

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

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Sixth Sunday of Easter May 10th 2015

Year B, Weekdays Year 1; Psalter week 2

9.00am Mass SB
11.00am Mass SM

Monday 11th May No Service

Tuesday 12th May No Service
Ss Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs

Wednesday 13th May No Service
Our Lady of Fatima

Thursday 14th May No Service
St Matthias, Apostle

Friday 15th May Mass Mass 10am SM

Saturday 16th May Mass 10am SM
Sacrament of Reconciliation straight after Mass

MASS INTENTIONS 10th- 16May

Anniversaries this week: Vera West (10th), Partrick Connaughton (12th),

Remembering those who have died recently: Mary Clare Young, Michael Bond, Betty Williams, Ray Ward, Dorothy Lovelock, Joyce Walker, Vera Cassidy, Rosemary Holmes.

Other Intentions: All those who have lost their lives in the earthquake in Nepal.

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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**

CHOOSING TO REMAIN IN THE LOVE

It is only when job applicants are chosen for a job that they are free to take it or leave it. In applying they declare that they want the position; but wishes aren't choices. Only after acceptance have they the actual power to choose the job or not. That is why people forced by circumstances into a course of action always say, "But I had no choice in the matter." When John talks about the love of God in today's readings, he is clear what he means - "this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us". The same message is underlined in the Gospel: "You did not choose me, no, I chose you". We don't have to turn up at an interview to discover if God will choose us or not: God has already made an everlasting decision to love us. God's love is not an issue, it is not a matter of speculation. It is there. God's love is first, and it is only because of the primacy of God's love that we have the power and the freedom to choose God. God has opted for us, he has declared his choice, he has taken us on. It is a decisive movement of love that began with the Father: "As the Father has loved me, so I love you. Remain in my love." The hope is expressed that we can come to appreciate God's choice of us. It is such good news that John is anxious to get the message through to us, simply and clearly. Can we remain in the love that chooses us?

God's love is based on choice: he loves because he chooses to love. The supreme example of that is in his Word, Jesus. If the supreme act of love is to lay down your life for the sake of others, Jesus shows that he could have no greater love. His love takes him to the cross, just as the Father's love raises him up. Jesus spends himself, he gives of himself until there is nothing left to give. He empties himself.

In everything that he did Jesus kept on choosing to love. He did not choose once upon a time; he chose to love at all times. It drained him. That self-giving quality of divine love is one that can be seen in the lives of many people. One doctor saw it in a way that he can never forget. As a young medical student he watched an unusual operation in a London hospital:

It was the first time that this particular brain operation had been carried out in this country. It was performed by one of our leading surgeons upon a young man of great promise for whom, after an accident, there seemed to be no other remedy. It was an operation of the greatest delicacy, in which a small error would have had fatal consequences. In the outcome the operation was a triumph: but it involved seven hours of intense and uninterrupted concentration on the part of the surgeon. When it was over, a nurse had to take him by the hand, and lead him from the operating theatre like a blind man or a little child.

That kind of self-giving and concentration on the needs of another reflect something of the quality of God's love in Jesus. Jesus hopes that we will choose to keep on giving ourselves in love, even when the giving hurts, even when we feel we have nothing left but our exhausted presence. But it's that kind of love that mirrors God's kind of love. As Jesus said himself, the love that costs nothing can be managed by anyone, for everything is on credit. The bill for authentic love is the giving of the self, the communication of the self, the handing over of the self.

We have to admit that few of us have the freedom or the power to accomplish this. We can only choose to try, confident that our struggle is backed by God's energetic love. Somewhere in the struggle we can hear the voice of God cheering us on.

(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, Alice Bramhill, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Marion Butler, Denise Calder, Baby Elijah, Derek Faiers, Derek Francis, Mervyn Francis, Ruth Freemantle, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Rose Gudge, Sally Herbert, Catherine Heron, Doreen Holman, Chrissy James, John & Lena Keane, Ron Kelly, Eileen Kenny, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Sarah Mc Cann, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Ann O Connor, Karen O'Donovan, Norma Rudd, Joan Smith, Susan Soutter, John Stevens, Maria Tinkler, Emmie Walker, Brian Weston, Maureen Weyman.

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.



SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Saturday 27th June Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ wedding anniversary this year? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass to celebrate. This takes place on 27th June at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to marriage. If you would like to come, please go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk, click on 'Significant Wedding Anniversaries' and fill out the form. You will then be sent an invitation from Bishop Philip. For any queries or further information please email: anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk **Everyone who has registered has been asked to submit a wedding photograph by scanning and emailing to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Any problems contact Linda in the office.**



THE LATE BETTY WILLIAMS: Betty's ashes will be scattered on Sunday 24th May at 12.30 pm at Blackfield cemetery. If you would like to attend you will be made very welcome.

