

## WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

*Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area*

**St Michaels Church**, (SM) Langdown Lawn, Hythe SO45 5GR  
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### The Gospel of Luke – The Gospel of Mercy

**3rd JANUARY 2016 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

*Year C, Weekdays Year 2; Psalter week 2*

**9.00am Mass SB**

**11.00am Mass SM**

**4pm Carol Service SB's All welcome!**

Monday 4th January No Mass

Tuesday 5th January No Mass

Wednesday 6th January No Mass

Thursday 7th January No Mass

**Friday 8th January NO MASS**

**Saturday 9th January NO MASS**

**MASS INTENTIONS 3rd-9th January**

**Anniversaries this week:** Margaret (Rita) Wootten(2nd), Reg Hills (2nd), Anne Morgan (3rd), Petra Daniels(5th), Ann Candrl,(6th) Michael Guilding(8th), May Sycamore (8th), Maurice Peake(9th)

**Remembering those who have died recently:** Lena Keane, Eileen Kenny, Tom Sherlock, Canon Richard Hind, Karen O'Donovan Sarah Jane Morrison, John Green

**Other Intentions:** Doris Day (9am SB's)

**New Forest Pastoral Area**

**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, 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

*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**

## EXPLORING FOR GOD

Matthew demonstrates in the story of the Magi that Jesus comes not only for the Jewish race but for the human race. In the second reading Paul proclaims the universal appeal of God's revelation in Jesus: "it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the Gospel."

The wise strangers of Matthew's Gospel are the vanguard of all Gentiles who make their own journey to God in Christ. They may have taken a route that seemed curious to a religious establishment that had so many antique maps in their possession; but God draws all sorts of different people to him by all sorts of different routes. The wandering magi were led to God more by natural wonder than dogmatic instruction, and this has made them symbols of hope for all who struggle to God by strange routes. A prayer to the magi, which Evelyn Waugh wrote for one of his fictional characters, catches something of this hope:

*You are my especial patrons,  
and patrons of all latecomers,  
of all who have a tedious journey  
to make to the truth,  
of all who are confused with knowledge  
and speculation,  
of all who through politeness make themselves  
partners in guilt,  
of all who stand in danger by reason  
of their talents.*

*For his sake,  
who did not reject your curious gifts,  
pray always for all the learned, the oblique,  
the delicate.  
Let them not be quite forgotten  
at the throne of God  
when the simple come into their kingdom.*

In the spirit of that prayer the Magi are the patrons of all those who see signposts to God that others neither see nor follow. Most of us travel to God by routes that have been mapped out by generations of faithful Christians, but we should be hesitant to condemn those who take other roads in their search for the same God. If we are all exploring God, if we are journeying in faith and in love, then we can teach each other something new about the almighty. We may seem strange to each other, but what if the stranger is the one who has the address of God?

*(From "Seasons of the Word, Old story, new hope" by Denis McBride).*

**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, Nick Candrl, Kathryn Cox, Baby Finn Drozd, Baby Elijah, Derek Faiers, Derek Francis, Mervyn Francis, Ruth & Dennis Freemantle, David Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Catherine Heron, Doreen Holman, Chrissy James, Trudy King, Peggy & Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Susan Marlow, Sarah Marshall, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Ann O Connor, Julie Poole, Michelle Ripley, Joan Smith, John Stevens, 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.**

**SAD NEWS** It is with great sadness that I have to announce the death of **JOHN GREEN**, husband of Ingrid, who passed away on Christmas Day. May he rest in peace. Ingrid is very grateful for all the prayers and support she and her family have received from parishioners. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**THE FUNERAL SERVICE** for **SARAH JANE MORRISON**, daughter of David, will be at 11am on Thursday 7th January at St Bernard's.

**TODAY: THE EPIPHANY** The Epiphany of Our Lord is the Christian feast observed on Jan. 3, 2016. The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek *epiphainen*, a verb that means "to shine upon," "to manifest," or "to make known." Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (*Matthew 2:1-12*), the baptism of Jesus (*Mark 1:9-11*), and the miracle at Cana (*John 2:1-11*). The visit of the Magi is emphasized on Epiphany Day, and Christ's baptism is celebrated the first Sunday that follows.

