

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

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27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 5TH OCTOBER

Year A, Weekdays Yr 2; Psalter week 3

9.00am Mass SB

11.00am Mass SM

Monday 6th October No Service
(St Bruno, Founder)

Tuesday 7th October No Service
(Our Lady of the Rosary)

Wednesday 8th October No Service

Thursday 9th October No Service
(Blessed John Henry Newman, Religious)

Friday 10th October 10am Mass SM

(St Paulinus of York, Bishop)

Saturday 11th October 10am Mass SM

Sacrament of Reconciliation after the 10am Mass today

MASS INTENTIONS 5th -11th OCTOBER

Anniversaries this week: Fred Warrilow (5th), Urban Paul (5th), Eileen West (10th), Margaret Jones (11th), Pat Gallanagh(11th)

Remembering those who have died recently: James Barnard, Frances Josephine Bianchi, Brenda Bowen

Other Intentions: Susie Beaverbrook (Special intention), Fr David Buckley -who lives outside the Diocese in Surrey (Health), Mary King (Health), Sarah Mc Cann (Health), Maggie & Steve Moorhouse (Special intention), Sharon Poole (Special intention), Fr Michael Purbrick-Isle of Wight (Health), Bert & Penny Smith (R.I.P Remembrance)

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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 Andrew Philpott (Totton)

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 and 6.30pm (6.30pm Mass is in Polish)

IS THE KINGDOM BEING TAKEN FROM US?

In the Gospel this weekend Jesus says to the religious leaders: "The kingdom of God shall be taken away from you and given to those who will produce its fruit".

It is important that we regularly ask that question of the Lord in our prayer: Are we losing the kingdom, are we losing our souls?

Forget about heaven and hell for a moment. It is about what is happening now in our hearts, minds, emotions, bodies, relationships and lives. Seeing things only in terms of "when I die" can be a subtle way to avoid the here and now issues.

History gives us many examples of people, communities, regions, countries "losing it". Losing openness, tolerance, love, compassion, joy, variety, acceptance, values, meaning and whatever else makes the heart sing. A parish community can have its priests, its liturgies, its groups and still be cold and unwelcoming, judgemental and narrow-minded. It can have too little of the Spirit who comes from God and too much of the spirit of the world (fear, lethargy, discouragement, greed, factions, prejudices etc).

The soul is a very delicate thing. It can expand out to the whole universe and in its appreciation and acceptance embrace everything, even the mystery of God. The soul thrives on love, truth, compassion and freedom. It responds to beauty and to disfigurement, to joy and to pain. It relishes spontaneity, diversity and harmony. With faith it can flourish on challenge and overcome adversity. Above all the soul can be refreshed and renewed by another or by the Other.

But the soul can also shrink and wither. It can lose the joy. It can become locked into anxiety, bitterness, security and comfort. The soul can become fearful and self-preoccupied. Remember I am not talking so much about sin, although that may be part of the picture but about life, energy, creativity, appreciation, joy, openness or rather the lack of these experiences. We can be going to the sacraments but our souls can still be starving because we are not really letting Christ into the whole of our lives. One moment with the Lord will have little impact if we spend hours & hours consuming only the trivial and superficial.

Bad leadership can also stifle the soul. Rigid, authoritarian and regimental leadership negates confidence, creativity and self-worth. We may not belong to ourselves. If we are living only in the expectations of others, if they are the mirrors which reflect back to us our reality then we won't know who we really are. We won't realise that we are mirrored by Christ as children of God. We need to ask ourselves who am I when I am not a husband, wife, father, mother, wage earner, single person, etc? Do I know myself as one uniquely loved and called by the Other who is the real food of our souls? (DMA)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers:

David Bazley, Susie Beaverbrook, Janice Bird, Baby Blake Proctor, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Alice Branhill, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Helga Butler, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Baby Elijah, Derek Faiers, Derek Francis, Mervyn Francis, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Mary King, Trudy King, Doreen Holman, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Sarah Mc Cann, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, Ruth Rowan, Jim Ross, Norma Rudd, Cath Smith, Susan Soutter, Emmie Walker, Pam Watkins George Watson, Francesca Wells.

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.

OUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE is only 62 days away from today!! To avoid inundating you with **Christmas Fayre** requests nearer the date we are going to specify different things each month. This month we would like: **Bottles for the bottle stall & empty (clean) jam jars as part of the tombola for the children.** Thank you. Please take them to the parish shop, Faith Hope & Charity, or leave them at the back of the church for collection, or hand them in to the parish office (Tues or Thurs). Please mark them 'Christmas Fayre'.

