

The Messenger

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

31st March 2013

Easter Sunday (Psalter - Proper)

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's

10.00am Mass at St Anne's, Brockenhurst

11.00am Mass at St Michael's

(All Liturgies this week are of the Octave of Easter)

Mon	1 st	No Service
Tues	2 nd	No Service
Wed	3 rd	No Service
Thurs	4 th	No Service
Fri	5 th	10.00am Funeral Service - Molly Booth RIP Followed by Committal at Southampton Crematorium at 11.30am
Sat	6 th	10.00am SM Mass then Adoration of Jesus in the Bl. Sacrament and Reconciliation to 11am

Sun 7th Second Sunday of Easter

9.00am Mass at St Bernard's

11.00am Mass at St Michael's

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, World Peace, Pope Francis, Bishop Philip Egan, Children preparing for 1st Holy Communion, Molly Booth RIP, Clifford Brook RIP, & Linda Hayes RIP, Charles Ketley RIP 5th 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

RESURRECTION – THE RESPONSE

OF THE FATHER

When Mary of Magdala goes to visit the tomb of Jesus she expects to make a rendezvous with death. It is very early on the first day of the week. It is still dark, but there is light enough to see that the stone has been moved from the entrance to the tomb. Mary's reaction is not immense relief that Jesus is not dead. She does not cheat herself with that mad groundless hope. The only conclusion she can come to is that some unknown people must have stolen the dead body of Jesus. Even in death Jesus is not allowed to rest in peace.

When Simon Peter and the Beloved Disciple hear Mary's story they run to the tomb. The account in John's Gospel is clearly written in favour of the Beloved Disciple. When Peter enters the tomb he sees the burial clothes; when the Beloved Disciple enters the tomb he sees and he believes. The disciple who was closest to Jesus in love is the one who is first to believe in him as the risen Lord. Perhaps the Beloved Disciple reckoned that if someone had stolen the body he would not have taken the trouble to strip the body first and then roll up the burial clothes. Or perhaps the evangelist John is simply telling us that beloved disciples are always the first to get to the heart of the matter. For the heart of the resurrection is the matter of love.

What we celebrate in the resurrection is God's liberating love for his beloved Son. Resurrection is the Father's response to the cross, his defiant answer to a world that hoped violence could keep Jesus in its hold. In raising Jesus from the dead God raised every value that Jesus stood for, every story that Jesus told, every preference that Jesus made, every purpose that Jesus followed. All this was given new life and new significance.

If death had spoken the final word about Jesus, it would only have been a matter of time before everything about Jesus would have been reduced to a curiosity, a forgettable footnote in the crowded history of lost causes. But God had the last word. As indeed he had the first. The resurrection of Jesus was not a hysterical invention of people who refused to accept the death of their master. On the contrary, resurrection is the original act of accepting Jesus' death. The Father's act of raising Jesus from the dead is the Father's way of accepting his Son's death. Jesus is wakened to new life by the applause of his Father, by the sheer energy of his Father's love, by the loud shout of his Father's gratitude. The dead Jesus has no alternative but to rise to the occasion. The tomb can never be his permanent address. The Good News is that the Father's affirmation is not confined to Jesus; it is extended to all who follow the way of the beloved Son. As Paul says in today's second reading: "When Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him." In the meantime, however, we struggle to let some of that glory shine through our halting efforts to follow the Lord. We know the way of the cross leads to our own doorstep and that we are challenged to take it. But it also leads us to the Father's ultimate affirmation, to the God who will laugh us out of our tombs. Today let us bless the God who insists on having the last laugh! (from *Denis McBride: Seasons of the Word*).

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Vicky Carter, Petra Daniels, Peter Deering, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Terry Francis, Amanda Gudge, Sarah Hedges, Sally Herbert, Doreen Holman, Serena Hoskyns, George Hutcheson, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, John Leahy, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Tony O'Connell, Norma Rudd, Lilly Ricketts, Pauline Sharpley, Ronald Stevens. (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

PRAYER POTTERY: The next Prayer Pottery will take place on Tuesday, 30th April at 11.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Michael's. All are welcome.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: Thank you for your contributions towards the upkeep of the Holy Places in Israel and Palestine. The amount raised will be notified next weekend.

EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION: The collection on Easter Sunday is for your parish priest and forms part of his ordinary income for the year. In these difficult economic times Fr David appreciates very much your kindness and generosity.

