

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

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The Gospel of Luke- The Gospel of Mercy

THE SEASON OF EASTER

6th Sunday of Easter 1st May 2016

Year C, Weekdays Year 2 Psalter week 2

9.00am Mass SB

11.00am Mass SM

Monday 2nd May No Mass

(St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church)

Tuesday 3rd May No Mass

(Ss Philip & James, Apostles)

Wednesday 4th May No Mass

(The English Martyrs :1535-1680)

Thursday 5th May No Mass

Friday 6th May 10AM MASS SM'S

Saturday 7th May 10AM MASS SM'S

Sacrament of Reconciliation after 10am Mass

Anniversaries this week : Michael Teague (1st), Mary Goddard (3rd),

Remembering those who have died recently: Edward Parrett, Ann Boyes

Mass Intentions: Doreen Holman (health) 1st May SM's.

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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 Stephen Short (Lyndhurst)

Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm Totton

Sunday Mass 9am Lyndhurst

10.30am Totton

BROCKENHURST, LYNDHURST, 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

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**

FINDING A WAY FORWARD

Today's first reading, which presents disagreement in the infant Church followed in the second by an account of the heavenly Jerusalem, commonly understood as the Church glorified, is a clear reminder that the Church on earth is neither perfect nor omniscient.

Disagreements arise over new situations in the community to which answers are not immediately obvious. It is worth reading the whole of Acts 15:1-29 to get the sense of interaction between the different parties, and the overall mix of relating and listening, discussion that includes different perspectives on the problem, and authoritative decision. We find evidence of similar arguments elsewhere in the New Testament, for example in Galatians 2:12 Paul recounts the division caused in the church of Antioch when some people came from James (Jerusalem) demanding that Jewish Christians stop sharing meals, probably including the Eucharist, with Christians of Gentile origin. The core question was whether Gentile Christians must observe the entire Mosaic Law. The need for circumcision in accordance with Mosaic practice was a theological issue, not just a social custom, hence the fierce dissension it evoked.

It is also possible that Paul and Barnabas did not welcome intrusion on their patch by visitors from Judaea. The story has all the elements for appeal to tradition and a good power struggle, yet at the centre is concern for the new converts on whom too heavy demands were being made that unsettled their minds, and a solution acceptable to both parties is agreed and authoritatively proclaimed. Current situations need similar attention by church pastors and those in authority. Appeal to tradition is not enough. Where the law is too heavy a burden and unsettles the minds of those trying to live a Christian life, Scripture teaches that action is needed on the part of those in authority to lighten the burden, and support and encourage these children of God.

In the Gospel Jesus begins to talk of the Spirit whom the Father will send in his name. There are many rich strands in this passage from John: love, peace, remembrance, and above all promise. Jesus promises the Spirit and all that flows from that: indwelling of the Trinity, being taught and reminded of all that Jesus said, and a peace that the world cannot give. In scripture, covenant, the faithfulness of God is the ground on which the Judaeo-Christian faith is founded. Promises are made at key stages in Christian life – baptism, confirmation, priestly ordination and marriage, and in profession of the evangelical counsels. Promise in human relationships has been described as the translating of desire into fidelity that sustains the parties through good and bad, through sickness and health. In this reading there is a sense of being overwhelmed by Jesus' love for the disciples. It is warm and tender, strong and full of promise.

(Preaching and teaching the Word by Bridget Tighe FMDM, in Priests and People)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Violetta Baddour, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Marion Butler, Denise Calder, Nick Candrl, Kathryn Cox, Avril & Michael Daniels, Baby Finlay Drozd, Baby Elijah, Keith Ellison, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Dennis Freemantle, David Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Catherine Heron, Doreen Holman, Joan Hopper, Chrissy James, Peggy Kirwan, Sue Knell, Betty Marek, Susan Marlow, Sarah Marshall, Niamh Mulherne, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Ann O Connor, Michelle Ripley, Joan Smith, Emmie Walker, Brian Weston, Maureen Weyman. Mary & Lawrie Wittchell, Bridget Wyatt

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.



BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES If you would like someone remembered in prayers for forthcoming birthdays and anniversaries, please let the Deacons, Tina Bowler at Faith, Hope & Charity, or Linda via the parish office know.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ST ANNE'S SCHOOL, for achieving 'Outstanding' in all categories by a recent Ofsted Inspection: Well done everyone.



BAPTISMS We welcome into our community Sophia Tona who will be baptised on 6th May at SB's and Jack Stanley-Boden who will be baptised next Sunday, 8th May, SM's. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.



