

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

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Dec 10 to 16 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year B Weekdays Year 1

MASS TIMES

SUNDAY 9.00am MASS SB's

Mass Intention : Maureen Mullen RIP

SUNDAY 11.00am MASS.. SM's

Mass Intention: People of the Parish

Anniversaries this week: RIP Andy Anderson (11). Aidan Pretage (13). Neil Tanner (13). Patricia Leaver ((14).

SAD NEWS: It is with sadness we must announce that Elizabeth Dawtry, RIP a parishioner of many years, died on 6th December May she rest in peace.

If you have any announcement to be made in the church or newsletter we would like to have it by **Thursday morning**. Only emergency ones to be brought to the sacristy on Sunday morning.

Fr. Abraham would like to thank everyone, especially the Deacons who put things together in his absence. A special thanks to Fr. David Quaramby

Coffee and Tea at St Michael's

You are warmly invited to join us after 11am Mass.
(Go through the Sacristy into the Hall)

FOODBANK CHRISTMAS APPEAL.

In the next 3 weeks the foodbank needs **Christmas items** to make up over **100 food parcels** for local families in crisis. (Last date 3 Dec) Items requested: Tin of ham, chocolate log, long life cream, biscuits, child's selection box, box of chocolates, nibbles, Christmas crackers, mince pies. Please Help and thank you for your generous support

Weekday Mass Timings

St.M. Masses at St Michael's

St. B. Masses at St Bernard's

Monday 9am. St.M. Mass 2nd Week of Advent

Tuesday 10am. St.M. Mass 2nd Week of Advent. Followed by benediction until 10.30

Wednesday 10am St.M. 2nd Week of Advent

Thursday 10am St.B Mass. 2nd Week of Advent

Friday 10am. St.M. Mass 2nd Week of Advent

Saturday 10am. St. M. Mass. 2nd Week of Advent.

Collection: Flowers for the church.

Children Christmas Carol Service.

You are all welcome to our Carol Service for children (and those young at heart) on **Saturday 23rd December** at 2,00pm in St. Bernard's Church. We would love to have you with us. The service will be followed by refreshments. If you are able, a few cakes would be gratefully received to be served with the refreshments.

Christmas Raffle

Very many thanks to everyone who supported the Parish Christmas Raffle, it raised £1000 for Parish funds. Plus the Coffee Morning held during the draw raised £67.20. Thank you to all who helped.

Parish Christmas Lunch

We thank the social group who organized the Christmas Lunch for the Parish.

Christmas Mass Times

Sunday 24th December: 9am St Bernard's.
11am St Michael's

7.30pm St Michael's- Carol Service with readings

8.00pm St. Michael's - 1st Mass of Christmas

Monday 25th December:
10am St. Bernard's

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, Philomena Breen, Christopher Browne, Marion Butler, Denise Calder, Bruno Chrzanowski, Fr Vincent Convery, Kathryn Cox, Deny Croll, Baby Finlay Drozd, Keith Ellison, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Dennis Freemantle, David Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Fiona Francis, Catherine Heron, Doreen Holman, Peggy Kirwan, Sarah Marshall, Pauline Moore, Anne O Connor, David Parkinson, Michelle Ripley, Joan Smith, Emmie Walker, Brian Weston, Mary & Lawrie Wittchell, Patrick Bradley. Brenda Atkinson. Iris Bolton. Barry Norris. Magdalene Smith. Lisa Swanson. Joan Hopper. John Bowden.

Lending Library News.

We now have some volunteers. Thank you so much. Now we need a **bookcase** at St. Bernard's for the Christian books available for parishioners to borrow. If anyone has one they do not need or want, please contact Joan Cocker on 023 80893699

Prayer to St. Michael, the Archangel

Most glorious Prince of the heavenly armies, St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in our battles against principalities and powers, against the rulers of this world of darkness, against the spirits of wickedness in the high places. Come to the assistance of men whom God has created to His likeness and whom He has redeemed at a great price from the tyranny of the devil. Holy Church venerates you as her guardian and protector, to you the Lord has entrusted the souls of the redeemed, to be led into heaven. Pray to the God of peace to crush Satan beneath our feet, that he may no longer retain men captive and do injury to the Church. Offer our prayers to the Most High, that without delay they may draw His mercy down upon us, take hold of the dragon, the old serpent, which is the devil and satan and cast him into the bottomless pit, so that he may no longer seduce the nations.

LAST WEEK COLLECTION

Loose plate £130.68 Gift Aid. £191

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

CAFOD gifts are a fun and meaningful way to give gifts to the people you love, and make a difference to some of the poorest communities around the world at the same time. Each gift comes with a Christmas gift card and you can choose to send a goat, build a business or help a refugee child. You can order gifts online at cafod.org.uk/world gifts or call 0808 1400014 or catalogues are available in your church. Many Thanks. Jo Lewry.



THE POPE TWEETS @pontifex

We all possess God-given talents. No one can claim to be so poor that they have nothing to offer others.

No child of God can be discarded in His eyes. He entrusts a mission to each one of us.

We are all beggars before the love of God, a love that gives meaning to our existence and that offers us eternal life.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE LATEST NEWS!

The Diocese of Portsmouth now issues a weekly e-news. Go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and add your email address to receive these updates.

Pray: Please pray for Dr Scott Hahn, our bishop, the clergy and people of our diocese, for the Mission of the Church in this place that we may all bring people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church. Pray also for the Iraqi Christians displaced by ISIS in 2014 to rebuild and return to their homes in the Nineveh Plains.

Mass with the Anointing of the Sick

If you feel you would benefit from this simple but profound encounter with Christ then you are welcome to St Joseph's, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst. SO40 7DU on Thursday 14th December at 7pm.

Unto us a child is born!

A day of reflection in preparation for Christmas will take place at St Joseph's, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, SO40 7DU on Saturday 16th December. The day will begin at 10.30am and close after Mass at 3.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch. A suggested donation of £20.00 would be gratefully received.

Apostleship of the Sea: We would appreciate donations of warm winter clothes (hats, gloves, scarves, jumpers and waterproof jackets) for the seafarers. Thank you for your generosity.

Catholic Youth

Portsmouth Diocese is sending a group of 18-30s to World Youth Day, Panama in January 2019 (21st-27th). Anyone who would like to go should express their interest by emailing youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk no later than 15th January. The cost is in the region of £1800, and support will be given for seeking sponsorship and fundraising.

Good Counsel Network.

Please join us for a day of prayer and fasting, on Mon 11th Dec, the vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please pray for an end to abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Pray that politicians won't hinder the pro-life presence outside abortion clinics and that buffer zones won't be introduced.