

## WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

### Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

**St Michaels Church**, (SM) Langdown Lawn, Hythe SO45 5GR  
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**Fifth Sunday of Easter May 3rd 2015**  
**Year B, Weekdays Year 1; Psalter week 1**

**9.00am Mass SB**  
**11.00am Mass SM**

**Monday 4th May** No Service  
*The English Martyrs (1535-1680)*

**7pm Healing Mass, St Joseph's, Ashurst**

**Tuesday 5th May** No Service

**Wednesday 6th May** No Service

**Thursday 7th May** No Service

**Friday 8th May Mass** **Mass 10am SM**

**Saturday 9th May** **Mass 10am SM**  
*Sacrament of Reconciliation straight after Mass*

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

**Anniversaries this week:** Mary Goddard (3rd)

**Remembering those who have died recently:** Mary Clare Young,  
Michael Bond, Betty Williams, Ray Ward, Dorothy Lovelock, Joyce  
Walker, Vera Cassidy, Rosemary Holmes.

**Other Intentions:**

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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, 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**

#### PAUL'S STORY: A NEW BEGINNING

In Syria there is a small village called Deraya which stands on the ancient road between Damascus and Jerusalem. Like thousands of other rural settlements, it looks remarkably unimpressive - as if history has kept its pledge to pay it no heed. Most of the Syrian inhabitants are not sure why their village is called Deraya, but Christians are. In Arabic the name Deraya means "the vision". Something that happened on the Jerusalem-Damascus road gave this village its name. For it was there, according to tradition, that the persecutor Saul encountered the Christ. The small Catholic chapel in Deraya stands as a memorial to the most significant conversion in the early Church, when the man who went out of his way to hunt down Christians was confronted by the God who went out of his way to meet his persecutor. Saul believed that his vocation from God was the persecution of the Christian community. As he declared: I once thought it was my duty to use every means to oppose the name of Jesus the Nazarene. This I did in Jerusalem; I myself threw many of the saints into prison, acting on authority from the chief priests, and when they were sentenced to death I cast my vote against them...my fury against them was so extreme that I even pursued them into foreign cities. (Acts 26:9-11)

Whatever actually happened on the road to Damascus, Paul dates his new beginning from that experience. He never claimed that his change was just an afternoon episode: his conversion began on the Damascus road and continued throughout his life. For the first three years of his life Paul underwent a wilderness novitiate in the Arabian desert. After that he went to Damascus, where he managed to throw the Jewish colony into complete confusion. The new missionary escaped with his life when he was lowered from the city walls in a basket.

Paul's story is picked up in today's first reading. He escapes to Jerusalem where he tries to join the disciples, but he is in for a rude awakening. The disciples are all afraid of Paul; they simply cannot believe that he has really changed. Given Paul's punishing track record, the disciples' suspicion seems all too reasonable. By his own admission, Paul had signed the death warrants of Jerusalem Christians; now he seems to expect ready admission into their inner circle. Barnabas, whose name means "son of encouragement", takes charge of the new arrival. He introduces Paul to the apostles, telling them the story of his conversion and recent preaching. We are not told if the apostles are impressed, only that Paul begins preaching in the city. He does the same favour for Jerusalem that he did for Damascus - he causes a riot and turns his hearers into willing assassins. Another deadly response, another security operation, another emergency exit. And when he is gone, Luke tells us, the churches in the region are now left in peace.

But not for long. Paul refuses to go into hiding or retire from his new career; he cannot because he believes that he has been appointed by God to be an apostle and missionary. For all his belief in the divine authority of his appointment, however, the burden of his past never seems to leave him completely. Paul's apostleship is never effortless - he admits that he appears before people in fear and trembling. He is always anxious to prove that he is as good as the other apostles, that he preaches the same message, that he has been chosen by the same Christ, that he suffers more than they do for the sake of the Gospel.

That need to overcome any suspicions about his authenticity makes Paul an energetic preacher, a tireless traveller, a fierce debater. He is no "yes man" submitting to authority before he has thought through the propositions. He is a great example of authentic humanity: he is sensitive, impulsive, obstinate, moody, thoughtful, demanding, driven, caring. His idealism is tempered by his sense of realism, and his own struggle always serves to educate his spirituality. Above everything Paul's great lesson to us is his abiding love. He was a man who longed for friendship and the affection of people. As he wrote in his second letter to the Corinthians: "I may have hurt you, but if so I have hurt the only people who could give me any pleasure...it was not to make you feel hurt but to let you know how much love I have for you." Denis McBride Seasons of the Word)

**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, Rose 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, Ann O Connor, Karen O'Donovan, Norma Rudd, Joan Smith, Susan Soutter, John Stevens, Maria Tinkler, Emmie Walker, Brian Weston, 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.**



Children's Liturgy

**CAN YOU HELP?** The Children's Liturgy team at SB's are looking for: a set of simple small tablecloths, ~3' square or round, in liturgical colours (green, red or purple; more rarely rose pink or gold), or fabric to make the tablecloths. If you can help please speak with Clare or Angela @ SB's. **THANK YOU** to those who have offered screens & speakers, just the tablecloths to find now!



