

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

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The Gospel of Luke – The Gospel of Mercy

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

4th-10th September 2016

Year C, Weekdays Year 2 Psalter week 3

MASS TIMES

9.00am Mass SB
11.00am Mass SM

Anniversaries this week: Teresa Slipper (8th)

Remembering those who have died recently: Sue Knell,
Nick Candrl, Bernard Hand

Mass intentions:

WE CANNOT BE THE DISCIPLES OF JESUS UNLESS WE GIVE UP ALL OUR POSSESSIONS!

The Gospel for this Sunday is startling and disturbing. Jesus says that we should "hate" those closest to us (against tribalism), take up our cross (against violence) and give up all our possessions (against greed). We have to think seriously about this and be very sure this is what we must do.

Otherwise we will start something that we cannot finish.

When we are confronted with such a challenge we have to recognise that our greatest temptation is to neutralise it, to soften it and so, effectively, avoid it. We cannot take Jesus "literally" but we must take him seriously.

For the most part, over the last 2000 years cultural Christianity has been deaf and blind to what Jesus says about tribalism, violence and greed. There have, of course, been notable exceptions like the saints and many of the religious orders, particularly Mother Theresa's congregation in our own time. The trouble is they are exceptions.

When we are prepared to take Jesus seriously we must then understand him correctly. To take these words of Jesus "literally" and simplistically would result in contradiction and confusion. (This text highlights the fatal flaw in the fundamentalist approach to Scripture. We cannot rely solely on how we read an isolated text of Scripture. We can only understand a text of the Bible by means of the whole Bible, and indeed only with the Holy Spirit & the Church.)

The first step in the correct understanding of this text is to note the historical context. Luke was a companion of Paul & others on the first missionary journeys. They experienced in some places rejection, imprisonment, the loss of property, death threats, and certainly the absence, if not the hostility, of close family members. Just like Jesus they had to make hard choices for who & what they believed in. We too have to make hard choices sometimes. All of us have to be ready to make the ultimate sacrifice for God's love and truth. These are scary words!

However we remember that we took nothing into the world and we cannot take anything out of it. It is precisely tribalism, violence and greed that destroy people and societies. They are the barriers to God's love taking practical effect in the world. Once we let them go God's universal love can flow through us to the whole of humanity. (DMA)

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, Fr Vincent Convery, Kathryn Cox, Avril Daniels, Kathleen Dowds, 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, Betty Marek, Susan Marlow, Sarah Marshall, Pauline Moore, Niamh Mulherne, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Anne O Connor, Elsa Poole, 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.



The funeral service for the late **BERNARD HAND** will take place at SM's on **Thursday 8th September** at 12noon.



FIRE WARDENS WANTED for SB's and SM's. Thank you to those who have volunteered so far. Your training will be in October lasting 2 hours. - date to be finalised-Please contact Linda at the Parish office with your contact details. If you are interested.

Update: SB's: When you visit SB's this week you will notice the Sacred heart statue and candle stand have been moved from near the fire door to the porch, the small benches have been moved over near the fire door to give more room around the fire door and all benches have been moved into the aisle to give freer movement around the church.

Thanks to all those who stayed behind after Mass on Sunday to help with the lifting and shifting of these items.

There are still other recommendations from the fire officer which still have to be put in place, and they will be done in due course.



WELCOME BACK Fr Paul Lyons who will be celebrating Mass throughout September.



(Update) 'IT'S YOUR CHOICE' would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came to the It's Your Choice Charity Quiz. It was a great success, we raised nearly £800 from the raffle alone, with a total over £1000 raised by the event. 2016 is a vital year for It's Your Choice as we launch a bid to purchase our Totton premises, which we have operated out of for 18 years. Our "£250k in 250" campaign sees us attempt to raise £250,000 in 250 days which started on 23rd July.



FR VINCENT as you know has been moved for further re-hab to Glenside hospital, 82 Albert Road, Farnborough Hants GU14 6SL Visiting times are strictly limited to between 2-4pm. However, the hospital is not encouraging visitors at the moment as visits make him very tired and they feel this is hindering his progress. Various family members and close friends visit regularly so he is not alone. The hospital has requested that parishioners do not ring the hospital to ask how he is as this takes staff away from other important duties, but by all means send a card or letter if you wish.

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



The Pope Tweets @Pontifex

Never abandon prayer, even when it seems pointless to pray.



Vocations News (Bishop Philip)

Please keep in your prayers our twelve students for the Diocesan Priesthood:

- + Deacon Mark Whiting - due to be ordained Priest in December
- + Ansel D'Mello and Robert Stewart - due to be ordained as Deacons in December
- + Ian Cornford
- + Ben Huntley
- + James Lewis
- + Mohanraj Edward
- + Niall Farrell
- + Paul Nwune
- + Matthew King
- + Oliver Welsford
- + Daniel Ferguson

COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

11th September Racial Justice
18th September Home Mission Sunday
25th September Cathedral

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- +Joy & Alan Lovelock -Wedding Anniversary (5th September)
- +Mary King - birthday 6th September
- +Ray & Pauline Moore -Wedding Anniversary (9th September)
- +Flo Warrilow : RIP Birthday (9th September)
- +Those affected by the recent earthquake in Italy
- +Sick clergy, especially Fr Vincent, and lay faithful of the Diocese.
- +The recently departed, especially as a result warfare, violence, terrorism and persecution.
- +Peace in the world and for those who govern the nations that they may do so wisely and justly.
- +The staff and pupils of our Catholic schools as they return for a new academic year

WHAT'S ON ?



invites parishioners to their next **Supporters Meeting on 10 September** at St Bede's Catholic Primary School in

Basingstoke. Learn how your donations are spent and details of Cafod's future plans. Details on poster in the porch or call Louise on 80898213.



PAUSE FOR PRAYER 27th Sept. 10-11am St Michael's, Hythe
All welcome for quiet scripture, prayer & reflection.



FAITH FEST: MUSIC WORKSHOPS led by Jo Boyce and Andrew Moss : *CJM* -Internationally renowned Catholic musicians and songwriters whose mission is to support and resource all involved in liturgical music.

Where: Holy Redeemer Church, Highcliffe, 13-15, Kilmington Way, BH23 5BL

When: Sat 15th October 2016, 10am - 4pm, (Registration from 9.30am), followed by Mass at 5pm led by Jo, Andrew and Participants.

Who: Anyone who has an interest in music or Choir or who plays an instrument or just curious especially youth and the young at heart.

Cost: By donation on the day. NB Please bring a 'Packed Lunch' and 'snacks' for the duration of the day. Tea/Coffee/Cold drinks will be provided.

To help the organising committee cater for numbers please register your intention to participate by contacting John Murphy by email: celticmurphy4@aol.com