

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

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The Gospel of Luke- The Gospel of Mercy

14th February 2016 1st Sunday of Lent

Year C, Weekdays Year 2; Psalter week 1

9.00am Mass SB
11.00am Mass SM

Monday 15th February No Mass
Tuesday 16th February No Mass

Pause for Prayer SM's 10am

Wednesday 17th February No Mass
Thursday 18th February No Mass

Friday 19th February 10am MASS SM's
Saturday 20th February 10am MASS SM's

MASS INTENTIONS 14th- 20th February

Anniversaries this week: Ted Harding (18th)

Remembering those who have died recently:

Mass Intentions: Sunday 14th February Marina & Roy Nicholas
SB's 9am

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**

TEMPTATION - NO LAUGHING MATTER

Its not uncommon to joke about temptation: "Don't lead me into temptation, Lord, I can find it easily enough myself". Or Oscar Wilde's "I can resist everything except temptation". Its true, in small matters we mustn't take ourselves too seriously. Pettiness, small-mindedness, anxiety and scrupulosity are themselves unhealthy attitudes which must be avoided. As Jesus said, we can put a lot of effort into straining out a gnat, while unwittingly we swallow a camel! However there are lots of behaviours and attitudes harmful to ourselves and others that it is imperative to avoid. Serious matters involve grave consequences. St James gives us a very modern analysis of temptation. "No one when tempted, should say, 'I am being tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one. But one is tempted by one's own desire, being lured and enticed by it."

The Gospel today has Jesus facing temptation. Indeed it is the Spirit who leads Jesus out into the desert. Symbolically Jesus is reliving the desert experience of Israel but this time doing it right. Before the temptations Jesus was baptized by John. It was then that the Gospels record he had a special experience of God as his Father, of the Spirit descending on him and filling him and his identity being confirmed as beloved Son and Servant, because of all this he has to face temptation, to be tested.

The temptations are never just about Jesus and the devil. They are about Jesus and how he is going to respond to the society and world that surrounds him. How will he be in the world? Will he use his special relationship to God just to meet his own or other peoples material needs? Will he be seduced by the power, wealth and status of the rulers? Will he try to win over people by dazzling miracles? Basically, will he give people what they want or what God wants to give them? Will he go along with the "sin of the world" or will he expose its darkness?

In other places Scripture talks about us being tempted by the world, the flesh and the devil. The world here is not God's beautiful creation but the corruption caused by greed & fear (e.g. abuse, banking, horsemeat, health care negligence scandals etc). The "flesh" is not physical nature which is good, but the sense of self that grows out of and colludes with the corruption engendered by greed and fear and every other evil. These days we might talk about the "ego" or the "false self". The growth and development of our ego or "false self" is unavoidable. Its where we begin from and in that context its not bad, and its not to be hated. It just isn't true. Its largely an illusion. The false self thinks life is all about power, wealth, pleasure. It is desperate to secure its hold on life. It hates change unless it can exploit it for its own ends. But change cannot be controlled and sooner or later it is going to be seriously disillusioned! The devil is the personification of the collective ego or false self. It's a typical example of the whole (the collective) being greater than the sum of its parts (individuals). This dark "energy" exploits our dependence on others, the cherished identities and dependencies of the ego and the subtlety of our intelligence. The *Lord of the Rings* is a dramatic fantasy tale of the seductive power of greed and the coercive power of fear. In the evolutionary "age of innocence" all these competitive strategies were merely a part of the unfolding complexity of life on this planet. With the subsequent evolution of consciousness and conscience, of freedom and of the awakening to the Divine a new way of life has become possible but not without struggle. (DMA)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Freda Roche-Adams, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Alice Bramhill, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Marion Butler, Denise Calder, Nick Candrl, Kathryn Cox, David Culver, Jo Culver, Baby Finlay Drozd, Baby Elijah, Keith Ellison, Derek Faiers, Derek Francis, Mervyn Francis, Ruth & Dennis Freemantle, David Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Catherine Heron, Doreen Holman, Chrissy James, Trudy King, Peggy & Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Susan Marlow, Sarah Marshall, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Ann O Connor, Julie Poole, 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.



OUR CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL The weekly newsletter for our Our Lady & St Joseph school is displayed on the noticeboard in the porch.



There will be a short talk today from a CAFOD representative at each Mass.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY on Friday 19 Feb

COLLECTION next Sunday 21st February.

