

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Registered Charity No 246871

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

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The Gospel of St Matthew

8th 14th January 2017

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Year A, Weekdays Year 1 Psalter week 1

MASS TIMES

9.00am Mass SB
11.00am Mass SM

Anniversaries this week May Sycamore (8th), Nita
Manghan (10th), Stanley Ely (13th),

Remembering those who have died recently Margaret
Scott, Maureen Mullen, Nigel Bolton

Mass intentions:: Maureen Mullen RIP (SM's 11am)

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, Lyminster,
St Anne-Rhinefield Road, Brockenhurst
St Francis of Assisi-Park Lane, Milford on Sea.

Deacon: Rev Stephen Morgan

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6pm Lyminster
Sunday Mass 9am Milford on Sea,
10.30am Lyminster
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**

FOLLOW THAT STAR!



The Epiphany is celebrated today, and traditionally the time of year to pack Christmas back into the attic. Today the three wise men set us a shining example. Yes it's time to put the tinsel away, but how can we keep the Christmas star alive?

The wise men in the Epiphany gospel were visionaries with a star that they were determined to follow whatever the obstacles. It's a romantic notion, but visionaries are more than just romantic dreamers. Visionaries are men and woman who can visualise and map the future. More than this, visionaries can realise a better future by their conviction and focus. The wise men began their quest with a hunger for the truth and a determination to find answers. When they finally found Jesus lying in a lowly stable they came away happier and wiser men as a result. Following the star rewarded the three wise men for their focus, by giving their lives better meaning and purpose. Following their star helped the Magi to be the people God had meant them to be.

So how do we follow our star? Firstly we have to have a vision. What does God want of us? Some people agonise over this question, but for many of us it's simply a case of looking at our talents and using them to make the world a better place. Having a vision is all well and good, but next we have to make plans and put those plans into action. This might involve sitting down and identifying obstacles. Remember that obstacles aren't always put in our way by other people. More often or not obstacles exist in our own minds and in our own character traits. As we travel towards our goal we have to determine in whom and in what we trust. When things get tough, it is easy to listen to a well-meaning friend encouraging us to take an easy way out, or adopt a more comfortable goal. "King Herods" don't always come in the obvious guise of a pantomime baddie. Lastly, we have to be able to recognise Jesus in our lives, and once we have found him, allow him to navigate.

For all those who are heading into the new year feeling lost, or tired, or lonely, or disillusioned, remember that good things await those who listen to God, and follow his star.

(An extract from Chapel Bell)

For Sacrament of the sick or Holy Communion to the sick or housebound: contact parish office

Please keep in your prayers: Violetta Baddour, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Marion Butler, Denise Calder, Bruno Chrzanowski, Fr Vincent Convery, Kathryn Cox, Deny 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, Tony O'Connell, Anne O'Connor, Michelle Ripley, Joan Smith, Emmie Walker, Brian Weston, Maureen Weyman. Mary & Lawrie Witchell, Bridget Wyatt



SAD NEWS: It is with great sadness that I have to announce the death of **NIGEL BOLTON**, Maureen's son, who passed away recently. May he rest in peace. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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YEMEN CRISIS: CAFOD is a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) – a coalition of leading aid agencies which has launched an appeal to respond to the humanitarian crisis in Yemen. The civil war between the Houthi ethnic group and supporters of Yemen's government is now into its second year. The UN estimates that the conflict has killed more than 10,000 people, with 6,000 people killed this year alone. The resulting humanitarian crisis is significant. More than 7 million in Yemen do not know where their next meal will come from. CAFOD's partner in Yemen is providing humanitarian assistance in the form of food, water, medical care and shelter. To donate go to their website at <http://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/yemen-crisis-appeal>



CHRISTMAS EDITION OF PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE has info about Stephen Walford's new book *Communion of Saints*. All proceeds from the sale of the book will go to Aid to the Church in Need for the persecuted Christians of the Middle East. The book has Bishop Philip's Imprimatur and a foreword by the Cardinal Archbishop of Quebec.



ST ANNE'S SCHOOL, SOUTHAMPTON.

CONSULTATION ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS—

SEPTEMBER 2018. As required by regulations, the governing body of St Anne's will be conducting a consultation on its proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2018—2019 from 16/12/16 to 27/1/2017. Copies of the proposed changes can be obtained online at www.st-annes.uk.com



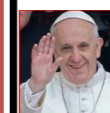
WATERSIDE FOOD BANK: At this time of year don't forget items for Waterside Foodbank. The Foodbank accepts any tinned or dried food as long as it is still in date. The Foodbank provides for local individuals & families in crisis across the Waterside.



PARISH DIARY 2017 Calling all groups or individuals who put on any events in the parish. I need your dates for 2017 please. The dates go into the parish diary to avoid any clashes. All events will then be advertised in the newsletter. Please let me have your dates **by Tues-day 10th January**. Thank you.



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



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY: That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.



BAPTISM OF THE LORD 9TH JANUARY

What does Jesus' baptism say to us? Jesus' thirty years of preparation before his public baptism remind us that it takes time to get ready for God's mission. How many countless hours did Jesus spend in prayer? What study, what thought, what vision must he have undergone before appearing in front of John asking for baptism?

What do we learn from Jesus' baptism? January is a time for new beginnings and fresh resolution. John the Baptist was an expert on this. John's ministry was all

about repentance and reform ... that's what his baptism was all about. But anyone who has ever seriously tried to change themselves will know how difficult change really is. We all fondly imagine that change is just beyond our reach, and all we have to do is reach that little bit further. Perhaps we would be more giving if we had more money. Perhaps we would be more helpful to others if we could manage our time better. Perhaps we would manage to be tidier if we had a home extension. Perhaps we could be happier if we found a perfect partner. Perhaps we could feel better fulfilled if we changed our job, passed a few more exams, moved to the country, lost weight, got a promotion, had a baby... the list goes on and on. Yet every January we find ourselves in much the same situation as the previous year. Those who were baptised by John were baptised as a sign of their intent to change from their old ways, but knowing how difficult change can be, we can't help wondering how successful they must have been. Perhaps John appreciated this too when he said "I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."

When we look for change in our lives, perhaps we are looking in all the wrong places. Perhaps all we need to do is to ask the Holy Spirit for help. We are told that the same Holy Spirit that empowered Jesus at the outset of his ministry, is the same Holy Spirit that is given to us in our baptism. Validating our baptism anew every day, knowing that we are filled with the Holy Spirit perhaps change isn't just beyond our reach after all. (An extract from Chapel Bell)

COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY



The crib collection was £108.00 for the e Knights of the Holy Sepulchre towards their work in the Holy Land.



15th January

International Catholic movement for peace.

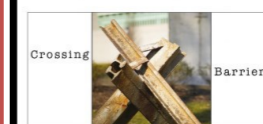
PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- + The family and friends of Nigel Bolton RIP.
- + Fr Abraham as he prepares to move to his new parish
- + Yvonne Mulvenney- birthday

WHAT'S ON ?

CROSSING BARRIERS Daily Prayer for Christian unity will be held in the worship area at Cornerstone from 11 to 11.20am Monday **16th to Friday 20th January** ALL ARE WELCOME!

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2017



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CAFOD PORTSMOUTH SUPPORTERS'

MEETING – Saturday 4 February Join us at our

next CAFOD Portsmouth Supporters' Meeting on Saturday 4 February 2017 from 10am-1.30pm at St Bede's Catholic Primary School, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. There will be a special talk on our livelihoods work in Zambia (our Lenten focus) by Mark Chamberlain and a chance to hear an update on all our exciting campaigns from Dan Hale. Please book a place in advance via 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk Thank you.