THE SOLENT CREDIT UNION is now open for business at the Council offices in Hythe between 10am & 12noon on Tuesday mornings.

The Solent Credit Union is part of a worldwide network of community banks that offers secure saving and affordable loans to people of all levels of income. They have recently extended their coverage to include people who live and work in the New Forest District and have opened a sub-branch in Hythe. The Credit Union is a not-for-profit organisation which exists for the benefit of its members. It is regulated like a High Street bank, so savings are fully protected. Their aim is to encourage thrift by regular saving but they also offer loans for those occasions when unexpected needs arise. They offer a personal service as all their members are important to them. So why not go and talk to them at the Grove, 25 St John's street, Hythe on Tuesday mornings. Alternatively, telephone 023 81 788375.

Thank you

from Ron & Bea Kelly for all the cards, kind words and condolences on the death of their Grandson, Edward.

HOSPITAL

UPDATE: Violetta Baddour has been transferred from the Princess Ann hospital to the Chichester Ward at Romsey Hospital.
Doreen Holman- Langdown Firs- is now in Lymington hospital.



David and Rose McElhenny have a volunteering role with Age Concern Hampshire whereby they signpost older people to local services that may help with any problems or concerns they may have. For more information on this, please chat to Rose and David at church or see their leaflet on the noticeboards at both churches.



BABY CHANGING FACILITIES are now available in the Ladies toilet at SB's.



Father David has asked that each week (space permitting) there will be something written here about the Year of Mercy &/or Laudato Si to help us gain a greater understanding.

The website for the New Forest Pastoral area has a weekly extract from Laudato Si. <http://www.nfwp.org.uk/>



BISHOPS OF ENGLAND & WALES ; EU REFERENDUM

At the back of church is a piece on the EU referendum from the Bishops of England & Wales and also one on the Pope's Apostolic Exhortation 'The Joy of Love'.

The Bishops of England and Wales ask you:

Before voting, ask yourself the following question:

How in the light of the Gospel, can my vote best serve the common good?

As you vote, you may wish to use this prayer:

Lord, grant us wisdom that we may walk with integrity, guarding the path of justice, and knowing the protection of your loving care for all'.



PASTORAL LETTER There is a Pastoral letter from Bishop Philip this weekend on the Pope's Apostolic Exhortation : 'Amoris Laetitia' -The Joy Of Love.

COLLECTIONS FOR MAY

TODAY (should have been last Sunday- apologies)

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE UKRAINE: After the recitation of the Regina Coeli on Sunday 3rd April, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, launched an humanitarian initiative in favour of the people of the Ukraine, in the form of a SPECIAL COLLECTION to be taken in all of the Catholic Churches in Europe. The Holy Father expressed his faith in the Churches of Europe who would unite generously to this, his initiative

NEXT SUNDAY 8th May World Communications

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- + All those who mourn
- + The young people all over the Diocese preparing for Confirmation
- + The children preparing for their 1st Holy Communion at SB's 29th May: Clemence Bui, Milan Hutchinson, Amelie Ingham, Adam Oakley, Patryk Radziwillowicz & Sophia Tona,
- + The Catechists who are preparing the children for their 1st Holy Communion
- + Mary Fenn (Birthday 2nd May)
- + Fr David: Anniversary of his Ordination (4th May)
- + Maria Tinkler (Birthday 5th May)
- + Sophia Tona who is being baptised this week.
- + Joan Hopper (SM's) who is unwell at this time.

WHAT'S ON ?



ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY Shirley Holms Road Sway SO41 8NH **OPEN DAY:2nd May** from 10am to 4pm. Food, stalls, games, activities. Come with your family and friends to meet the Sisters!



A QUIET DAY FOR ASCENSIONTIDE Why do you stand looking up towards heaven? **Saturday 7th May 1000 – 1600 coffee and registration from 0930) Wisdom Centre Romsey** There is a suggested offering of £27 which includes materials, refreshments and a simple lunch. If you are unable to make an offering at this time, you are still most welcome to come.



The workshop takes place on **Friday 13th May** 7pm-9pm; **Saturday 14th May** 9am-4pm at St Theresa's church hall, 20 Beaumont Rd.' Totton SO40 3AL, Tel: 023 8086 2270,



PLANT SALE & SPRING FAIR: @ St Bernard's Hall on Saturday, **14th May 10am-12.30.** Please help to make this event a success: it makes a good contribution to the parish. Raffle prizes, plants and home made cakes all needed: Raffle prizes as soon as possible and plants and cakes the day before ,on 13th May.