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE ... We will have a retiring collection for CAFOD's support in the crisis this weekend. CAFOD has launched an emergency appeal following the earthquake in Nepal. Thousands of people in this already impoverished country have been killed and many thousands more are now in urgent need of food, water, shelter and emergency supplies. The UN estimates that 8 million people (a quarter of the population) are affected. CAFOD is responding with Caritas Nepal and the Church and have deployed a team to provide specialist support. *We are particularly concerned for communities in remote areas that have not yet been reached and need to be ready to act quickly when access becomes possible. Support will also be needed for the long term - long after the television cameras have left - to enable communities to rebuild their lives and plan for the future. I am very aware that members of parishes and schools communities across England and Wales have responded extremely generously to our recent Lent appeal - Waterside gave £1570.71 - which as you know will be matched pound for pound by the British Government to a total of £3141.42!. This generosity will enable many communities around the world to look forward to a more hopeful future in which they and their families can flourish. On their behalf we thank you. (CAFOD)*



May is Mary's month. Remember this month to pray the Rosary for peace.



WELCOME to ETHAN JAMES ALEXANDER WHEELER who is being baptised on Sunday 17th May 12.30 pm at St Michael's.

Faith, Hope & Charity.
8 ST JOHN'S STREET, HYTHE
SO45 6DA
Tel: 02380 207882



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY: *That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbours who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.*

COLLECTIONS FOR MAY



CLERGY TRAINING FUND the collection on 26th April was £165.83. Thank you for your generosity.



NEXT WEEKEND 17th May: WORLD COMMUNICATIONS Obligatory collection. The Church must make certain that Her voice is heard through the media of television, radio and press. This collection is for the upkeep of training centres through which priests, religious and lay pass each year.



31st May: Tickets will be on sale for the next Quiz Night, which will be on 13th June.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- + For all those who have lost their lives escaping from Africa to Europe in the hope of a new life.
- + When you pray for the people of Nepal at Mass this weekend could we ask you to include the work of CAFOD - that they will respond with speed and compassion in support of our brothers and sisters.
- + **Fiona Middleton** (until August last year she was Deputy head teacher of our Catholic Primary school in Lymington) is teaching in The British School (TBS) Kathmandu. Finola and her colleagues have just lived through one of the most terrifying earthquakes in Nepali history. Thankfully she is safe, as are all her work mates. However, there are thousands of local people who have lost their families, their homes and their businesses. One of Finola's friends has lost 6 members of their family. So please include Finola and her colleagues in your prayers as they try to rebuild their school and a life in this devastated country.

WHAT'S ON



ANCHOR- Adult faith development programme **St Theresa's, Totton.** 6 evening sessions. Wed 7.30-9pm June 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, July 1st & 8th. See poster in porch for further details.
INTRODUCTORY TALK 13TH MAY 7.30PM



THE RELICS of Blessed Louis & Zelig Martin (parents of St Therese of the Child Jesus & Holy Face) will be received at **St Therese's Parish in Totton, Wednesday, 20th May 12.30pm.** There will be opportunities to venerate the relics between 12.30pm & 6.45pm. Rosary, Vespers & singing the praises of the Lord until 6.45pm followed by Mass at 7pm.



THE GLORY - PRAYER IN THE HOLY OF HOLIES 16th May at Wisdom centre, Romsey, **HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**



A DAY FOR YOU - AFTER BEREAVEMENT: Friday 22nd May 11am- 3pm (coffee and registration from 10.30am) Wisdom Centre, Romsey. Suggested offering £20 to include lunch. For more information about either days please telephone 01794 830206 or email: reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk



BIG CHURCH DAY OUT - a Christian music festival for the whole family **23rd - 24th May** - Wiston House, West Sussex. Every year, 20,000 Christians attend this music festival, which features contemporary Christian music and Catholic worship leaders such as Matt Maher. This year, parishioners of Portsmouth Diocese are being offered a special discount. It promises to be a great weekend for the whole family.



'A DAY WITH MARY': St Joseph's, Ashurst, Saturday 30 May: Father Des will lead a meditation on the most important titles of Mary. The Holy Rosary will link the various aspects of the day together. The day will begin at 10:30am - coffee available from 10am, finishing around 3:30pm. A simple lunch will be served. A suggested donation of £15 per person would be gratefully received. If you would like to attend then email: frdes@montfort.org.uk, Tel 02380 292 337 **by 25 May.**