Envelopes available today. Remember to Gift Aid if you can.

Pyramid collection boxes, available in the porch, for donations throughout Lent.



MASS INTENTIONS The Mass is the greatest act of worship we can ever take part in. Every Mass is offered for 'the peace and salvation of all the world' However, we can also have Mass offered for a particular person, or intention. We can have Mass said for someone who has died (for the repose of their soul), or for someone living - perhaps someone who is sick, or anxious. Of course we can also have Mass said on joyful occasions - perhaps for a special anniversary, or in thanksgiving.

If you would like Mass to be said for someone, or for any special intention, ask at the parish office or fill in one of the brown envelopes marked 'MASS OFFERING', which are available at the back of church.

On the envelope under 'Intention' write the name of the person you are remembering & the reason why e.g. Anniversary of their death, Get Well, Wedding Anniversary etc.

Write the date preferred.

'Donor' is your name.

Amount enclosed- It is usual to make an offering whenever asking for a Mass to be said - this is called the 'stipend'. Put the stipend in the envelope- the average donation is £10. When completed please return the envelope via the collection basket or Angel house. This way the person you are remembering will be mentioned in the newsletter at the appropriate time.

If you need a Mass card : you can get one from the Sacristy, the parish office or our parish shop.



STATUE OF OUR LADY is now positioned at the back of the church. Please be aware that people may be praying in this area &/or lighting candles. Please be sensitive to this and give them space & quiet by avoiding this area and leaving church via the main aisle or via the door with the ramp. Thank you.



HEATING AT SM's There are 3 boilers serving the church. 2 of which are very old. In cold snaps the heating is on constantly from Friday to Sunday & only just warms the church. Last weekend the boilers failed completely and so the church was extremely cold. My apologies. A part inside one of the boilers came away, blew a fuse, one boiler overheated and they all closed down. Linda called the heating engineers out on Thursday and they have rectified the problem & bled & checked all the radiators. They were working perfectly on Thursday, but I can't guarantee it won't happen again. If it does, let the office know a.s.a.p. (Fr David)



40 ACTS: Do Lent generously. This is an excellent website. Sign up at www.40acts.org.uk

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 YEAR OF MERCY:
Sacrament of Reconciliation**



It is hoped that during the Year of Mercy many people will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Sacrament of Reconciliation, or Confession as it's better known, offers us an important way of getting closer to God- to be forgiven for our sins. As Pope Francis puts it 'Its an encounter with the Lord's mercy which spurs us to do our best.' This weekend Bishop Philip has given each one of us materials to use in Lent.

"In preparation for Easter, please fulfil your Easter duties by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To aid unfamiliar users, I am sending out some leaflets on 'How to Go to Confession.' I am also giving you a free gift. It is a small book called *Via Crucis (The Way of the Cross): The Way to Heaven.* I hope you will enjoy using it and gain thereby many graces." (Bishop Philip)

COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY Friday 19th February,
Collection 21st February.

CAFOD FUND RAISING LUNCH Thursday 25th February.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- + All those who are sick and all those who care for them
- + The deceased Clergy of the Province
- + All those preparing for their 1st Holy Communion: Clemence Bui, Amelie Ingham, Adam Oakley, Patryk Radziwillowicz & Sophia Tona.
- + The needy & hungry in the world.



WHAT'S ON ?



PAUSE FOR PRAYER throughout Lent: 16th & 23rd February & March 1st, 8th & 15th. Thanks to Christine Olden for running the Pause for Prayer group. (Fr David)



BBC RADIO 4 LENT TALKS : There are 6 x15 minute episodes and they start Wednesday 17th Feb 8.45-9.00pm

The Christian season of Lent is traditionally a time for self-examination and reflection on the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion. Throughout Lent, six writers will reflect on these events through a variety of locations as they explore the theme of "Lent in the Landscape".



TRAVELLING LIGHT : A quiet day in Lent : Wisdom Centre, Romsey. Saturday 20th February 1000 -1530



CAFOD FUND RAISING LUNCH Thursday 25th February at 12.30pm, St Bernard's. This year the

lunch will be a Ploughmans with either ham or cheese, plus the usual crumble and ice cream. There will be a raffle. Tickets available after Masses from today or from Faith, Hope and Charity. Thanks to Louise Croll for organising this. (Fr David)



LEGION OF MARY All welcome. 7pm at St Joseph's, Ashurst every Wednesday



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