

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

St Michaels Church, (SM) Langdown Lawn, Hythe SO45 5GR
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23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time 6th September 2015

Year B, Weekdays Year 1; Psalter week 3

9.00am Mass SB

11.00am Mass SM

12noon Baptism SM Alice Rose Dowding

Monday 7th No Mass

Tuesday 8th No Mass

(The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Wednesday 9th No Mass

(St Peter Claver, Religious)

Thursday 10th No Mass

Friday 11th Mass 10am SM'S

Saturday 12th Mass 10am SM'S

(The Most Holy Name of Mary)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION STRAIGHT AFTER MASS

MASS INTENTIONS 6th-12th September

Anniversaries this week: Teresa Slipper (8th), Frances Bianchi (11th), Dick Greest(12th)

Remembering those who have died recently:

Other Intentions: Eileen Kenny (Health), Lyn Barker (Health)

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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 Edmund 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**

A CLASSLESS FAITH

Each of us has inherited a mixed bag of beliefs and suspicions, some of which we have grown to discard, others we have adopted and made our own. The prejudices that serve to prop up our sense of superiority, while keeping others in diminishment, are particularly difficult to tear down. We can all decorate our insecurity by regarding as inferior those who are different from ourselves, for reasons of class or race or religion or whatever. But if our own sense of worth is maintained at the expense of other people's dignity, what value is it?

In today's second reading, which comes from the letter of St James, we hear this simple advice: "My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people." The letter goes on to criticise the attitude which presumes that the well dressed man who enters the synagogue, with gold ring glinting its own message, naturally deserves more attention and care than the poor man who enters at the same time. If preference is going to be made, it should reflect the declared preference of God: he chose those who are poor according to the world, to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom he promises.

God's preference for those who are poor according to this world is seen clearly in today's Gospel. Jesus comes face to face with a deaf man who has a speech impediment. The man is doubly afflicted: he is a Gentile, hence regarded by orthodox Jews as unclean, and is also physically handicapped. Jesus takes him aside, away from the crowd, and cures his deafness and his stutter. Mark emphasises the response of the crowd, who publish their judgement that Jesus had done all things well. Thus the messianic prophecy of Isaiah heard in the first reading is seen to be fulfilled: the ears of the deaf are unsealed and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy.

Out of his infinite passion Jesus' love is available to everyone; without any presuppositions or any conditions. He is not disconcerted by the handicapped; neither is he prejudiced against those not of his own race or religion. His own uniqueness is not employed to lord it over others but to be of service to them. In his presence no one has to conceal his handicap, no one has to remain isolated in a wordless world, no one has to be rejected because of his difference. Jesus' acceptance and love open up new possibilities; for him, nothing is settled. Prejudice, on the other hand, tries to settle everything.

Jesus knows that people shrink back under indifference, are wounded by prejudice, are hurt when they are rejected. Prejudice handicaps everyone it touches; it allows fear to dress up as social and religious propriety; it sneaks its way into our laws. It is a killer disease. It is always good to remember that whoever we meet, God has first loved them. So let us be challenged by the words of wisdom:

Our first task in approaching another people, another culture, another religion is to take off our shoes for the place we are approaching is holy. Else we may find ourselves treading on another's dream. More serious still, we may forget that God was there before our arrival.

(from *Seasons of the Word* by Denis McBride)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers:

Lyn Barker, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Alice Bramhill, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Marion Butler, Denise Calder, Baby Finn Drozd Baby Elijah, Derek Faiers, James Fenn, Derek Francis, Mervyn Francis, Ruth & Dennis Freemantle, David Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Catherine Heron, Doreen Holman, Chrissy James, Lena Keane, Eileen Kenny, Michael Kirwan, Theresa Leydon, Betty Marek, Susan Marlow, Sarah Marshall, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Ann O Connor, Karen O'Donovan, Joan Smith, John Stevens, Maria Tinkler, Emmie Walker, Brian Weston, Maureen Weyman., Mary & Lawrie Witchell.

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.



