

## 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

**BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF EASTER**

**2nd Sunday of Easter 3rd April 2016**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Year C, Weekdays Year 2**

<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Mass SB's</b>
<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Mass SM's</b>
<i>Baptism: Emmanuel Peckham during 11am Mass SM's</i>	
Monday 4th April	No Mass
<i>(The Annunciation of the Lord)</i>	
Tuesday 5th April	No Mass
<i>(St Vincent Ferrer, Religious)</i>	
Wednesday 6th April	No Mass
Thursday 7th April	No Mass
<i>(St John Baptist de la Salle)</i>	

**Friday 8th April 10AM MASS SM'S**  
**Saturday 9th April 10AM MASS SM'S**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation after 10am Mass**

**Anniversaries this week:** Helen Farrelly (4th), Gilbert Myland (8th)

**Remembering those who have died recently:** Michael Kirwan,  
 Ruth Freemantle, Alice Bramhill, John Stevens MBE.

**Mass Intentions:**

**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)

<b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b>	6pm	Totton
<b>Sunday Mass</b>	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**

<b>Saturday Vigil Mass:</b>	6pm	Lymington
<b>Sunday Mass</b>	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

<b>Saturday Vigil Mass:</b>	6pm
<b>Sunday Mass</b>	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**

## SEEING AND BELIEVING: THOMAS

After the death of Jesus the identity of the disciples and the direction of their lives changes dramatically. Now they are a group of men whose shared fear keeps the company together, and whose only direction in life is to lock themselves into their own no-go area. After the death of Jesus their lives are rooted in fear.

It is into that desperation that the risen Christ comes: not to disown his disciples for abandoning him but to reclaim them with his peace. He shows himself to them. The resurrection doesn't make the marks of cruelty and suffering disappear: the risen Christ is *the wounded Christ*. He is Jesus who was crucified: the same. In his gift of peace the disciples experience great joy, and they are commissioned to share that joy when they release others from sin through the power of forgiveness. Again because of Christ, they have a new-found identity and a new direction to their lives. Now they have his Spirit.

Being absent from the community means that Thomas missed meeting the Lord, and when he returns he cannot bring himself to believe in the disciples' story. His doubt is that of a man who is committed to the truth. There is a sparkling authenticity about Thomas: he refuses to say that he can understand or believe when he can manage neither understanding nor belief. Thomas is brave enough to have the conviction of his doubts.

Later, the risen Christ appears again to his disciples and the purpose of the visit is clearly to pay attention to the doubt of Thomas – not to scorn it. Thomas is invited to inspect a wounded Jesus to discover the reality of the resurrection. But seeing Jesus is enough for Thomas, and he is the one who proclaims the basic Christian Credo: "My Lord and My God." As Thomas is fearless in voicing his doubts, he is quick to proclaim his faith, and in John's Gospel it is he who makes the most important affirmation about who Jesus is – that he is Lord and God.

In coming to believe in the risen Jesus the disciples experience a profound change: they become spirited followers of their Lord. They have seen the Lord, they have met him, they have eaten with him. They can testify to others from the authority of their own experience. As John says: "What we have seen and heard we are telling you so that you too may have fellowship with us as we have fellowship with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ." (1 Jn. 1:3) The apostles have a unique place in the Church: they experienced Jesus at firsthand and were authorised to be his witnesses. But what about all those people who never met Jesus or heard him or touched him? Can we believe without seeing the Lord for ourselves? And *that* is why the story of Thomas is so important because it tells us that *it is possible to believe in Christ without having seen him*. "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe" is the teaching of the Gospel. And it is in the Lord that *we* have our identity as his followers and follow his direction in our lives. Like the apostles, because we believe in him, we know now *who* we are and *what* we must do.

*(From Denis McBride: Seasons of the Word).*

**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, 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 Witchell, 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 Stevens MBE who passed away on 23rd March at Southampton Hospital. May he rest in peace. John's funeral will be at Southampton Crematorium on Friday 15th March at 3pm.



**WE WELCOME INTO OUR COMMUNITY** Baby Emmanuel Peckham who will be baptised today during the 11am Mass

**THANK YOU!**

**EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION:** Fr David & Fr Vincent would like to thank everyone for the very generous Easter collection. It is greatly appreciated.