FOR THOSE MINISTERS OF COMMUNION WHO WILL SOON BE GOING OUT TO THE HOUSEBOUND FOR THE FIRST TIME a letter giving you details of your Safe-guarding training, that you are required to attend, will be with you soon.

If anyone has any spare spring bulbs they'd like to donate, please leave them at the back of SM's or give them to one of the gardening team :Joe Breen, Maureen Cain,, Liz Jones, Joy Lovelock, Polly Read, or Maria Tinkler. They have a meeting 14th October.

BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES If you would like someone remembered in prayers for forthcoming birthdays and anniversaries, please let the Deacons or Linda in the parish office know.

ROSARY The month Of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. There is a free copy of *Prayer walk in the home: a decade with Mary* available in the porch. There is a section of the rosary for each part of your home.

RED APF BOXES are due for emptying. Please hand them in as soon as possible to your collector, hand them in to the office (Tues or Thurs) or leave your box at the back of church for collecting *Please make sure your name is on the box.*

THANK YOU to Christopher Hoare Tree Services Ltd from Exbury, for allowing his equipment to be used free of charge to prune the trees at the back of the church. Also a big thank you to Nigel and Nick from the above company who gave up their own time to prune the trees and attack the 'Pampas nightmare.' We really appreciated it. (Joy Lovelock)

CAFOD FUND RAISERS FOR CAFOD in Great South Run : 26th October. Helen Barnett, Cathy Smith and Marcus Smith are training hard in order to support CAFOD *but they need your sponsorship please.* Sponsorship forms are in the porches at both churches.



The Pope Tweets: @Pontifex *There is the tendency to place ourselves and our ambitions at the centre of our lives. This is very human, but it is not Christian.*



SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY CAFOD Harvest day envelopes
Thank you so much for all your support this summer for CAFOD's Gaza and Iraq appeals. Please give as much as you can to our Harvest appeal so that hunger doesn't remain a fact of life for the world's poorest people. Thank you for your compassion and solidarity at this time.



The collection for The Cathedral last week was £110.35 Thank you for your generosity.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER

TODAY CAFOD Harvest day- please hand in your envelopes TODAY or next Sunday. Thank you.
19th October Mission Sunday

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- + Those struggling to come to terms with a bereavement or illness.
- + For those suffering as a result of conflicts around the world.
- + All those who are negotiating ceasefires and working towards peace in war torn countries.
- + All who go hungry because of poverty and injustice



CHILDREN'S LITURGY at St Bernard's 9am Mass Sunday. Would you like to help this group? They desperately need adults to work with the children -doing appropriate activities around the Gospel of the day. Not sure if it's for you? Why not go to a session at the 9am Mass at SB and observe.

There are a lot of resources available. The Lord has given us all unique gifts. Can you use yours to help these children?

If you think you'll need training then the Diocese is holding a training session 7.30-9pm Holy Family Church, Millbrook on Tues October 14th. I'm sure you'll agree that it is very important that the Children's Liturgy continues. Why not give it a try? Many hands make light work. Please, please support this very important Ministry.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking those who continue to give their time to help with Children's Liturgy every week. It is appreciated. Please try to help with the above appeal. (Fr David)



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 'The concept of the pastoral council was first articulated in the 1965 Vatican II :Decree on Bishops. The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) assists, advises and cooperates with the Parish Priest in sustaining and developing the Christian life of the community.'

Your PPC members are: Fr David Adams: parish Priest, Deacon Steve Bowler (Chair), Louise Brown, Roger Daniels, Philomena Hopkins, Peter Mitchell, Christine Olden, Polly Read, Marion Teague & Deacon Ian Tobin. The Minutes from the PPC Meetings are displayed in both churches.

If you have any concerns about life in the parish please address them to any of the PPC members mentioned above.

The next PPC meeting is 13th November.

WHAT'S ON



SM GARDENING TEAM the next meeting is 2pm

Tuesday 14th October at St Michael's.

If you would like to join the team please speak to Joy Lovelock.



The next St. Martha Group quiz night is being held on

Saturday 25th of October and tickets will be on sale, at £4 each, after mass at both churches on the 12th and 19th of October. Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring your own alcohol and a plate of food for the American supper.

