

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

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Second Sunday of EASTER 12th April 2015

Divine Mercy Sunday

Year B, Weekdays Year 1:

9.00am Mass SB
11.00am Mass SM

Monday 13th April No Service
St Martin, Pope & Martyr

Tuesday 14th April No Service

Wednesday 15th April No Service

Thursday 16th April No Service

Friday 17th April Mass Mass 10am SM

Saturday 18th April Mass 10am SM

Sacrament of Reconciliation straight after Mass

MASS INTENTIONS 12th - 18th April

Anniversaries this week: John Hepplewhite (14th), Bill Feltham (15th), Honora Power (17th), George Farrelly (18th)

Remembering those who have died recently: George Churchfield Les Mc Ginlay, Mary Clare Young, Michael Bond, Betty Williams, Ray Ward, Dorothy Lovelock, Joyce Walker.

Other Intentions: Rose Gudge (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**

CARING ABOUT FAITH

Believing and belonging. When we gather each week to celebrate the memory of Jesus, we help each other by our very presence at Mass. Turning up is an act of faith. Our faith gives us a sense of belonging to a large community: when we believe, we belong. But the community of faith can never be a substitute for individual faith.

Nobody can do our believing for us. Some people will believe in anything, because their belief costs them nothing. You can add random lists to their creeds and they will smile and nod agreement – not because they have faith, but because they have become accustomed to defending themselves against facing the complexity of the real. They don't travel on their belief; their commitment ends with their ready assent. This is not the innocence of simplicity; it is the disguise adopted by those who don't care what they believe in. As long as they're numbered among the believers they are content.

The discontented apostle. In today's Gospel the disciples are gathered in a locked room. The recent violence has made them security conscious. For all their defensiveness, however, they cannot keep out the pressing love of the risen Jesus. He appears in their midst; his greeting is peace; their response is joy. For John, Easter Sunday is Pentecost, and the gift of the spirit is the breath of the risen Christ.

Thomas is part of the group, but he is also a distinct independent self. He cannot be loyal to the group while being disloyal to his own inner self. That would render his loyalty worthless. For Thomas honesty is more important than loyalty. It is not enough for him to shelter in a faith that he cannot credit for himself. He may want to believe, yearn to accept as true what the others say, but his wish cannot struggle into faith. The insistent honesty of Thomas is what makes him doubt. For Thomas it is important what he is asked to believe in, more important than belonging to the company of believers.

Coming to belief. The story of Thomas leads to the beatitude aimed at the generations of people who will not see the risen Lord: "Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." It is not that we are asked to do what the apostle Thomas could not do – believe in Jesus simply on the testimony of others. Thomas was not gifted by the spirit, and no one can believe in Jesus without the Spirit of God. As we heard in today's reading from the first letter of John: the principal witness to the risen Jesus is the spirit – "since the Spirit is truth." We can only pray "My Lord and my God" because we allow the Spirit of God to pray in us. In the grace of the Spirit we can proclaim Jesus our Lord.

If faith is one of the principal gifts of the Spirit, it is also a form of life that has to be nurtured, helped to grow, loved into maturity. It is not a precious stone that that has to be locked in a vault – that kind of security consciousness is indistinguishable from death. Faith can die from a lifetime's neglect. We need to pray about our faith, think about our faith, live the life of our faith. That does not mean that we will never have our doubts; but if like Thomas we care about what we believe in, that care in time will bring us into the presence of the living Lord. (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, 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.



SAD NEWS It is with great sadness that I have to announce the death of an ex parishioner, Ray Ward, who passed away on 28th March. Ray was a member of the choir at St Michael's for quite a while and helped clear the garden at St. Michael's when Fr. Patsy was here. May he rest in peace.



It is with great sadness that I have to announce the death of an ex parishioner, Joyce Walker, wife of Geoff, who passed away recently. Joyce was a member of the choir at SM's for some time. May she rest in peace.



Children's Liturgy

CAN YOU HELP? The Children's Liturgy team at SB's are looking for:

(1) a PC/TV monitor, easily movable and sized 17"-27", that we can use to show short Bible videos, prayers and images (built-in speakers nice but not essential);

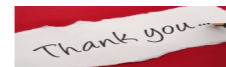
(2) a set of simple small tablecloths, ~3' square or round, in liturgical colours (green, red or purple; more rarely rose pink or gold), or fabric to make the tablecloths. If you can help please speak with Clare or Angela @ SB's.

PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE Your *free copy* of Portsmouth People is now available in the porch.



PLANT SALE/SPRING FAIR; SATURDAY 9 MAY SB'S 10am-12.30pm. The annual Plant Sale/Spring Fair will include the traditional plants but also offer giftware, jewellery, crafts as well as home made cakes and a grand raffle.

