

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

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The Gospel of Luke- The Gospel of Mercy

13th March 2016 5th Sunday of Lent

Year C, Weekdays Year 1

Psalter week 4

9.00am Mass SB
11.00am Mass SM

(Pope Francis' installation as Pope: 2013)

Monday 14th March No Mass

Tuesday 15th March No Mass

Pause for Prayer SM's 10-11am

Wednesday 16th March No Mass

Thursday 17th March No Mass

(St Patrick, Bishop)

Penitential Service SM's 7.30pm

Friday 18th March 10am MASS SM's

Saturday 19th March 10am MASS SM's

(St Joseph)

Anniversaries this week: Hannah Redman (17th), Michael Bond (17th)

Remembering those who have died recently: Michael Kirwan, Ruth Freemantle

Mass Intentions: Sunday 13th 9am Mass SB's Niamh Mulherne (Health); 11am Mass SM's: Karen O Donovan (RIP.)

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**

So what do we do with all the mercy?

God has done a whole new thing. Where sin abounded grace abounded all the more. God does not hold our sins against us. At the very time when we were enemies God showed the greatest love.

God does not judge or condemn us because of our behaviour. Nothing we can do, however bad, can negate God's goodness or God's love. We may be unfaithful, God is always faithful. We may rebel and disown God but God does not disown us because God cannot disown his own self. We are part of the self of God. We are God's sons and daughters, God's children.

We are no longer subject to the Law which brings condemnation but we are subjects of grace which brings justification. So we no longer try for a perfection by our own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law but we want only the perfection that comes through faith and trust in Christ, and is from God and based on faith and trust. God made the sinless one into sin so that in him we might become the goodness of God. Jesus Christ has become our justification, our holiness, our freedom and our virtue. All that is safe and inviolable within us because it is rooted in God within us. Our sin can never destroy God's life in us but it can certainly badly damage ourselves and others.

So in the face of all this mercy do we wallow in our sins? Do we become complacent, indifferent? Do we allow our selfish ways to go unchecked? Do we keep taking the poison we have become addicted to? Negative, selfish, destructive behaviour has only one outcome. It damages ourselves and others. In so far as the ego takes its identity from whatever is false, negative and destructive it is doomed to dissolution and destruction. This is not a punishment it is just an obvious and natural consequence. God's work in us is however inviolate and indestructible, as St Paul wrote in 1 Cor 5:5: you are to hand this man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh (i.e. ego / false self), so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord. St Paul says in Galatians 5:13: For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.

"Go and sin no more", Jesus says to the poor humiliated woman. How do we "sin no more" in a way that is not "by our own efforts". It seems an impossible contradiction. Surely it takes effort not to sin? The thing is we cannot do this on our own we can only let God do this in us. It is through the relationship of trust and faith in God that God's goodness flows through us. There has to be a "Yes", a surrender on our part to God's love and then we have to let God do the healing, the sowing, the planting and the bringing to fruition. It is by grace that you have been saved through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus for the good works which God has already designated to make up our way of life (Ephesians 2:7ff).

It is in the relationship of faith and love and it is by the power of Christ in us (which we experience as a new mind, a new consciousness) that we are freed from sin and empowered to do good. I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies (i.e. your whole selves) as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, **but be transformed by the renewing of your minds**, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:1) As Christ consciousness grows in us, and, like the yeast in the flour, gradually permeates all the areas of our life we are freed from sin. However no one exists in isolation. The healing of the individual member is dependent in part upon the healing of the whole "body". Moral sickness, injustice and relationship dysfunction in society wounds the individual. There are also no magic cures for certain pathological conditions. Incarnational grace - that is grace working, long, hard and patiently through the love, care & compassion of others is nearly always required for and healing. "It is not the healthy who need the doctor", says Jesus, "but the sick. Go and learn the meaning of the words: What I want is mercy, not sacrifice". (DMA)

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, Mervyn Francis, Dennis Freemantle, David Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Catherine Heron, Doreen Holman, Chrissy James, Trudy King, Peggy Kirwan, Betty Marek, Susan Marlow, Sarah Marshall, Niamh Mulherne, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Ann O Connor, Graham Poole, 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.

