

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

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The Gospel of Luke- The Gospel of Mercy

BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF EASTER

3rd Sunday of Easter 10th April 2016

Year C, Weekdays Year 2 Psalter week 3

9.00am	Mass SB
11.00am	Mass SM
Monday 11th April	No Mass
<i>(St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr)</i>	
Tuesday 12th April	No Mass
Wednesday 13th April	No Mass
<i>(St Martin I, Pope & Martyr)</i>	
Thursday 14th April	No Mass
Friday 15th April	10AM MASS SM'S
Saturday 16th April	10AM MASS SM'S
Sacrament of Reconciliation after 10am Mass	

Anniversaries this week: John Hepplewhite 14th, Bill Feltham (15th)

Remembering those who have died recently: Michael Kirwan, Ruth Freemantle, Alice Bramhill, Edward Parrett

Mass Intentions: 11am SM's Ruth Freemantle, recently deceased.

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	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**

INSISTING ON LOVE: PETER

In polite society you are not supposed to go around asking people questions like "Who do you say I am?" or "Do you love me?" Perhaps because the answers might be deadening. Questions that go to the heart of the matter, particularly when the matter concerns what you really think of another person, are usually eased out of the conversation like slightly potty relatives are eased out of the room after they have misbehaved. In today's Gospel, however, Jesus is in good voice when he asks Peter three times if he really loves him.

Remember that before the crucifixion Peter had not exactly distinguished himself. Three times he denied being a disciple of Jesus and knowing anything about him. The man Jesus chooses to exercise primacy of authority is the one who is caught out by a servant girl as he lies insistently. He is the man who is arrested by a cock crowing in the dark.

As we hear from the epilogue of John's Gospel, after the crucifixion Peter and the disciples returned to their old trade of fishing. There is no suggestion that they believed themselves to have a mission to carry on after the death of Jesus. After Jesus had died their hopes went into the tomb and they returned to old, familiar ways. They try to cope with the loss of the one who had changed their lives.

After a long night's fishing the disciples come up with zero, and a distant figure on the shore tells them to try again. They pull in a marvellous haul. The Beloved Disciple identifies the figure as Jesus, and Peter in his excitement tries treading water to be with him. Peter has a wet breakfast with the Lord.

After the meal Jesus asks Peter three times about the reality of his love. Insisting on love is something of a mark with Jesus. Three times Peter affirms his love, as three times Jesus insists on it. And when Peter professes his love Jesus commissions him to care for his flock. Seeing the Lord is always a dismissal for ministry; loving the Lord is always a charge to care for others.

And that is what Peter does - as we heard from today's first reading. In his ministry of preaching and healing Peter gets through to many people, and the authorities become nervous at the ability of Peter and the apostles to work in the name of Jesus. In spite of the opposition Peter will continue insisting on his love for Jesus and this insistence will take him to martyrdom in Rome. In the end Jesus' question "Simon, do you love me?" becomes profoundly unnecessary. There is nothing circumstantial about Peter's love.

So the question of Jesus is openly directed to each of us: "Do you love me?" But before Jesus puts the question to us he goes to enormous trouble to first assure us that he really loves us. He died making the point. When we're assured of that first love we might be less hesitant in declaring our own.


The question of Jesus stays with us hoping for an answer. The question comes from one who is more interested in our future prospects than our past failures. He doesn't pass the time in bitter recriminations. He's more interested in what can become of us. That kind of person is worth letting through our defences and locked doors. He's not a security risk. After all, his Valentine has already been slipped under the door.


(From *Seasons of the Word* by Denis McBride).


PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Marion Butler, Denise Calder, Nick Candri, Kathryn Cox, Avril & Michael Daniels, Baby Finlay Drozd, Baby Elijah, Keith Ellison, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Dennis Freemantle, David Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Catherine Heron, Doreen Holman, Chrissy James, Peggy Kirwan, Sue Knell, Betty Marek, Susan Marlow, Sarah Marshall, Niamh Mulherne, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Ann O Connor, Michelle Ripley, Joan Smith, John Stevens, Emmie Walker, Brian Weston, Maureen Weyman. Mary & Lawrie Wittchell, 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.


