

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

St Michaels Church, (SM) Langdown Lawn, Hythe SO45 5GR
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The Gospel of Luke- The Gospel of Mercy

Rejoice

6th March 2016

4th Sunday of Lent

Laetare (Rejoice) or Rose Sunday,

Year C, Weekdays Year 2

Psalter week 4

9.00am Mass SB
11.00am Mass SM

Monday 7th March No Mass
Tuesday 8th March No Mass
Wednesday 9th March No Mass
Thursday 10th March No Mass

Friday 11th March 10am MASS SM's
Saturday 12th March 10am MASS SM's

Anniversaries this week: Ellen Pick (6th), George Watson (9th),
Norah Manghan (12th)

Remembering those who have died recently:

Mass Intentions:

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 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 10am

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**

JUST WHO IS BEING WASTEFUL?

We've been used to calling today's Gospel story from Luke the "parable of the prodigal son", prodigal meaning wasteful. However from other points of view the father has certainly been wasteful with his property, his love and with the fatted calf! The elder son has been wasting his time "slaving" all those years for his father. This is a beautiful parable of mercy from Jesus and we can enrich our appreciation of it and its impact upon us by looking at it from different perspectives.

In the context of the culture of Jesus' time the father figure is breaking all the rules and conventions. Why did he agree to give half his property away when his younger son was treating him as if he were dead already? He sets no conditions on how he is to spend this money. Why does he wait for the boy's return, run to greet him (very undignified & not the done thing!). The father has no anger, no bitterness. He doesn't even give the wayward son time to make a proper confession. The celebration is lavish and unrestrained. The younger son has dishonoured his father, wasted his money on drink and women, and fallen to the ultimate humiliation of being subject to foreigners and tending pigs—animals considered unclean by the Jewish people. He only comes to his senses out of self-interest and a will to survive: "How many of my father's paid servants have more than enough to eat and here am I starving to death"? But he does at least recognise that "I no longer deserve to be called your son". He has found some basis of truth and humility.

The elder brother didn't seem to have a very good relationship with his father. Perhaps his father hadn't shown him love or given him encouragement or celebrated his achievements as he should have done. The elder brother is dutiful but not affectionate. Now, with the return of his brother he gets overwhelmed by all the pent up resentment and cannot celebrate. Many good, faithful people who have never wavered identify strongly with the elder brother.

If we look at the parable in this way as a human story in which everyone messes up in some way then the message is a mutual call to be reconciled to one another. Everyone has something to repent of, everyone has to die a little to their old self in order to live fully again. One can pray this parable in different ways putting oneself in the shoes of the father, the younger brother & then the elder brother, identifying with the calf is probably taking it too far!! The father can certainly be seen as representing God but ever since the institutional Church presented a more stern faced Jesus and a more remote and judgemental Father-God Mary came to best represent (for Catholics & Orthodox) the indulgent face of God's lavish mercy. Mary really became the Good News for many.

Of course leaving behind judgement, fear, self-centredness and every other negative perspective and energy is what it means to be "in Christ". The new creation is a new mindset, a new way of seeing oneself and others. It is an evolution of consciousness but not an automatic evolution. This evolution involves and requires human freedom and choice. And this evolution of consciousness cannot encompass all until everyone surrenders to and embraces the harmony, the peace, the reconciliation and the joy. And it can never be a purely individualistic thing. There is no such thing as isolation except in the illusion of the self-created ego. And the cultural, social dimension is integral to the evolution of the human race. To lose the cultural capacity for communication, dialogue, mutual understanding, tolerance and every other attitude that enriches human existence is to regress to primitive stages of development. Christ is the consciousness of the new humanity and from that divine consciousness every blessing flows enabling us to become "the goodness of God". (DMA)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Freda Roche-Adams, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Alice Bramhill, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Marion Butler, Denise Calder, Nick Candrl, Kathryn Cox, Avril and Michael Daniels, Baby Finlay Drozd, Baby Elijah, Keith Ellison, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Ruth & Dennis Freemantle, David Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Catherine Heron, Doreen Holman, Chrissy James, Trudy King, Peggy & Michael Kirwan, Susan Knell, Betty Marek, Susan Marlow, Sarah Marshall, Niamh Mulherne, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Ann O Connor, Graham Poole, Julie Poole, Michelle Ripley, Joan Smith, John Stevens, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS If you would like Mass to be said for someone, or for any special intention, ask at the parish office or fill in one of the brown envelopes marked 'MASS OFFERING', which are available at the back of church. The average donation for the stipend is £10. Please return the envelope via the collection basket or Angel house. This way the person you are remembering will be mentioned in the newsletter at the appropriate time.

