

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

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

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4th Sunday of Ordinary time 1st February 2015

Year B, Weekdays Year 1: Psalter week 4

EDUCATION SUNDAY

9.00am Mass SB

11.00am Mass SM

Monday 2nd February No Service

*Mass every Monday 7pm St Joseph's, Ashurst in the Community Chapel
(The presentation of the Lord in the Temple)*

Tuesday 3rd February No Service
(St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr)

Wednesday 4th February No Service

Thursday 5th February No Service
(St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr)

Friday 6th February NO SERVICE

(St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs)

Saturday 7th February NO SERVICE

MASS INTENTIONS 1st- 7th February

Anniversaries this week: Roy Nicholas (4th), Brendan Kelly
(5th), Bridget Reeves (7th)

Remembering those who have died recently: Marion
Teague, George Watson, Reg Hills, Petra Daniels, Margaret (Rita)
Wootten, May Sycamore, Maurice Peake, Margaret Hargreaves,
Stanley Ely, Maureen Mc Donnell.

Other Intentions: Fr Paul Leonard (health), Margaret Hargreaves
R.I.P

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WATERSIDE: Hythe & Holbury - see above

LYNDHURST & TOTTON

Parish Priest- Rev Innaiah Maddineni Tel: 023 8086 2270

St Theresa of the Child Jesus-Beaumont Road, Totton &
Our Lady of the Assumption & St Edward the Confessor-
Furzy Lawn, Romsey Road, Lyndhurst:

Deacon: Rev Andrew Philpott (Totton)

Deacon Rev Stephen Short (Lyndhurst)

Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm Totton

Sunday Mass 9am Lyndhurst
10.30am Totton

BROCKENHURST, LYMINGTON, MILFORD ON SEA

Parish Priest-Rev David Adams Tel: 01590 676696
St Anne-Rhinefield Road, Brockenhurst

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph-High Street, Lymington,
St Francis of Assisi-Park Lane, Milford on Sea.

Deacon: Rev Stephen Morgan

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6pm Lymington

Sunday Mass 9am Milford on Sea,
10.30am Lymington
6pm Brockenhurst

NEW MILTON

Parish Priest: Rev Marcin Drabik :Tel: 01425 614968

Our Lady of Lourdes-Mount Avenue, New Milton

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6pm

Sunday Mass 10 am and 6.30pm (6.30pm Mass is in Polish)

THE DEANERY is made up from the pastoral areas of New Forest, Avon

Stour, Bournemouth **Dean: Fr Tom Grufferty**

WHAT IS GOING ON?

If this Sunday's Gospel story had been about a person who slipped and fell and broke their leg and who then was miraculously healed by Jesus we would have immediately understood the situation even if we had to take the miracle on faith. The problem for us about stories of exorcisms, deliverances and the driving out of unclean spirits is that there is little or no connection with our own experience. We ask ourselves just what is going on here?

We are more aware these days of how cultural beliefs can, on the one hand, shape the imaginative expressions of human experience and on the other hand, to some extent, create those experiences. We are also more aware of different types of emotional, psychological and mental disabilities, conditions and pathologies. The vast majority of secular psychiatrists would totally reject any notion of independent spirit entities. The Church's official exorcists themselves have to do a very complex work of discernment before concluding that spirit entities are the cause of any psychic disturbance.

So can we get any grasp on this story or is it impossible to unravel the complex cultural cocktail within which it is framed and which alone can reveal its meaning? If we leave aside mental problems caused by chemical deficiencies in the brain or by structural abnormalities in the brain and the more obvious conditions which are recognisable by today's categories, e.g. epilepsy, there remains a lot of mental torment & emotional suffering caused by dissociated experience or repression. This happens when we disconnect from painful experiences and keep them out of conscious memory. This is largely an unconscious process that can begin from the earliest years. There is no question of guilt in these reactions but finding healing does require taking responsibility for one's life in the here and now. Powerful forces within culture such as institutions, family, religion, state, popular prejudices, taboos etc can become oppressive and then they often deform, disfigure and undermine healthy emotional and psychic development. It is curious that Jesus usually encounters these "demons" in the synagogue – a "holy" place; but then the greatest evil arises from the corruption of the greatest good. And how often did Jesus criticise the "chief priests, the scribes and the Pharisees" for denying God's mercy and compassion to ordinary people.

Rejection, hatred and abuse by family, society or religion can cause such pain that the experience is repressed and becomes a dissociated (i.e. disconnected from conscious association) nucleus of negative energy. The destructive power may be turned inwards or outwards. The deeper the repression the more uncontrollable are the symptoms and the more alien these experiences seem to be. It is then just a short step away from being seen as the victim of external forces beyond one's control.

"What do you want with us? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are; the holy one of God". Perhaps today Jesus would have heard: "Why are you bothering with us? I suppose you hate us like everyone else? I know you're a good person, but that just makes me feel worse". It is the pure, unconditional love of God in Jesus that communicates the total acceptance that allows the person to accept and reconnect with the rejected part of themselves and so experience healing which is the return of wholeness. Only divine love has the power and authority to set free. (DMA)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers:
David Bazley, Janice Bird, Maureen Bolton, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Alice Bramhill, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Marion Butler, Denise Calder, Baby Elijah, Derek Faiers, Derek Francis, Mervyn Francis, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Catherine Heron, Chrissy James, Doreen Holman, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Sarah McCann, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, Norma Rudd, Joan Smith, Susan Soutter, John Stevens, Emmie Walker, Brian Weston.

If you wish someone to be included for prayers here, or if the person being prayed for is now well & you would like their name removed, speak to Deacons Ian or Steve or Linda via the Parish office.

