

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

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The Gospel of Luke- The Gospel of Mercy

10th Sunday of Ordinary Time 5th June 2016

Year C, Weekdays Year 2 Psalter week 2

9.00am Mass SB

'Go Forth' Mass for 1st Holy Communicants.

Baptism 11am SB's Jenson Robin Laven-Brown (Deacon Ian)

11.00am Mass SM

Monday 6th June No Mass

(St Norbert, Founder, Bishop)

Tuesday 7th June No Mass

Wednesday 8th June No Mass

Thursday 9th June No Mass

(St Columba, Abbot)

Friday 10th June No Mass

Saturday 11th June No Mass

(St Barnabas, Apostle)

Anniversaries this week: Bert Smith (11th), Nora Newman (11th)

Remembering those who have died recently: Derry Condon,
Raymond Insuli, Trudy King, Anna Hayes,

Mass intentions: SB's 9am: The children who made their 1st Holy
Communion last Sunday.

SM's 11 am: For the good estate of Rev Steven Bowler, Rev Bill 'O
Connell & Rev Ian Tobin (F/M)

THE POWER TO HEAL & GIVE NEW LIFE

The Gospels give a strong witness to the fact that Jesus preached a new teaching, forgave sinners and healed people who were sick. Jesus was also confident that by nurturing their faith relationship with the Father he was able to give his followers power to heal.

This can be difficult for us today because we have a sense that while Jesus healed (he is God the Son incarnate, after all) we have very little if any experience of healing today. Its interesting to note that Christians in the third century A.D. had similar thoughts. Why aren't healings happening now as they were then? A response eventually emerged that asserted that miracles were needed to establish the Church, but not needed once it was established. St Augustine (4th cent.) held this view but later retracted it because he had come to witness many actual healings. In the long centuries of Christendom healing gifts were usually the domain of the rare saint. Any other healer was viewed with suspicion.

In recent decades and especially since Vatican II (1960's) there have been strong movements or currents within broader Christianity and within Catholicism itself to recover the healing ministry. The restoration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a prime example. While there have been many personal stories of blessings received for body, soul & spirit there have not been enough powerful and dramatic healings to significantly alter people's attitudes or expectations. People are not exactly bursting down the doors of our churches because they have heard that people are being cured of life threatening illnesses as they did when Jesus was walking this earth. The reasons for this are, of course, many & complex.

There is much to discuss here but there is only room for a short response. God gives life & love. Wholeness, holiness & happiness are God's will for everyone. In this life these gifts can only be partially and temporarily received because we are mortal and all material things pass away. Our life is made up of many complex, inter-dependent relationships on many levels, chemical, biological, psychological, social & spiritual. The "health" of any one area can affect the well-being of all the other areas. There is growing evidence (accepted in the secular world) that human beings have some capacity to self medicate (adrenaline, dopamine) and even heal, cfr. placebo effects, immune responses & adult stem cell activity. The first biological life was kick started by electricity & we know the body has its own electrical system animating cellular activity. Psychological & emotional interdependency is well attested (cfr problem of eating disorders).

Stepping now into the domain of faith the Gospels tell us that "power, went out from" Jesus to heal. Jesus, we are told, was also consciously aware of this exchange of healing power. In Jesus all the channels (spiritual, psychological, physical) were open for the free flow of the Divine will to give life & love. All that remained was for this gift of life & healing to be received. Just as in the placebo effect faith is crucial here. There is also a relationship between the strength of this Divine healing energy, mediated through human nature, and the capacity to receive & benefit from it. So it is no surprise some saints have been credited with notable healings. There are also tipping points in nature & in the progression of disease which cannot usually be reversed. There is no ultimate cure for old age or mortality. However, as Scripture says, the power of healing is a gift of the Spirit so anyone may receive it but the capacity to give it will vary person to person according to their relationship with God and others.

So every healing of Jesus was a unique personal encounter, a unique moment of healing given & healing received that could not be indiscriminately replicated. Mediated through the limitations of human nature & received in the limitations of human nature. In this life even the greatest physical healings are only temporary. The ultimate source of life & health can only be in God. (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, Nick Candrl, Kathryn Cox, Avril & Michael Daniels, Baby Finlay Drozd, Baby Elijah, Keith Ellison, Derek Faiers, Father Vincent, Mervyn Francis, Dennis Freemantle, David Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Catherine Heron, Doreen Holman, Joan Hopper, Chrissy James, Peggy Kirwan, Sue Knell, Betty Marek, Susan Marlow, Sarah Marshall, Niamh Mulherne, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Ann O Connor, Lynne Parker, 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.



WELCOME into our community baby **Jenson Robin Laven-Brown** who will be baptised at SB's at 11 am today.