READERS & MINISTERS OF COMMUNION SB's and SM's:

Please let me know via the parish office a.s.a.p. if you are here over Easter so I can prepare the rota for the Triduum. I have to cover Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Vigil. If you have a preference please let me know. Thanks. (Linda)
NIL RETURNS REQUIRED.
I have only had 6 replies so far out of 35.

Thanks!

Thank you very much to everyone who responded to our appeal and removed rubbish from the Parish Shop Faith, Hope & Charity. The cost of having rubbish collected by the Council is £5000 a year. We contribute £6000 to the parish income, but clearly this would be cut to £1000 if we used Council collections. Thanks to you the rubbish which had built up is cleared for now, but it will start to build up again eventually. Therefore, any volunteers might like to phone before coming to collect the rubbish. Shop hours are Monday - Friday 9.30 - 3pm and Saturday 9.30am to 1pm. Phone 02380 207882. Many thanks. (Tina Bowler)



APF RED BOXES are due to be emptied. *EITHER* hand your box to your collector *OR* leave your box at the back of the church or Sacristy for collection.

Please leave your name on the box so we know who it belongs to.



CAFOD FUND RAISING LUNCH With your help we raised an amazing £602. Warmest thanks to everyone who supported the event by attending and contributing to its success. With Government matching funds many people will benefit from the wells and pumps we help to fund. *Remember you can still contribute by using the CAFOD Pyramid boxes which are at the back of church. They are due back at Easter.* (Louise Croll)



ADVANCE NOTICE: PLANT SALE Saturday 14th May. We need plants to sell on the day. Do you have green fingers? If so, please can you start growing your plants in time for this event. Thank you.



EASTER EGG RAFFLE organised by the staff at Faith, Hope & Charity. Tickets on sale today. Money to Church funds. (Tina Bowler)



MOTHERING SUNDAY: Today is a day when we show our mothers our appreciation for their unconditional love



THE YEAR OF MERCY:

DAY OF REFLECTION—PREPARE FOR DIVINE MERCY

SUNDAY led by Fr Des at Saint Joseph's, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7DU on

Saturday 2 April 2016;

refreshments at 10am for a 10:30am start, the day will finish at 4pm. The cost of the day: £18pp (includes lunch and the celebration of Holy Mass).

The devotion to the Divine Mercy is one of the pivotal aspects of the Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis.

Contact Fr Des by email: frdes@montfort.org.uk or phone 023 8029 2337 to book.

CONSIDER WHAT THE YEAR OF MERCY MEANS TO YOU

Consider healing a family rift, or supporting a charity that needs your time or money.

CONFESSION The confessional is not a torture chamber, but the place in which the Lord's mercy motivates us to do better.

(Pope Francis)



ADVANCE NOTICE: MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Fr Vincent would like you to attend the Mass of the Lord's Supper on **Thursday 24th March** to renew your commitment to your Ministry.

COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH

The collection for **CAFOD Family Fast Day** has so far raised £788.57 Many thanks also to all who supported the CAFOD Lunch by cooking, serving or attending. It raised £602.00 And let us not forget those filling CAFOD Pyramids. Thanks to everyone.

OBLIGATORY SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: for the **Clergy Assistance Fund.** This fund helps the Diocese to provide accommodation and supplementary income to priests in retirement due to age or ill-health.

13th, 20th March Easter egg raffle tickets will be on sale from today
25th March Holy Places
27th March Easter gift for our Priests

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- + All those who are sick and all those who care for them
- + Ourselves: that our lives will be changed through the Father's mercy to reach out to all those who thirst and need our love. (CAFOD)
- + Niamh Mulherne, the daughter of; Breda Moran & John Mulherne, who is seriously ill in Bristol hospital.
- + All Mothers, Step mothers, Grand mothers, Foster mothers.
- + Roger Daniels brother & sister in law: Michael & Avril
- + Fr Shaun Budden (Birthday 12th March)

WHAT'S ON ?

PAUSEFOR PRAYER: Throughout Lent **8th & 15th March** 10-11am St Michael's, Hythe
All welcome for quiet scripture, prayer & reflection.



PENITENTIAL SERVICE 17th March SM's
EASTER SERVICES Details of Easter services will be in next week's newsletter.

EASTER CARDS & GIFTS AT OUR PARISH SHOP

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8 ST JOHN'S STREET, HYTHE
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