

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Registered Charity No 246871

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

St Michaels Church, (SM) Langdown Lawn, Hythe SO45 5GR
St Bernard's Church, (SB) Southbourne Ave, Holbury, SO45 2NT

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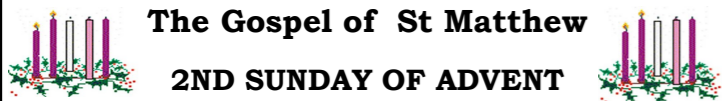
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The Gospel of St Matthew

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4th-10th December 2016

Year A, Weekdays Year 1 Psalter week 2

MASS TIMES

9.00am

Mass SB

11.00am

Mass SM

Anniversaries this week Morag Horne (6th), Jim Manghan (9th)

Remembering those who have died recently Joan de Haven, Thomas Pender, Frank Boyle,

Mass intentions:: Anne & Jim Mattheson RIP Anniversary (SB's)

NEW PARISH PRIEST FOR WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH!



Fr Rajesh Abraham, our new Parish Priest, will taking up residence in Angel house from mid-February 2017. He is currently Parish Priest at St Patrick's church, Hayling Island, near Portsmouth.

Fr Rajesh was ordained on 3rd May 2003.

Fr Abraham is from the Syro-Malabar rite which the traditional liturgical form in Kerala, India. They trace their church back to St Thomas the Apostle.

"May I introduce myself, I am Fr. Rajesh Abraham. I love to be called Fr. Abraham. I have been a priest for 14 years. I have been Parish Priest at St. Patrick's Hayling Island, for the last 4 years.

My experiences are in the field of Marriage Tribunal and working in the Diocesan Tribunal of the Canonisation process. Before I went to St Patrick's I worked in parishes and in the Formation house (Seminary) and finally as Pastoral Centre Director.

I am looking forward to meeting you in February."

UPDATE FR VINCENT CONVERY



Parishioners have asked me where Fr Vincent is now and if it's OK to send him a Christmas card. Please do, I'm sure he'd really appreciate it.

He is still undergoing rehab at

**Glenside hospital,
82 Albert Road,
Farnborough
Hants GU14 6SL**

He is making steady progress but his sight is still impaired. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Various family members and close friends visit regularly so he is not alone, but if you are thinking of visiting please ring the hospital first to see if it's convenient. I understand that the hospital is quite strict about visiting times. Please don't ring the hospital just to ask how Fr Vincent is, as I believe they can only discuss his progress with close family.

For Sacrament of the sick or Holy Communion to the sick or house-bound: contact parish office

Please keep in your prayers: Violetta Baddour, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Marion Butler, Denise Calder, Bruno Chrzanoski, Fr Vincent Convery, Kathryn Cox, Denny Croll, Avril Daniels, Elizabeth Dawtry, Baby Finlay Drozd, Baby Elijah, Keith Ellison, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Dennis Freemantle, David Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Mike Hedges, Sally Herbert, Catherine Heron, Doreen Holman, Joan Hopper, Chrissy James, Kath Ketley, Peggy Kirwan, Betty Marek, Susan Marlow, Sarah Marshall, Pauline Moore, Niamh Mulherne, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Anne O Connor,, Michelle Ripley, Margaret Scott, Joan Smith, Emmie Walker, Brian Weston, Maureen Weyman. Mary & Lawrie Witchell, Bridget Wyatt



ADVENT RESOURCES FROM THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND & WALES.

As we come to the end of the Year of Mercy, we are painfully aware of the millions of people who feel very far from that mercy because of war, disease, hunger or any one of countless reasons.

This year's First Readings on the Sundays of Advent come from the prophet Isaiah. He too lived in difficult and dangerous times. The task God appointed to Isaiah was to speak and write of God's unfailing love for his people. He did not ignore their suffering – but tried to raise people's hopes – to help them to look for the light on the horizon rather than focus solely on the darkness.