MOLLY BOOTH RIP. Molly's Funeral Service will take place on Friday, 5th April at 10.00am in St Michael's Church, followed by a Service of Committal at Southampton Crematorium, West Chapel at 11.30am.

Our condolences and prayers are with Molly's family & friends and with all those who have been recently bereaved.

THE GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL GATHERING IN

HYTHE - AN EXPLANATION: Some of you may have attended the Good Friday Ecumenical event expecting a traditional service and may have been surprised or puzzled by what they witnessed. This year it was the turn of St. John's to lead the service. Unfortunately, as they are without a full-time Vicar, they didn't feel able to do so this year. Rather than have nothing at all, Rev John Curran (St Andrew's) organised something at short notice. The idea was to have a "flash-mob" rendition of *Amazing Grace*. A flash-mob is an event where the seemingly ordinary & unrelated passers by or bystanders suddenly begin an orchestrated happening (song, theatre etc). Usually one person starts then slowly others join in. When they finish they return to what they were doing as if nothing has happened. Anyway the event was filmed and may well appear on You-Tube. Although probably the inevitable gathering of people may have lessened the impact

YEAR OF FAITH: "EXPLORE YOUR FAITH DAYS"

at St Joseph's Chapel, Geo House, Lyndhurst Rd, Ashurst: Saturdays, 10.00am to 4pm. Starts with Mass, bring your own packed lunch, tea & coffee provided. Donations welcome to cover the cost of the day. **April 6th - Fiona Castle**, (& more afterwards!)

EWTN is a free Catholic television and radio service. It is currently broadcasting a series entitled Catholicism, a 10-part, internationally-acclaimed series created by Fr Robert Barron. This is an excellent series and details are available on www.ewtn.co.uk. We encourage you to make both EWTN and Catholicism known to your parishioners as much-needed sources for formation and nourishment in the Catholic faith. (Extract from *Bishop Philip's Ad Clerum*, used to communicate information to priests & deacons of the Diocese)

SYRIAN REFUGEES;SPECIAL COLLECTION ON SUNDAY

14 APRIL: CAFOD and the Disaster Emergency Coalition have launched a special appeal to help the millions of Syrian refugees. There is a special collection on 14 April for anyone who would like to contribute. CAFOD Envelopes marked SYRIA available for taxpayers. We are very aware that there have been many demands for money recently. But some have asked if we can contribute to this appeal.

WATCH A RECORDING OF BISHOP PHILIP'S FINAL YEAR

OF FAITH TALK: These talks – 'Being Catholic in a Secular Culture' – have been hugely popular. Please spread the word that this talk can be watched online at the following address: www.churchservices.tv/portsmouthcathedral.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED US CELEBRATE

LENT & EASTER: To our deacons, Steve & Ian, to all who pray, to Tony-not-yet Emeritus for liturgical and rubrical consultation services & Irene for liturgical preparation & music, to Linda for lots of help behind the scenes, to our choir (St Michaels) & music arrangers (St Bernards), to our Servers, to Ministers of Holy Communion & Readers, to Childrens Liturgy Catechists, to our Welcomers, to Cleaners, Flower Arrangers, Collectors & Collection Auditors & all helpers.

EASTER RAFFLE: Thanks to all those who work in Faith Hope & Charity who contributed prizes and gifts for the Easter Raffle. Proceeds go to support the parish.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

Quiz night and American supper : Saturday 20th April 7pm @ St Bernard's. Tickets will be on sale at both Churches Sundays 7th & 14th April.

Plant Sale: @ St Bernard's on Saturday, 4th May, organised by Veronica Chadwick.

Bingo & fish n' chips supper: Saturday 22nd June 7 p.m. @ St Bernard's.

Skittles & BBQ: Saturday 31st August 7p.m. @ St Bernard's

Quiz night and American supper : Saturday 5th October 7 p.m. @ St Bernard's.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES FOR THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH.

Please take yours.

FIRST AIDERS; Do we have any First Aiders who regularly attend church at St Bernard's or St Michael's? it would be good to know who you are & if you are willing to be called upon during Mass should the need arise. Please see Fr David.

WORK AT ST BERNARDS: From 8th April - 17th April we are having some minor repairs & decorating done to St Bernard's toilets & kitchen. This is being funded by money raised at Parish Socials organised by the St. Martha group.

For the Ideal Gift or Gift Voucher visit
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