

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

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The Gospel of Luke- The Gospel of Mercy

10th JANUARY 2016 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Year C, Weekdays Year 2; Psalter week 2

9.00am Mass SB

11.00am Mass SM

Monday 11th January No Mass

Tuesday 12th January No Mass

(St Aelred, Abbot)

Wednesday 13th January No Mass

(St Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)

Thursday 14th January No Mass

→ **Friday 15th January NO MASS** ←

Saturday 16th January NO MASS

MASS INTENTIONS 10th-16th January

Anniversaries this week: Nita Manghan (10th), Stanley Ely (13th),
 Barbara Coughlan (15th), Thomas Weir (16th)

Remembering those who have died recently: Lena Keane,
 Eileen Kenny, Tom Sherlock, Canon Richard Hind, Karen O'Donovan
 Sarah Jane Morrison, John Green

Other Intentions: Baby Finn Drozd (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 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**

EXPERIENCING A RADICAL GIFT AND CALLING

It is a truism that as a culture we have all but lost any meaningful initiation rites to mark the decisive break between juvenile and adult status. Anthropologists have given fascinating accounts of what they could observe of these rites as they still survive in indigenous cultures. A constant theme is that almost overnight, the boys and the girls matured. In our over-protective, risk-averse society how do we prepare our young people for the demands life, especially the Christian life, will make on them? How do we model for them an adult who is mature spiritually and psychologically as well as simply physically? What is on offer to nurture mature adult spirituality for both men and women distinctively? It is obvious that in our culture, something is awry both psychologically and spiritually and the evidence of adult immaturity is everywhere to be seen.

There is no doubt that the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) has helped greatly to form adult Christians who accept the summons of the gospel with energy, dedication and courage. Their stories of hearing, of being intrigued, challenged, of deciding to re-orientate their lives through baptism illustrate, I believe, a reality that can also be addressed as we celebrate this feast.

Jesus was a man of his time, but totally transparent to the Father. Seemingly he was drawn by the charismatic power of John's preaching. He may, conceivably, have been one of his disciples - 'Someone is following me ...' (Mark 1:7) - and was moved to seek ritual cleansing as a sign of solidarity with his sinful, but repentant people, and also dedicate himself to the as yet unclear call of his vocation. His time of endurance and testing in the desert would complete his initiation process: First the surrender to the Father's call in the ritual baptizing, then to the temptations which would strengthen his resolve, finally to ministry.

But this is only one way to think about the story. The Gospel passage links with the passage from Isaiah to suggest that in Jesus we have the mysterious servant who will be endowed 'with my spirit' and who will be a power for social transformation and healing. He will surpass his mentor, John, in that his life, death and resurrection will endow the rite of baptism with an untameable power: the energy of the Holy Spirit. His baptism is the decisive break with his former, 'hidden' life, the mature decision to engage with his destiny. This waiving of his personal freedom inaugurates, so to speak, a new order. It is also the model for spiritual maturity: being radically open to the way God works in one's life.

As with the Epiphany, this feast is not just an occasion to recall. It is an invitation to a challenge: to rediscover the full meaning of our Christian initiation. It is to appreciate that we share the same Spirit; that we are not to be effete, risk-averse Christians, but committed to an ongoing transformation both of ourselves and our milieu. It is especially apposite for the majority of us who were baptised as children because it can prompt or even evoke a scrutiny of what we understand ourselves to be in virtue of our baptism.

(by Deacon Kevin McKeivitt from Priests & People December 2003)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers:

David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Alice Bramhill, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Marion Butler, Denise Calder, Nick Candrl, Kathryn Cox, Baby Finlay Drozd, Baby Elijah, Keith Ellison, Derek Faiers, Derek Francis, Mervyn Francis, Ruth & Dennis Freemantle, David Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Catherine Heron, Doreen Holman, Chrissy James, Trudy King, Peggy & Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Susan Marlow, Sarah Marshall, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Ann O Connor, 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.



The funeral of the late **JOHN GREEN**, husband of Ingrid, who passed away on Christmas Day, will be at Wessex Vale Crematorium on Friday 22nd January at 11.30 am. Please keep Ingrid and her family in your prayers.