SAD NEWS It is with great sadness I have to announce the death of **STANLEY ELY** who died on 13th January. Stanley's funeral service will be at St Bernard's church on Wednesday 18th February at 11.30 am followed by a burial at Blackfield Cemetery.

THANK YOU The Daniels family thank everyone who joined us to say a loving goodbye to Petra. She had not been able to participate in parish life for 10years but had been very active for the previous 30years for those who remember that period. She was much loved by all those whose lives she touched. Rest in Peace dear Petra.

THANK YOU from Ann Donoghoe to all those who have asked about her. She had an operation to replace her shoulder on 2nd December and it is a 6-8 week recovery. She should be back at church soon.

THANK YOU to all those who responded to the call and have delivered gifts and clothes to FHC. They can't function without you.

PAX CHRISTI The voluntary collection for PAX CHRISTI was £28.50 Thank you.

EDUCATION SUNDAY IS TODAY 1st February

What did you want to do when you grew up? Is that what you're doing now? Who or what influenced your decisions? How were you enabled to grow and broaden your horizons? Whether we end up being bankers, shop workers, carers, politicians or teachers we can all help to build God's kingdom of love and justice, and ensure that everyone can live to their full potential, and become the person God intended them to be.

WELCOME to Canon Peter Wilkie who will be celebrating Mass with us for the next 2 weeks while Fr Vincent is on holiday.

YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO ATTEND TWO PARISH CELEBRATIONS!

Celebration number one: Fr Vincent will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination on 17th March. We would like to celebrate this Anniversary with him as a Parish, so you are all invited to a Mass at SM's on **Saturday 21st March at 11am**. This will be followed by a buffet lunch at SB's -like an American supper...but at lunchtime! In the next few weeks you will be asked to sign up to bring a plate of food so we have a variety of food available on the day.

Fr Vincent is away on holiday at the moment for 2 weeks and then he is at Lymington on his monthly swop, so while he is away there will be a collection for a gift for him. There is a Diocesan collection this weekend, so the **collection for Fr Vincent's gift** will be over the next two weeks: **Sunday 8th and Sunday 15th February**. Any donation before or after these dates please put it in an envelope marked F.A.O Linda Guilding and pop it through the door of the house. Thank you.

Celebration number two: The 50th Anniversary of St Michael's church is on April 8th. We will be celebrating this with Mass at St Michael's at **11am on Saturday 11th April** followed by a buffet lunch at SB's--like an American supper...but at lunchtime! In the next few weeks you will be asked to sign up to bring a plate of food so we have a variety of food available on the day. If you know of anyone who now lives away from the parish but would like to attend, please contact them and bring them along to join in the celebration!



The Pope Tweets: @Pontifex *Auschwitz cries out with the pain of immense suffering and pleads for a future of respect, peace and encounter among peoples.*



Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for February *"That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity"*



EVANGELISATION STRATEGY TEAMS: As you know, the Church in our time is calling us to the work of new evangelisation. We are Christ's missionary disciples, and He has given us many charisms and talents for this work. Now we want to set up in every Pastoral Area an Evangelisation Strategy Team, comprised of clergy and laity, to direct the work of mission at the local, parish level. How will this happen in your Pastoral Area?

1. A few leaflets are available in the porch to increase awareness of this project.
2. **There will be a Holy Hour to pray for this initiative on Sunday 22nd Feb 3-4pm at OLSJ Lymington.**
3. If you feel God may be calling you to join your Pastoral Area's team, please approach your Parish Priest or Coordinating Pastor- Fr David.
4. During Lent, the Coordinating Pastor will meet with potential team members.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE - 2nd collection today The Catholic Education Service for England and Wales is the Bishops' national agency for education. It represents the Bishops' national education policy in relation to the 2,300 Catholic schools, colleges and university colleges across England and Wales. The CESEW negotiates with the Westminster and Welsh Governments and other national bodies in order to safeguard and promote Catholic education. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools. There are over 2000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England educating over 800,000 pupils.

COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

1st February Catholic Education Service (CES)

8th & 15th February Collection for a gift for Fr Vincent who will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of his ordination next month. (see below)

27th February CAFOD Lenten Fast Day (Collection Sunday 1st March)

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- + Peace in the world.
- + For those suffering as a result of conflicts around the world.
- + Queen Elizabeth (63rd Anniversary of Accession to the throne, 6 February)

WHAT'S ON



PANCAKES ARE BACK ON THE MENU! Ecumenical pancake night has a new venue! Parish Pancake and Prayer evening at 7pm Shrove Tuesday- **17th February**-at the Good Shepherd Church in Roewood Road, Holbury. The new Minister is Rev Stewart Holt and he says we will be most welcome.

ASH WEDNESDAY 18th March Mass SM's 10am. SB's 7.30pm

LENT QUIET DAY 'God's Springtime' **Friday 20th & Saturday 21st February** 10am-4pm Wisdom Centre, Romsey. £27 to include lunch.

QUIZ NIGHT The next St. Martha Group quiz night is being held on Saturday **21st February** and **tickets will be on sale**, at £4 each, after mass at both churches on the **8th and 15th of February**. Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring your own alcohol and a plate of food for the American supper.

HOLY HOUR There will be a pastoral area Holy Hour to pray for the coming together of the pastoral area Evangelisation Strategy team on **Sunday 22nd Feb 3-4pm** at OLSJ Lymington

CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY: Friday 27 February

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER St Michael's **6th March** 2pm.

CAFOD SOUP LUNCH Thursday **12th March** 12.30pm SB's

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