**PLANT SALE/SPRING FAIR; THIS SATURDAY 9 MAY SB'S 10am-12.30pm.** An appeal to cake makers: could you bake a cake...or two....for the plant sale? Thank you. Please take them to SB's THIS SATURDAY.



**PARISHIONER CONTACT DETAILS:** On Sunday, 12th April, we had a census and parishioners were asked to record their contact details to enable us to update parish records which are seriously out of date. I have only had a handful of responses to this. **So, please fill in the parishioner address details even if you haven't moved recently.**

If you are relatively new to the parish, or have recently moved & have not given us your address details, please fill in one of the **parishioner information forms which are in the porch.** Return the form to Linda via the collection basket or via the letterbox at Angel house. Thank you.



**'OUR PARISH FUTURE FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN' - REMEMBER: ALL THE MONEY RAISED GOES TO THE PARISH**

Thank you to everyone who has offered to increase their weekly contributions to parish funds. It is greatly appreciated. Our target for planned giving - i.e. paying by standing order, direct debit or the envelope system - was £18,000 and we have raised £12,000. 52% of our parish responded to the appeal.

There has been a slight increase in the money given via the collection plate too. Thank you. Apart from day to day consumables and repairs, both churches will eventually need major expenditure - for example the boilers. If you have not reviewed your contribution recently please consider increasing it. If you decide at a later date to increase your planned contribution to the parish (by standing order, direct debit or the envelope system) please see Deacon Steve for details.



**RED BOXES** The total in the red APD boxes for the Waterside parish for 2014 was an amazing £1,563.21! Thank you for your generosity.



**SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Saturday 27th June** Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ wedding anniversary this year? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass to celebrate. This takes place on 27th June at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to marriage. If you would like to come, please go to [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk), click on 'Significant Wedding Anniversaries' and fill out the form. You will then be sent an invitation from Bishop Philip. For any queries or further information please email: [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) *Everyone who has registered has been asked to submit a wedding photograph by scanning and emailing to [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). Any problems contact Linda in the office.*



**The Pope Tweets:** @Pontifex *We need to care for the earth so that it may continue, as God willed, to be a source of life for the entire human family.*

#### COLLECTIONS FOR MAY



**17th May: WORLD COMMUNICATIONS** Obligatory collection. The Church must make certain that Her voice is heard through the media of television, radio and press. This collection is for the upkeep of training centres through which priests, religious and lay pass each year.

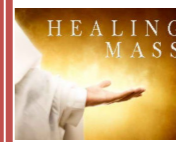


**31st May: Tickets will be on sale** for the next Quiz Night, which will be on 13th June.

#### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- + vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life - 'Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or the consecrated life there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone.' (Pope Francis)
- + Fr David Adams Anniversary of Ordination (4th May)
- + Maria Tinkler : Birthday (5th May)
- + Christine & Richard Drewitt 40th Wedding Anniversary

#### WHAT'S ON



**HEALING MASS: 7pm Monday 4 May** (Holy Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick) at St Joseph's, Ashurst. This is a wonderful opportunity to allow our Lord to minister to you if you are struggling with sickness, addiction or carrying a heavy burden.



**PLANT SALE/SPRING FAIR; THIS SATURDAY 9 MAY SB'S 10am-12.30pm.** The annual Plant Sale/Spring Fair will include the traditional plants but also offer giftware, jewellery, crafts as well as home made cakes and a raffle.



**UNITED AND FAITHFUL:** The Visit of the relics of Blessed Louis & Zelig Martin (parents of St Therese of the Child Jesus & Holy Face). **Wednesday, 20th May from 12 noon at St Therese's Parish in Totton.** There will be opportunities to venerate the relics between 12.30pm & 6pm. Then there will be Evening Prayer at 6pm followed by Mass.

On **Thursday, 21st May** the relics will be available for veneration from 10 am at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, with Mass at 12 noon celebrated by Bishop Philip.



**THE GLORY - PRAYER IN THE HOLY OF HOLIES:** In St John's Gospel, it was no longer necessary literally to enter the Holy of Holies to see the Lord and the light, because the Lord and the light had come into the world. (Margaret Barker 2011) The Hebrews expressed the majesty of God and the constant presence of God using these images. They ritualistically enacted them within their community, and both images are central to the description of the life of Jesus in the Gospels. The mystics saw the world as if from the Holy of Holies. This Workshop will explore the significance of The Glory and the Holy of Holies for our prayer. It will be suitable for Christians of all denominations. The day will be led by Mary Dunn. **Saturday 16th May** 10am-4pm (coffee and registration from 9.30am) Suggested offering £27 to include lunch.



**A DAY FOR YOU - AFTER BEREAVEMENT: Friday 22nd May** 11am- 3pm (coffee and registration from 10.30am) Wisdom Centre, Romsey. Suggested offering £20 to include lunch. For more information about either days please telephone 01794 830206 or email: [reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk](mailto:reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk)

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