes according to the mind of God. It is an expression of the eternal desire of God to unite all things in peace (cfr Eph 1; Col 1). We can no more refuse to pray than we can refuse to let God's love flow through us. Just as we have no excuse for withholding God's love from anyone, we have no excuse for blocking the desire of God for them. Do our departed benefit from this prayer? Indeed they do! Just as people benefit from being loved. (DMA)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Marion Butler, Bill Duncan, Bishop Crispian, Petra Daniels, Mavis, Mervyn Francis, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Jason Singleton, Ronald Stevens, & Jessica Ward, Anne Wyatt. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

THANKSGIVING MASS - BISHOP CRISPIAN: I have four (4) tickets available on a first come first serve basis for the Mass which will take place at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, on Saturday, 19th November at 11am. There will be light refreshments for all after Mass. (Priests & deacons will be celebrating a special Mass with Bishop Crispian at a later date after the appointment of the new Bishop has been announced)

SECOND COLLECTIONS: The collection for Bamenda raised £168.84. Thank you for your generosity. Sunday November 6th will be the APF Mission collection. APF Mission envelopes are available at the back of the churches. This is an obligatory collection.

THE PARISH MAINTENANCE TEAM: I am very grateful to Wayne Culver, Alan Lawes & Jim Ross who have agreed to join Tony O'Connell as members of the parish maintenance team.

MASS COUNT: During October we will take a Mass count at all Sunday Masses for the national Catholic statistics.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MASSES: the next dates for young peoples Masses at St Bernard's are: 6 Nov, 4 Dec.

PARENTS: If your children sometimes attend Children's Liturgy and/or the Young People's Masses (including the older children who help), please complete a yellow parent consent form (at the back of St B's) and pass it to Clare Davies or Fr David, or drop it off at the Parish office. This is part of the diocese's requirements for safeguarding your children, and will also let us stay in touch and better support your family. Thanks for your help.

THE PARISH FINANCIAL RETURN: My thanks to Eileen Brady, Angela Falder, Carmel McClatchey & Tony O'Connell, members of our parish finance committee for work done to complete and approve the annual parish return for the year Sept 2010 to Aug 2011. Thanks also to all those who audit the weekly collections so faithfully, Eileen Brady, Louise Croll, Ron Kelly, Gill Lewis, Tony & Simone Cluett & Derek Hewitt. The financial return and a summary sheet will be made available in due course.

HOW GIFT AID BENEFITS THE PARISH: During the last year Gift Aided first collections raised **£31660** for the parish and the tax refunded by the Government on this sum amounted to **£7915**. Thanks to Carmel for administering the Gift Aid for our parish & thanks to everyone who is able to be part of the scheme. If you are a tax payer & are not yet a gift-aider please consider enabling the parish to benefit still further by your offering.

MISSIO/APF RED BOX COLLECTIONS: Special thanks to Tony Cluett who has been co-ordinating the Red Box collectors & collections for several decades!! As always those supporting this charity have been very generous. However more local collectors are now needed. If you think you could help please see Fr David in the first instance.

THANKYOU ON BEHALF OF CAFOD: the CAFOD Harvest Fast Collection raised in total **£814.54**. Well done! That was a very generous effort from everyone.

CAFOD Campaign on Climate Change Related Poverty: Over eight million people are facing acute food and water shortages caused by drought and more than five million affected by serious floods, all of which are caused or exacerbated by climate change. CAFOD is campaigning to help the worlds poorest people who are bearing the heaviest burden. Please sign a card to George Osborne on 23 October (you will find in the bench) and post. No stamp needed. Cards with details of the campaign are in the porch.

SPONSORSHIP REQUEST: One of our youngest parishioners **HAS COMPLETED** the 'Mini' Great South Run for **CAFOD!** Thanks to all of you for sponsoring him. Pay-up time is upon us!!

GEO HOUSE (ASHURST): is offering an Autumnal weekend of refreshment, relaxation & reflection 18th-20th November. See the poster for full information for this & other events.

ADVENT COURSE AT ASHURST (NOW GEO HOUSE): This course will focus around the new CaFE resource "**Saints - Helping us today**". The course will be on Thursdays at 7.30pm: 10th Nov; 17th Nov; 24th Nov; 1st Dec; 8th Dec; 15th Dec. The series of presentations covers Therese of the Child Jesus & Holy Face, Benedict, Francis of Assisi, Patrick, Ignatius of Loyola & Catherine of Sienna. Just turn up on the night.

OUR PARISH SHOP - FAITH HOPE & CHARITY (just by the side of Waitrose) needs **second hand Autumn & Winter clothes** urgently. They also have a great selection of **Christmas cards** available.

LAST CHANCE FOR AUTUMN JAZZ: with The New Cavalier Jazzmen (including our own Mike Slipper) on **Saturday, 5th November from 7.30pm**. Venue: **St Bernard's Hall**. Raffle & American Supper (Bring your own refreshments & a plate of food to share. People requiring special diets must bring their own). Tickets are £7.00 each. Tickets are available from Faith Hope & Charity Shop, Hythe & from St Bernard's & St Michaels Churches.

DIOCESAN EVENTS COMING UP: "Stay Awake": A day of prayer for Advent. Sat 26th Nov 9.30am- 4.00pm. A variety of workshops on Advent themes will be offered. Come for all or part of the day. No charge. Please bring a packed lunch. Led by DPF. St. Stephen's Church & St. Peter's School, Olivers Battery Road North, Winchester. SO22 4JB. For a booking form visit <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/forms/stayawake>



Stop! Get Ready! Go! 'You must come away to a lonely place all by yourselves and rest a while'. Our third annual conference will be structured around the theme of prayer. It is a great opportunity for people in the diocese to gather together for practical sessions, input, prayer, reflection and liturgy.

The dates are Fri 3rd – Sun 5th Feb 2012 Led by Department for Pastoral Formation (DPF) Venue: Hallmark Hotel, Durley Chine Road, Bournemouth, Dorset BH2 5JS. More details on the Diocesan website.