**A BIG THANK YOU:** from Father David & Fr Vincent to all of you for a very generous Christmas Offering. The collection at Christmas time is a voluntary contribution towards your parish priest's annual income, this year it was divided between both of us. Your generosity in difficult financial circumstances is greatly appreciated.

**IF YOU NEED A PRIEST IN AN EMERGENCY:** If you or your loved one is in hospital and needs to see a priest, please ask a nurse if they can contact the Catholic priest from the hospital Chaplaincy team.

**WATERSIDE FOOD BANK:** At this time of year don't forget items for Waterside Foodbank. The Foodbank accepts any tinned or dried food as long as it is still in date. The Foodbank provides for local individuals & families in crisis across the Waterside. Thanks to Terry & Theresa for getting donated items to the bank.

We are delighted that our **REFUTEA**, raising funds for the Refugee council on 4th December, raised a total of £775. Thank you to all the parishioners who donated or managed to come to support us on the day. We really appreciate it. (Katie Charge) Brilliant effort! (Fr David)

**HAPPY HOLS! Fr Vincent is going on holiday**, so there will not be a Friday or Saturday morning Mass on 8th, 9th, or 15th, 16th January. We hope Fr Vincent has a good holiday & comes back refreshed. We welcome Fr David who will be celebrating Mass with us on Sunday 10th & 17th January.

**PARISH DIARY 2016** Calling all groups or individuals who put on any events in the parish. I need your dates for 2016 please. The dates go into the parish diary to avoid any clashes. All events will then be advertised in the newsletter. *Please let me have your dates by Tuesday 19th January. Thank you.*



**POPE FRANCIS'S YEAR OF MERCY Tweets @Pontifex**  
*It is so important to listen! Husbands and wives need to communicate to bring happiness and serenity to family life.*



Pope Francis has initiated a 'Year of Mercy' It's a time to focus on God's mercy and forgiveness. Jesus is the face of mercy: *'Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living & visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him.'* (Pope Francis -extract from *Misericordiae Vultus*.)

## COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY

**NEXT SUNDAY: 10th January. White Flower Appeal 2nd Collection:** The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal next weekend. In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of pro-life, pro-family issues. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

+ **Mission Appeal** 17th January  
+ **Catholic Education Service** collection 24th January

## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

+ The family of Sarah Jane Morrison, their family & friends  
+ Ingrid Green, her children, Lisa & Richard, and their family and friends  
+ All those who are sick or housebound in our parish  
+ Tony & Irene O Connell (Wedding Anniversary)



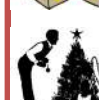
**HAPPY 'PEACE MAKING' NEW YEAR** No-one can solve all the world's problems. To try would be to dissipate one's energies and achieve nothing. The best thing we can do is to focus all our efforts and attention on just one problem and hope our endeavours will make a difference to it. There's no shortage of big issues; global warming, natural disasters, international terrorism, poverty, pollution, child exploitation, and famine to name just a few. The one thing that all these problems have in common is that the more prayer, money, resources and manpower you allocate to them the greater improvement you are likely to effect as a result. Fund raising, campaigning, and awareness raising are all good starting points. Happy New 'Peace Making' Year.

**Why not make it a New Year resolution to join the parish CAFOD group? See Louise Croll for details.**

## WHAT'S ON?



**TODAY Carol Service** 4pm St Bernard's



**A PRAYER TO SAY AS YOU TAKE DOWN YOUR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: 6th JANUARY:**

Lord Jesus, today we will put all of our Christmas decorations away. Soon, the Church we will enter into Ordinary Time. Our house will look ordinary again, but Lord, you know and we know that our house has a secret. Deep inside it, all of our Christmas decorations are still here-the blessing of Christmas is always with us, kept in the deep, quiet places of the house. And Lord, our lives will become ordinary again, but you know that each of us has the grace of baptism. The grace you gave us is always with us, in the deep, quiet places of our soul. Help our house be a house with Christmas at its core, and help our souls be a place where Jesus always dwells. Help us live the grace of Christmas every day, only without all the trappings. Amen.



**PAUSE FOR PRAYER Tuesday 26th January 10-11am** St Michael's, Hythe All welcome for quiet scripture, prayer & reflection.

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