 **RUTH FREEMANTLE RIP** Today's 11am Mass at SM's will be offered for Ruth Freemantle, recently deceased.

 **SAD NEWS** It is with great sadness that I have to announce the death of Edward Parrett, 26 year old Grandson of Ron & Bea Kelly, who passed away on 3rd April. May he rest in peace. Please pray for Edward and his family and friends at this sad time.

 The office will be closed on Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st April as I'm having a few days away. *If there is anything you would like included in the newsletter for Sunday 24th April please let me know by next Tuesday 12th April.*

 **THE BOILER AT SB'S** The gas engineer serviced the boiler and found the flue was blocked causing noxious fumes to come back down instead of being drawn out. He also thought the flue was made from asbestos, so he turned off the boiler until this was sorted out. The flue was tested for asbestos this week and our prayers were answered as we do not have asbestos in the flue. The sweep has now cleared the blockage and the engineer is returning to get everything up and running again. We cannot get a Gas safety certificate until all this work is completed. I'm hoping if all goes to plan that you'll be warm again this weekend. Thank you for your tolerance.

 **SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**
Are you celebrating a 25th, 30, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so then I invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 9th July 2016. **If you would like to come,** please visit the diocesan website and complete the online form. Here is the link to the form. www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/ Or send an email to annivesaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a COPY of your Wedding photograph, either by email to the above email address or by post and send to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. *(Please mark the envelope, "Significant Anniversaries Mass")*.
ALTHOUGH THE SERVICE IS NOT UNTIL JULY PLEASE BOOK A PLACE A.S.A.P

 **CHEQUES** Please note if you have to write a cheque to the parish the new wording is:
Portsmouth RC Diocesan T'Tees Waterside Catholic Parish.
(The old format PRCDTR Waterside Catholic parish is no longer accepted by the bank.)

Father David has asked that each week (space permitting) there will be something written here about the Year of Mercy &/or Laudato Si to help us gain a greater understanding.

The website for the New Forest Pastoral area has a weekly extract from Laudato Si.
<http://www.nfwp.org.uk/>



"REFLECTIONS DURING THE YEAR OF MERCY WITH POPE FRANCIS We need to be strong every day of our lives, to carry forward our life, our family, our faith. The apostle Paul said something that will benefit us to hear: "I can do all things in him who strengthens me." (Phil 4:13) When we face daily life, when difficulties arise, let us remember this: "I can do all things in him who strengthens me."

'The Lord always strengthens us; he never lets strength lack. The Lord does not try us beyond our possibilities. He is always with us.'
(General Audience, May 14, 2014)

Reflection: Fortitude gives us the courage to carry on in difficult circumstances. In what area of your life do you need God's strength right now? Give this area up to God in prayer and continue to have hope that he will give you the strength.



I hope you are still rejoicing in the Resurrection. Although the Easter Eggs are probably long gone from the supermarket shelves, the Church is an Easter People and we continue to celebrate the Easter Season for 50 days, through to the Feast of Pentecost.

Please keep our many Confirmation Candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit this Eastertide.
(Bishop Philip)

COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL

NEXT SUNDAY 17th April Clergy Training Fund

This is an obligatory Diocesan collection which helps fund those students training for the diaconate & priesthood. The collection will be taken at all Masses on Sunday, 17th April.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- + All those who mourn
- + The friends and family of Edward Parrett
- + Those preparing for Confirmation
- + The refugee crisis

WHAT'S ON ?



Alton Day of Renewal You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Year of Mercy. Featuring guest speaker Peter Hobbs on "Father forgive them: *Intercessory prayer.*"
Where: St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead Manor, Medstead. GU34 5LL **When:** Saturday 23rd April 2016.



A Day for Carers Saturday 16th April 10:30 to 3.30
Medstead Convent, Medstead, Alton. See poster in porch.



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



CALLED & GIFTED: The actual workshop takes place on **Friday 13th May** 7pm-9pm; **Saturday 14th May** 9am-4pm at St Theresa's church hall, 20 Beaumont Rd.' Totton SO40 3AL, totton@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Tel: 023 8086 2270, Mob: 07515001645. BOOKING FORMS ARE IN THE PORCH.



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