In conjunction with the Readings of Isaiah we have daily reflections from the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle to help guide your prayers. These can be found here: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/advent-reflections-2016>



Thanks to Tina and her team who gave up their time to prepare and run the Christmas fayre. on Saturday, despite many having nasty colds. Thanks to all those who came along and spent their money! We appreciate it. More details in next week's newsletter.



READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Could you let me know a.s.a.p. via phone or email if you will be attending the Carol service/Mass on Christmas eve, and are available to read or be a Minister of Holy communion. Thank you. Linda



CAFOD, WORLD GIFTS is a range of gifts where everything you buy really acts as two presents in one, something for you to give a friend or relative and real gift such as seeds or chickens or goats given to someone living in poverty. Your friend or relative gets a beautifully illustrated certificate showing the gift you have bought on their behalf, and the knowledge that the gift bought on their behalf has been given to someone in the developing world, to change their lives for the better. Catalogues are in the porch.



THANK YOU from Foodbank for your generous gifts of Christmas goodies for those in need. Thanks also to Theresa Anderson & Terry George - and those who helped them- for transporting the food to the Foodbank. You have all contributed to making some people's lives a lot easier and much happier this Christmas.



TODAY WE LIGHT the second candle of Advent: The candle of Peace.

NOW IN- CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS!

**FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY 8 ST JOHN'S STREET,
HYTHE Tel: 02380 207882**



The pope tweets @Pontifex

Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down.

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER

The Collection in total for church flowers was .£151.08 Thank you for your generosity.

CRIB COLLECTION: This year the Diocese has asked us to collect for the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.

THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING: As usual the collection at Christmas time is a voluntary contribution towards your parish priest's annual income. Your generosity in difficult financial circumstances is greatly appreciated.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- + Fr Abraham as he prepares to join our community.
- + Margaret Scott who is very ill at Little Haven Nursing home.
- + Joan Hopper who is recovering at home after a spell in hospital.
- + Fr Vincent that his condition may continue to improve.



WHAT'S ON ?

REMINDER:! THE WATERSIDE PARISH SENIOR CITIZEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH is **THIS THURSDAY** -8th December -at the Old Mill at 12:30.



INVITATION TO CAROL SERVICE at St John's Church Hythe at 10.30 on **Thursday 15 December**. All welcome. Tea, coffee and mincepies after service. *Please put your name on list in porch TODAY.*



ADVENT SERVICE - Awaiting the Dawn. A beautiful reflection of Advent in preparation for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. **THIS TUESDAY 6th December at Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph, Lymington at 7.00pm.** As the Church will be lit by candle light only, you may wish to bring a small torch to follow the service.



INFORMATION RE SUNDAY MASSES & CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



Sunday December 11th Fr Paul - 9 am & 11am

Sunday December 18th Fr David 9 am & 11am

CHRISTMAS EVE Carol service with our children 3pm SB's

**Fr David :8pm Carols and Readings, Mass 8.30pm SM's
Fr David- 9 am & 11am**

CHRISTMAS DAY
This will be the last day Fr David will celebrate Mass at Waterside as your Parish Priest.

2017

Sunday 1st January Eucharistic services SB's & SM's

Sunday 8th January Fr Paul 9am & 11am

Sunday 15th January Fr Paul 9am & 11am

Sunday 22nd January Fr Paul 9am & 11am-
This will be Fr Paul's last Mass at Waterside as he has to cover Sunday Mass elsewhere.

Sunday 29th January- Eucharistic services SB's & SM's

Sunday 5th February- Eucharistic services SB's & SM'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 (Aug-Sept only 10.45) Totton

LYMINGTON, BROCKENHURST, MILFORD ON SEA

Parish Priest-Rev David Adams Tel: 01590 676696

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph-High Street, Lymington,
St Anne-Rhinefield Road, Brockenhurst
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 George Ngwa: Tel: 01425 614968

Our Lady of Lourdes-Mount Avenue, New Milton

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6pm
Sunday Mass 10 am

THE DEANERY is made up from the pastoral areas of New Forest, Avon Stour, & Bournemouth **Dean: Fr Tom Grufferty**