APF BOXES . Are due to your collectors in September. **If your collector was Eileen Brady or is Linda Guilding please leave your box in the APF box in the Sacristy, not at the back of church, by 20th September. Please remember to put your name on the box or we won't know who it belongs to.** Thank you.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Parents, if your child is in Year 3 at primary school and will be 8 yrs old this year, and you wish your child to make their First Holy Communion, please see Deacon Steve, Deacon Ian. Or contact the Parish office. At the moment we are only able to offer support for a home & parent centred programme of preparation.



GOODBYE This weekend we say Goodbye to Eileen & Gerry Brady. They are moving to live near relatives in Ruislip. They have been in the parish nearly twenty years. During that time Eileen has been a Collection counter and a volunteer at our parish shop for 17yrs, has been an APF red box collector for 12 years, has done the accounts for the parish shop for 9 yrs, has been a member of the PPC for 7 yrs. She has also been a Reader at SB'S & SM'S. She and Gerry have attended and supported many, if not all, parish functions. They have also put up with Fr David calling in for a quick visit and staying to watch the tennis!! They will be missed greatly by a lot of people. Gerry & Eileen -we send you off to pastures new with all our love and prayers.



BAPTISM We welcome baby Alice Rose Dowding who will be baptised at SM's today.



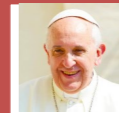
THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED for Linda's annual holiday from 8th Sept. It reopens 22nd September.

If you need a priest in an emergency during this time the emergency contact number is with Deacons Ian and Steve or on the office answerphone.

Any notices to be read out in church please give them to Deacons Steve or Ian.



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The Pope Tweets @Pontifex

Reading the Gospel each day helps us to overcome our selfishness and to follow Jesus our Teacher with dedication.

COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

+ **NEXT WEEK:** Racial Justice 13th September
+ Home Mission Sunday 20th September
+ Cathedral 27th September

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

+ Mary King- Birthday 6th September
+ Ray & Pauline Moore Wedding Anniversary (9th)
+ Flo Warrilow RIP birthday (9th)
+ The Queen.

The Queen is set to become the longest ever reigning monarch in British history this year. On September 9 she will pass the record set by her great-great-grandmother Queen Victoria. Queen Victoria came to the throne aged 18 and died in 1901 when she was 81.

WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA



ALL NIGHT ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Being able to get away from it all, to be able to lay your concerns or difficulties before the Lord or to spend time in adoration before the God present to us in the Blessed Sacrament, is a grace filled moment. Who knows what strength or insight you will receive. **On the second Friday of every month beginning Friday 11th September** at Saint Joseph's, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, SO40 7DU the most precious Sacrament of the Lord will be exposed from **8.00pm to 7.00am**. At 7.00am we will celebrate an early morning Mass. You are welcome to come for the whole night or just to make a visit at a time that suits you in the early hours or simply to join us for Mass in the morning. Tea and coffee will be available throughout the night. Just come!



WHAT IS A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CHURCH?

And how can we become one? There are currently 800,000 people in the UK with Dementia and that number is expected to grow to 1 million in just 8 years time. How are churches responding to this challenge? Why not come along to find out more about it and how Waterside parish can become a Dementia friendly church. The speaker will be Peter Blasby. **Thursday 24th September at 6.30pm at SM's**. All are welcome. God loves everyone, including people with dementia, so they should have the opportunity to worship. Churches should be imaginative and creative to help people with dementia to draw close to God, particularly as they pass through a stressful and difficult part of their life. (*Livability's Disability Friendly Churches Campaign*)



MIGRANT SLAVERY CONFERENCE 9:30am – 3:30pm Saturday **26 September** at St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX. The Justice, Peace and Social Responsibility Team of the Diocese of Portsmouth are hosting this conference. There is an excellent team of speakers including:
□ Kevin Hyland, Independent Anti Slavery Commissioner
□ Fiona Cunningham, Centre for Social Justice
□ Jess Gealer, Medaille Trust
□ Laura Franklin, Assistant Commissioner to the Police and Crime Commissioner, Isle of Wight
Cost £10, early booking essential via websites
<http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/migrant-slavery-day.php> or
cvirgo@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.



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