**PRAYERS** please for Violetta Baddour (SM's). She fell at home and has broken her arm and opposite foot. If any one would like to send a card or visit her in hospital she is in Brook Ward, Princess Anne Hospital, Coxford Road, Southampton SO15 5YA. If visiting please ring first in case she's been moved: 023 8077 7222. Wishing her a speedy recovery.

**THANK YOU!**

From Peggy Kirwan and her family for all the cards and messages of sympathy she received when Mike passed away. Thank you also to those who attended Mike's Requiem Mass. Your support was greatly appreciated at this sad time. Special thanks to Chris Olden and the flower arrangers for the beautiful arrangements in the church. The collection for the Stroke Unit at Southampton hospital was £150. Thank you for your generosity.

**CAFOD** just one world

**CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY** an additional £267.61 has been collected this week.



**THE BOILER AT SB's** The gas engineer serviced the boiler and found the flue was blocked causing noxious fumes to come back down instead of being pulled out. He also thought the flue was made from asbestos, so he turned the boiler off until this was sorted out. The flue was tested for asbestos this week and our prayers were answered as we do not have asbestos in the flue. I can now get the sweep to clear the blockage in the flue. If this goes well then the engineer will return and get everything up and running again. We cannot get a Gas safety certificate until all this work is completed. It will take a while to get all this sorted, so you will need your thermals for a while longer I'm afraid. Thank you for your patience.



**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.nfwf.org.uk/>



"The Lord is alive and wants to be sought among the living. After having found him, each person is sent out by him to announce the Easter message, to awaken and resurrect hope in hearts burdened by sadness, in those who struggle to find meaning in life. There is so necessary today. However, we must not proclaim ourselves. Rather, as joyful servants of hope, we must announce the Risen One by our lives and by our love; otherwise we will be only an international organization full of followers and good rules, yet incapable of offering the hope for which the world longs. How can we strengthen our hope? The liturgy of this night offers some guidance. It teaches us to remember the works of God. The readings describe God's faithfulness, the history of his love towards us. The living word of God is able to involve us in this history of love, nourishing our hope and renewing our joy."

*Pope Francis Homily, Holy Saturday Mass, 26 March 2016 (extract)*



I hope you have all had as wonderful a celebration of the Easter Triduum in your parishes as we have had here in the Cathedral. In this Easter week we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection and new life. May God bless you and your families this Easter. *(Bishop Philip)*



**NOT JUST EASTER SUNDAY** The Easter Season isn't just Easter Sunday. It's fifty days long, and the last of those days is Pentecost (Greek for 'fiftieth') marking the birth of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. During these fifty days of Easter, we will be listening to the stories of the struggles and hardships of the early followers of Jesus.

### COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL

**17th April** Clergy Training Fund

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION:** Thank you for your contributions towards the upkeep of the Holy Places in Israel and Palestine. The amount raised was £197.16. Thank you for your generosity

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- + Baby Emmanuel Peckham and his family
- + All those who mourn
- + Mike Slipper (Birthday)
- + The family and friends of John Stevens M.B.E.
- + Violetta Baddour (health)
- + Brave Dave King (Birthday)

### WHAT'S ON ?



**CALLED & GIFTED - TASTER SESSION:** This will be held at St Theresa's Church Hall, 20 Beaumont Road, Totton, SO40 3AL on **Thursday, 7th April** from 7.30pm until 9.00pm. All those interested are welcome to attend. This follows on from the talk given by Tina Quinn last weekend after Mass. There is a leaflet at the back of the church.



**PPC MEETING** The next meeting is **7th April** If you are concerned about anything in the parish please speak to Deacons Steve (Chair of PPC) or Ian, or any other member of the PPC: *Roger Daniels Brenda Ellison, Paul Flaherty, Phil Hopkins, Peter Mitchell, Christine Olden, Polly Read.*



**CALLED & GIFTED:** The actual 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, [totton@portsmouthdiocese.or.uk](mailto:totton@portsmouthdiocese.or.uk) Tel: 023 8086 2270, Mob: 07515001645. BOOKING FORMS ARE IN THE PORCH.