SAD NEWS It is with great sadness that I have to announce the death of **Michael Kirwan**, husband of Peggy, who passed away on 4th March. May he rest in peace.

Peggy and her family are very grateful for all the prayers and she and her family have received.

Please keep the family in your prayers.

Michael's Requiem Mass will be at St Michael's at 11am

Wednesday 23rd March, followed by burial at Blackfield cemetery.


SAD NEWS It is with great sadness that I have to announce the death of **Ruth Freemantle**, wife of Dennis, who passed away on Sunday, 6th March. May she rest in peace.

Please keep the family in your prayers.

Ruth's Funeral service will be on Friday 1st April at 11.30am at St Andrew's church, Beaulieu Road, Dibden Purlieu.

ADVANCE NOTICE: MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Fr Vincent would like you to attend the Mass of the Lord's Supper on **Thursday 24th March** to renew your commitment to your Ministry.



CONGRATULATIONS to Laura & Robin Gray on the birth of their son, Malachi Edward Gray, on Sunday, 6th March.

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.)

APF RED BOXES are due to be emptied. *EITHER* hand your box to your collector *OR* leave your box at the back of the church or Sacristy for collection.

Please leave your name on the box so we know who it belongs to.

EASTER VIGIL There will be an American Supper after the Easter Vigil. Please bring a plate of food. Coffee and tea provided.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE organised by the staff at Faith, Hope & Charity. Tickets on sale today. Money to Church funds. (Tina Bowler)

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE THIS THURS
17th March 7.30pm SM's
PALM SUNDAY Next Sunday.(20th)

PLANT SALE Saturday 14th May. SB's hall. We need plants to sell on the day. Do you have green fingers? If so, please can you start growing your plants in time for this event. Thank you.

The Year of Mercy



ECHO GOD ' May the Church echo the word of God that resounds strong and clear as a message and sign of pardon, strength, aid and love. May she never tire of extending mercy and be ever patient in offering compassion and comfort.

May the Church become the voice of every man and woman, and repeat confidently without end:

"Be mindful of Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old" (Ps 25:6).

SERVICES

Thursday 17th March Penitential service SM's 7.30pm



Sunday 20th March

Tuesday 22nd March

Thursday 24th March

Friday 25th March

Saturday 26th March

Sunday 27th March

Palm Sunday Mass 9am SB's, 11am SM's

Chrism Mass Portsmouth Cathedral 11am

Mass of the Lord's supper, SM's 7.30pm.

Watching until 9pm

Good Friday

Ecumenical walk of witness Lighthouse

Community church 10am

Ecumenical Walk of Witness Outside

Waitrose, Hythe 11am

Commemoration of the Lord's

Passion SM's 3pm

Tenebrae Service Our Lady's, Lymington

8pm

Easter Vigil SB's 7.30pm

American supper afterwards.

Easter Sunday

Ecumenical sunrise service

Lepe Country park, top car park 6am

Mass 9am SB's, 11am SM's

COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH

CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND The amount collected for the Clergy Assistance Fund last Sunday was £217.22. Thank you for your generosity.

LENTEN FAST DAY CAFOD The amount collected was £1,659.48. Fantastic effort! On behalf of CAFOD- Thank you for your generosity.

13th & 20th March Easter egg raffle tickets will be on sale.

25th March

27th March

Holy Places

Easter gift for our Priests

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- + All our sisters and brothers throughout the world, especially those who have to walk for miles carrying water. May God inspire us to give the support they need to change their lives for the better. (CAFOD)
- + Fr David Adams :Birthday 15th March
- + The people of Ireland and all those named after St Patrick.
- + Pope Francis: installation as Pope (2013)
- + Fr Vincent Convery: Anniversary of Ordination 17th March
- + All those named after St Joseph (19th)
- + Brian Weston (Health)
- + The family and friends of Michael Kirwan & Ruth Freemantle. Niamh Mulherne who is seriously ill in hospital in Bristol.

WHAT'S ON ?



PAUSEFOR PRAYER :15th March

10-11am St Michael's, Hythe

All welcome for quiet scripture, prayer & reflection.

FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY
8 ST JOHN'S STREET, HYTHE Tel: 02380 207882