Gardeners, please get planting bedding plants and vegetables and craft experts please get crafty! Raffle prizes welcome – please leave them at the back of the church clearly marked 'Plant sale/spring fair', or hand them in to our parish shop- Faith, Hope & Charity, or give them to Veronica at SB's



A BIG THANK YOU: to Tina and all the staff at Faith Hope & Charity for donating various eggs, chocolates, new bunnies, baskets etc. for the Easter egg raffle. Also a big thank you to you for buying the raffle tickets. We can't do this without you! The amount raised this year was £306.00

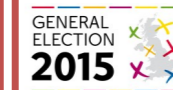
A BIG THANK YOU: from Clare and Angela, Children's Liturgy SB's thank you to everyone so far who've agreed to start helping us, and to be safeguard-checked to help maintain our mandatory ratio of approved adults to children. It also helps us to have more adults present, due to the happy increase in children at St B's this year. We still need at least one more willing leader - lots of training and support given.

SPECIAL THANKS from Fr David & Fr Vincent to everyone who contributed to the Easter Offering. Thank you also for your prayers, cards and kind wishes.

SPECIAL THANKS to Deacon Steve, the readers-Linda Guilding & Wayne Culver, Frances Connaughton, Lesley Greenhalgh, Chris Olden & Monse Snellgrove who set up and served the refreshments, Laura Gray who played for us, Rev Jo Elvidge for her support, Jack from St John's who set up the sound equipment, Waitrose for allowing us to use their electricity and all the parishioners who attended the Ecumenical Walk of Witness on Good Friday.



The Pope Tweets: @Pontifex *Christ is risen! Christ is alive and journeys with us!*



Preparing for the General Election: A 2020 vision of the Good Society "Without a vision, the people perish." Proverbs 29:18

With the General Election fast approaching, 2015 is a year of decision. Our society is facing some fundamental challenges - rising levels of poverty, inequality and austerity, a housing crisis, challenges facing children and young people and the prospect of climate crisis. This isn't new, but whoever forms the next government has a tough job and key decisions ahead. These will ultimately shape the type of society that we become. "Churches Together in Britain and Ireland" help us to define what makes a good society in their resource pack, "The Good Society Project". Download the resources at www.ctbi.org.uk/696



LIVING OUR FAITH If you have been contributing to the Diocesan Appeal, *Living Our Faith*, please note it will be coming to an end soon. If you need to know your LOF pledge end date then please ring Graham Palethorpe 02392 836518. Please be assured that if you are paying by Direct Debit that it will stop automatically, *you do not have to do anything.* **The new appeal, which goes directly to your parish - is 'Our Parish Future'**. Thank you to all who have responded so far to the appeal. If you are still deciding whether it is possible for you to increase your offering to support your parish financially, please give it serious consideration. Detailed information about *Our Parish future* is in the porch, or see Deacon Steve.

Today is Census day. You will be asked to fill in a card with your address details to update our Data base.

COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL

+ **HOLY PLACES** The collection for Holy Places was £328.58 Thank you for your generosity.

+ **SUNDAY: Sunday 26th April** This is an obligatory collection for the Clergy Training Fund. The money goes to fund the training and upkeep of those preparing for the priesthood and diaconate.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

+ The Flower arranging teams
+ The *Pause for Prayer* group
+ The family and friends of Ray Ward, Dorothy Lovelock & Joyce Walker that the Lord will ease the pain of their loss.

WHAT'S ON

APRIL 28TH PAUSE FOR PRAYER 10-11am St Michael's Hythe
All welcome for quiet scripture, prayer and reflection.



VISIT OF THE RELICS OF BLESSED LOUIS AND BLESSED ZELIE MARTIN:

The Bishop announced that the relics of Blessed Louis and Blessed Zélie Martin, one of the first married couples ever to be beatified, have been invited to the Diocese this May. Blessed Louis and Blessed Zélie are the parents of St.

Thérèse of Lisieux. You can read more about them here:

www.louisandzelie.com

The programme is as follows:

□ **Weds 20 May:** Liturgy of Reception **St Theresa's, Totton, Southampton**

□ **Thurs 21 May:** Day of veneration at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth



Significant Wedding Anniversaries 2015 Are you celebrating a big wedding anniversary this year? You are invited to the significant anniversaries Mass on 27th June 2015. If you are celebrating your 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th wedding anniversary during 2015, or any anniversary over 60 years, Bishop Philip warmly

invites you to the Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass at 11am on Saturday 27th June. The Mass will be held at St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX, after which a light lunch will be served. This annual Mass is a wonderful celebration of and witness to marriage. Any queries, please email anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

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