

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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2nd SUNDAY OF LENT 1st March 2015

Year B, Weekdays Year 1; Psalter week 2

Feast of St David

9.00am Mass SB

11.00am Mass SM

Monday 2nd March No Service

Mass every Monday 7pm St Joseph's, Ashurst

Tuesday 3rd March No Service

Pause for Prayer SM's 10-11am

Wednesday 4th March No Service

Thursday 5th March No Service

Friday 6th March Mass 10am SM

Women's World day of Prayer SM's 2pm

Saturday 7th March Mass 10am SM

Sacrament of Reconciliation straight after Mass

MASS INTENTIONS 1st - 7th March

Anniversaries this week: Dorothy Horner (F/M) (2nd), Roland Slipper (3rd), John Gawthorne (3rd), Patrick Martin (4th), Alice Manghan (4th), Ellen Pick (6th)

Remembering those who have died recently: Petra Daniels, Margaret (Rita) Wootten, May Sycamore, Maurice Peake, Margaret Hargreaves, Stanley Ely, Maureen Mc Donnell, Les Mc Ginlay, Mary Clare Young

Other Intentions: George Churchfield & family (special intention)

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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 GOD ASKING – WHAT IS GOD GIVING?

For much of human history people have been fearful of God. In the emerging consciousness of humanity the deity was difficult to find and hard to understand. People were suspicious of the forces that seemed to arbitrarily control their lives. Gods were to be feared not loved. They had to be placated and kept on side. This way of imaging God was dark and toxic.

The Old Testament patriarch, Abraham, was called away from such pagan religion into a relationship with the living God. This was the beginning of revelation as we have experienced it in the Judeo-Christian tradition. The pagan peoples who lived close to Abraham and the early Israelites are known to have practiced some kind of child sacrifice at various times. They obviously had an influence on the Jewish people. You can imagine the scenario; "We are so devoted to our god we are prepared to sacrifice our children! What are you prepared to do for your god?"

The story of Abraham and Isaac is a response to that kind of taunt. At some point people began to realise and believe that God doesn't want the sacrifice of humans – perhaps God will be pleased with an animal instead? But God doesn't really want animals to be killed either (cfr Micah 6: 6-8).

It takes thousands of years for people to realise that God doesn't want anything killed or destroyed at all. Jesus reveals God as life-giver not life-taker! Instead of demanding that we sacrifice ourselves God actually makes the sacrifice on our behalf. At one time we thought we had to kill things to get to God. In Jesus God accepts death to reveal the divine love, which is unconditional, gratuitous, inclusive and indiscriminate. Jesus accepts being killed, accepts being a victim so that we would no longer turn others into victims. God can be loved. We are not seeing a toxic God of our own imaging but the God whom Jesus reveals – Father and Mother to all.

There is another important teaching of spiritual wisdom here. Life gives and life takes away. Sometimes life takes from us the very people or things we have been cherishing. Isaac was the child of the promise – the whole future depended on him. Our life work, the people we depend on, the gifts God has given us, some day we will have to let them all go back to God. If we believe and trust in God's goodness then new life will be discovered. (DMA)

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

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.



The Funeral for Mary Clare Young (known as Clare). will be on **Tuesday 3rd March** at SB's at 11am, followed by committal at Southampton Crematorium.

QUIZ NIGHT The St. Martha Group would like to thank Dave King, quiz master and all the parishioners who supported the quiz night held on the 21st February. The ticket sales raised £170 and the raffle raised £75 equalling a total of £245.



THANK YOU. My grateful thanks to everyone involved in organising the beautiful bouquet of flowers for my birthday. I still do not know why I deserved them - my 16 years of working one morning a week at the Shop has been a pleasure and I am sure it has been part of keeping me 80 years young! (Pam Paronio)



I am hoping to put up a display of your memories of St Michael's, either written or photographic, for the 50th Anniversary of the church Did you, or a family member, get baptised or married here? Or did you make your First Holy Communion or Confirmation? I will photocopy your photographs and return the originals so please remember to include your name. It would help if you could write the names of the people in the photograph, the date, and what the occasion was. Do you remember the church being built? Can you recall past parish priests? Can you remember any funny anecdotes? With written memories you can either email them to me watesidecp@btinternet.com or pop them in an envelope addressed to L. Guilding via office or collection basket. Thank you. I ONLY HAVE PHOTOS FROM TONY & SIMONE CLUETT SO FAR!