The body of **ANNA HAYES** will be welcomed into St Michael's church on **Thursday 9th June at 7pm** by Deacon Ian. Her Requiem Mass will be at St Michael's on **Friday June 10th at 1pm**. The Celebrant will be Fr Des Connolly.



FR VINCENT is slowly making progress, but his recovery will take many weeks. Please continue to pray for him.

At the time of writing he has been moved to

Ward F 8 (Stroke unit,)

Southampton General Hospital,

Tremona Road,

Southampton SO16 6YD

If you are sending a card please address it to Vincent Convery. It will not get to him if it's just addressed to Fr Vincent.

SERVICES FOR JUNE:

As you know it is difficult to find Priests who are free to celebrate Mass on Sunday. I would like to thank two of our retired Priests: Fr Edwin & Fr Peter who are available to celebrate the 11am Mass at St Michael's on the dates below. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Deacons, Steve & Ian, who will be conducting Word & Holy Communion services, celebrating Baptisms and overseeing a funeral in Fr Vincent's absence. Without their help we would be in a very difficult situation indeed. Thank you also to Tony, Peter and Wayne whose support and practical help for the Deacons and visiting priests has been invaluable. (Fr David) These are the arrangements which have been put in place up to the end of June.

Sunday 5th June - 9am- SB's & 11am SM's - Fr David
Sunday, 12th June - 9am- SB's -Deacon Steve will conduct a Word & Holy communion service

Sunday, 12th June - 11am - SM's - Fr Edwin Barnes
Sunday, 19th June - 9am- SB's -Deacon Steve will conduct a Word & Holy communion service

Sunday, 19th June - 11am - SM's - Fr Edwin Barnes
Sunday, 26th June - 9am- SB's -Deacon Steve will conduct Word & Holy communion service

Sunday, 26th June - 11am - SM's - Fr Peter Ryan
Wednesday, 29th June (Ss Peter & Paul) - 10am -SM's - Deacon Ian will conduct a Word & Holy communion service.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU NEED A PRIEST IN AN EMERGENCY WHEN THE OFFICE IS CLOSED

The office will be closed on 7th June and will reopen on Tuesday 28th June. During this time if you need a priest in an emergency and you or a loved one are **in hospital**, please ask a nurse to contact the Catholic Chaplain at the hospital.

If you are at home and you need a Priest in an Emergency please telephone Deacon Stephen Short (Lyndhurst parish) on 023 80 282011 and he will contact a priest for you.

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



Dear All, As we end this month of May we celebrate the Feast of the Visitation, when during her sacred pregnancy the Mother of God made the long journey to visit her cousin Elizabeth, the mother of St John the Baptist. Last November, during our Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, I celebrated Mass in the Church of the Visitation where there is a striking statue of the two expectant mothers. Please pray for all mothers and all mothers to be and for respect for life from conception to natural death. With this in mind, I commend to you the petitions elsewhere in this newsletter. (Bishop Philip)

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- + The recently departed, especially Fr David Freeman and John McGrath (brother of Fr Jamie)
 - + All preparing for Ordination, especially Ross Bullock to be Ordained to the Sacred Priesthood on Saturday 4th June.
 - + Fr Simon Thomson and the people of Hartley Wintney, following the fire at St Thomas More.
 - + The guidance of the Holy Spirit in the European referendum
 - + The Maronite Archbishop of Damascus, Archbishop Samir Nassar and for our suffering brothers and sisters in Christ, the persecuted Church and for all peoples tyrannised by war in Syria.
 - + The peoples of Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Sudan, Mozambique, Eritrea, Dafur, Central African Republic, Pakistan, Palestine and so many other nations who need our daily love in prayer of intercession.
 - + Sick clergy and lay faithful of the Diocese
 - + The Clergy of the new Oratory in Formation in Bournemouth and the parishioners of Sacred Heart.
- (Bishop Philip)
- + Our younger parishioners many of whom are in the middle of exams
 - + Fr Vincent that he may have a full recovery
 - + Our Deacons Ian & Steve
 - + The medical team treating Fr Vincent

PLEASE NOTE: There will not be any Masses on Fridays or Saturdays, or service of Reconciliation, at SM's until further notice. There is a list on the door of SM's of week-day Masses/Reconciliation in other churches in the New Forest

WHAT'S ON ?



PAUSE FOR PRAYER Tuesday 29th June 10-11am St Michael's, Hythe All welcome for quiet scripture, prayer & reflection.



DIOCESAN CHARITIES & OUTREACH GROUP Saturday 2 July 10am-2pm St Bede's Parish Hall, Basingstoke, Join us in celebration of this Extraordinary Jubilee Holy Year of Mercy as we hear from the many charitable organisations within the Catholic Church here in our diocese which strive to express the merciful love of Christ. **Please book your place via** caritasdioceseofportsmouth.org.uk

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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**