A BIG THANK YOU: from Father David & Fr Vincent to all of you for a very generous Christmas Offering. The collection at Christmas time is a voluntary contribution towards your parish priest's annual income, this year it was divided between both of us. Your generosity in difficult financial circumstances is greatly appreciated.



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. Thanks to Terry & Theresa for getting donated items to the bank.



PARISH DIARY 2016 Calling all groups or individuals who put on any events in the parish. I need your dates for 2016 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 THIS TUESDAY 19TH JANUARY* Thank you.



CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE on Sunday 3rd January was a great success! Thanks to Angela & Gosia for all their hardwork. Thanks to all those who turned up and especially those who helped - the Martha group, the readers, all those who made cakes for the party afterwards and also those who brought along other family members and friends.



THE POWER OF PRAYER 'My great nephew Finlay Drozd has been on our "sick list" since he was born in June. Yesterday, after 3 operations cancelled, he was operated on at the Brompton hospital to close the holes in his heart. The surgeon said he was very, very pleased with the way they operation went; however Finlay would need very close monitoring for the next few weeks. He is expected to be in hospital for at least another three weeks. I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support during what has been a very stressful time for my family. Thank you is not enough but it is all I can offer at the moment.' *(Polly Read)*



THANKS TO EVERYONE at St Bernard's & St Michael's who helped to put away cribs and Christmas decorations and to get the churches ready for the next liturgical time. *(Fr David)*



WATERSIDE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: The First Holy Communion programme begins today after Mass at SB's. Thanks to Deacon Ian and Helen Kitson who will be running the programme. *(Fr David)*



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POPE FRANCIS' Prayer intention for January :

Interreligious Dialogue The basis of interreligious dialogue is that there is more that unites us than divides us. In each religion we find common foundations. When we celebrate our similarities, we find peace and harmony.

This month, Pope Francis asks us to join in his prayer intention- **"that sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice."**



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY How can we show others the mercy of God? We say that God is compassionate, but do we show compassion for the poor? We say that God loves us and has mercy on us, but do we hang on to grudges or stand in judgement over others? In this, the Jubilee Year of Mercy, our actions need to authentically reflect God's mercy.



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY—Bishop Philip has now opened the Door of Mercy at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. There is a second Door of Mercy at Our Lady and St Edmund's, Abingdon. All are invited to go on pilgrimage to these Holy Doors during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. A plenary indulgence may be obtained. To find out more, including about indulgences, go to: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/hollyearofmercy.

COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY



THIS SUNDAY: 10th January. White Flower Appeal 2nd Collection : The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this weekend. In common with the Catholic Church, SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death.

+ **Mission Appeal** 17th January

+ **Catholic Education Service** collection 24th January

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

+ Ingrid Green and her family and friends
 + All those who are sick or housebound in our parish
 + Ann Harding (RIP- Birthday)
 + Christian Unity
 + The deceased Clergy of the Province

WHAT'S ON?



PEACE SUNDAY 17th January Overcome indifference and win peace "....We have been heartened by the outpouring of empathy and action that surrounds the current migrant crisis, but unless we combine this with work to stop the causes of war, the global arms trade and our part within it; the billions spent annually on war and war preparations - we will not win peace." *(Most Rev Malcolm McMahon OP)*



CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK 18th -25th January The theme of the Week of Prayer : Salt of the Earth, has been chosen by a group of people belonging to different churches in Latvia. God has chosen us not as a privilege, but to fulfil some purpose. Christians live their baptismal calling and bear witness to God's mighty acts in a variety of ways. Awareness of our common identity in Christ calls us to work towards answering the questions that still divide us as Christians. We are called, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, to share our experiences and so discover, that in our common pilgrimage, Jesus Christ is among us.



CAFOD *just one world* Why not make it a New Year Resolution to join the parish CAFOD group? Join the CAFOD Parish Group and for an introduction to CAFOD's work come to their Supporters Day on **Saturday 23 January** (10am to 1.30pm in Basingstoke). See poster in the Porch or speak to Louise Croll -phone 80898213 for further details.



PAUSE FOR PRAYER Tuesday 26th January 10-11am St Michael's, Hythe All welcome for quiet scripture, prayer & reflection.