WATERSIDE FOODBANK provides food for individuals and families in crisis who live on the Waterside. Please help us to help them.

They are short of the following items

Sugar (1kg/500g)

Instant Mashed Potato

Dried Milk Powder

Milk (UHT 1ltr/500ml)

Sponge Puddings

Fish (Tinned)

Toilet Rolls

Coffee

Fruit Juice (long life)

Toiletries

Washing Powder

Thank you for your continued support. We can't do it without you.'

NO MASS or Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Saturday 14th March**

Faith, Hope & Charity.
8 ST JOHN'S STREET, HYTHE
SO45 6DA
Tel: 02380 207882



The Pope Tweets: @Pontifex "Lord, grant us the grace to know we are sinners."



PARISH FUND-RAISING: This new campaign is entitled "**Our Parish Future (OPF)**". It is facilitated by a company acting on behalf of the Diocese.

Parishes need resources for both Mission and Maintenance. It will encourage people to use Gift Aid, if they are taxpayers, to use Standing Orders & to consider raising their support for the parish. All money raised will go **directly to the parishes.**

COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH

- + **TODAY** Soup lunch tickets are on sale
- + **TODAY** CAFOD FAST DAY ENVELOPE Collection today The UK government has promised to *match every pound and penny* you give to CAFOD's Lenten appeal!
- + **15th March** Clergy Assistance Fund

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- + The relatives and friends of Mary Clare Young
- + The people of Wales and all those named after St David.
- + Those involved in WWDP.

WHAT'S ON



PAUSE FOR PRAYER 3rd March 10-11am SM's
Also throughout Lent: 10th, 17th + 24th March



WWDP (Women's world day of prayer) is at 2 pm THIS FRIDAY

6th March, St Michael's Church, Hythe. Women's World Day of Prayer is an international, inter church, organisation which enables us to hear the voices of women, from a different part of the world each year, expressing their hopes and concerns and bringing them before the rest of the world in prayer. On Friday 6th March an estimated 3 million people, in over 170 countries, will gather to observe the day of prayer, using an order of service written by Christian women from The Bahamas. The theme of the service is taken from St John's Gospel, chapter 13 verses 1-17, 'Jesus said to them: "Do you know what I have done to you?" and it challenges us to demonstrate the same radical, unconditional love for others that Jesus showed when he washed the feet of his disciples. Even though it is advertised as Women's world day of prayer, *all* are welcome. **SM's is hosting the day this year. Please come along and show your support.**

CAFOD SOUP LUNCH 12th March 12.30pm. at St Bernard's Hall. Tickets on sale after Mass and at the Shop from Sunday 22 February. Raffle. All proceeds to CAFOD Family Fast Day and every pound raised by CAFOD in Lent will be matched by the Government.



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT Fair Trade Goods on sale after Mass on **Sunday 15th March** Please support and help people in the poorest countries earn their way out of poverty.



SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION FOR LENT Tuesday 17th March 7.30pm SM's.



YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO ATTEND TWO PARISH CELEBRATIONS! Celebration No.1 The Mass celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Fr Vincent's Ordination will be at SM' on **Saturday 21st March at 11am**. This will be followed by a buffet lunch at SB's. Please sign up to bring a plate of food so we have a variety of food available on the day. **FOOD LISTS AVAILABLE TODAY - PLEASE SIGN UP.**



MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - DAY OF REFLECTION & PRAYER: On **Saturday, 28th March**, Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am. The Day will begin at 11.00am and finish at 3pm. It will take place at St Francis Church, Milford on sea. Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. The day is open to all Ministers from all our parishes in the pastoral area who wish to attend.



Celebration No.2: 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! So please sign up to bring a plate of food so we have a variety of food available on the day. Lists will be available soon. *If you know of anyone who now lives away from the parish but would like to attend the celebration, please contact them and bring them along!*