

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

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3rd Sunday of Advent 14th December 2014

Year B, Weekdays Year 1: Psalter week 3

9.00am Mass SB
11.00am Mass SM

Monday 15th December No Service

Tuesday 16th December No Service

Wednesday 17th December No Service

Thursday 18th December No Service

Friday 19th December Mass 10am SM

Saturday 20th December Mass 10am SM

Sacrament of Reconciliation straight after Mass

MASS INTENTIONS 14th - 20th December

Anniversaries this week: Patricia Leaver (14th), Daphne Gooch (19th), Ruth Adams (19th)

Remembering those who have died recently: Doris Lamb, Frances Jackson, Eve Jackson

Other Intentions: All pregnant mothers, John Jackson (Special intention)

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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 Andrew Philpott (Totton)

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 Lyndhurst
Sunday Mass 9am Milford on Sea,
10.30am Lyndhurst
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 and 6.30pm (6.30pm Mass is in Polish)

THE DEANERY is made up from the pastoral areas of
New Forest, Avon Stour & Bournemouth

Our Dean is Fr Tom Grufferty

SHARING IN GOD'S JOY

Mary tells us where the source of true joy is to be found. *My spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.* We are all seeking happiness but deep down, almost unknown even to ourselves we are seeking God's joy and blessedness. The good news is that we do not have to search very far. Jesus said: *The kingdom is within you, it is among you.*

The joy is not far no matter what clouds get in the way. The pearl of great price, the hidden treasure is already within us. We have only to discover it, to accept it and rejoice in it. When, like Mary, we realize our nothingness and realize at the same time that God looks upon us with love, then our joy will blossom.


Just like Mary, God has done great things for us and is still doing great things for us at this very moment. God has lavished love upon us. The Law with its record of debt has been abolished and sinful humanity is forever forgiven. We have been made God's daughters and sons. God has shared the Holy Spirit with us and blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ. All holiness, virtue, freedom is ours in Christ. It can never be lost. It is always there for us to receive, and to receive as often as we need to. As Paul wrote, *our spiritual nature is being renewed every day.* God's giving now is as fresh and as lavish as the first giving we experienced.

God is the secure rock of our faith. God is our temple. God is everything we need. When we realise this and accept it in trust then we are not dismayed by our nothingness. If we haven't got goodness it is okay – Jesus says: *No one is good except God alone.* If we feel undeserving, unworthy, useless, empty, and a failure, that is okay. It is our nothingness. Our nothingness and our emptiness is the space that God fills. It provides the room for God to work. Once we begin to appreciate this then our joy arises from the deepest part of our souls because God is there! No disaster or misfortune can take this away from us because it is always secure in God. It is not a possession we can lose because it is not ours to lose. We must just do what we can to keep the space empty!


This joy can begin now but our experience is necessarily weak at first because our awareness of this grace has only just begun to penetrate into our hearts and minds and influence our lives. When sorrows come this joy cannot be felt near the surface of our souls so we have to rely on the anchor of hope. When *God will be all in all*, our joy will be complete. (DMA)


PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: David Bazley, Janice Bird, Maureen Bolton, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Alice Bramhill, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Marion Butler, Denise Calder, Petra Daniels, Baby Elijah, Derek Faiers, Derek Francis, Mervyn Francis, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Catherine Heron, Reg Hills, Trudy King, Doreen Holman, John & Lena Keane, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Sarah Mc Cann, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Karen O'Donovan, Julie Poole, Sharon Poole, Norma Rudd, Cath Smith, Susan Soutter, Marion Teague, Emmie Walker, George Watson, Brian Weston.


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.


 **CHRISTMAS FAYRE & RAFFLE:** The amount raised, before expenses, was £2,371.07p! Well done everyone! Money taken on the door for Great Orman Street came to £127.72p. All prize winners have been notified. Thank you to all of you for selling so many raffle tickets. The raffle tickets raised the most money, so well done!


Thanks to Tina and her team, everyone who helped with the preparation, all those who ran the stalls, all those who donated gifts and prizes, all those who baked and stitched, all those who came along to support, and all those who helped clear up and cash up! Special mention to Hythe-Southampton ferry & Tesco's for donating prizes for the raffle.

 **CHRISTMAS.** I am pleased to announce that both churches will have a Crib and a Christmas tree this year! Hurrah! Thank you to those who volunteered.

 **LOOKING OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER** Do you know the people who sit next to you each week at Mass? If not, why not introduce yourself? Have you noticed that someone who usually sits near you at Mass hasn't been there for a while? If so, please alert Deacon Steve and he will follow it up.


 **PARISH OFFICE: Advance notice:** The office will be closed on 23rd, 25th & 30th December & 1st January. If you want anything to go in the newsletter over this period please let me know by *17th December at the latest* as I have to get 3 newsletters out for the 18th.

 **3RD WEEK OF ADVENT The Candle of Joy.** *The Angels sang a message of Joy: Luke 2:7-15* Today is Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath. Hot pink, pale pink, rose pink are all shades of pink painted into a sunrise. Like the various shades of pink, our expressions of joy can be so different. Joy can be exuberant when we experience the faithfulness of God, it can be calm confidence in His sovereignty, or pure delight as He expresses His love.

 **REMEMBERING LOVED ONES AT CHRISTMAS** If you wish to remember a loved one at Christmas, bring a Poinsettia to either church on **Sunday 21st Dec** - (*NOT BEFORE OR PLEASE*), write the name of your loved one on a tag, attach it to the plant and leave it at the back of the church. The flower arrangers will display the Poinsettias as part of the Christmas display and parishioners, on reading the tags, will pray for your loved one.

THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING: As usual the collection at Christmas time is a voluntary contribution towards your parish priest's annual income. Your generosity in difficult financial circumstances is greatly appreciated. This year Fr Vincent & Fr David will share your Christmas offering.

 **The Pope Tweets:** @Pontifex *Advent increases our hope, a hope which does not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down.*

 **POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER** This month we are invited to join in Pope Francis' prayer intention *"...That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will."*



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:



Christmas Eve **Wednesday 24th December**
7pm Carols & Readings followed by Mass St Michael's


Christmas Day **Thursday 25th December**
9am St Bernard's,
11am St Michael's

Sunday 28th Dec 9am St Bernard's
11am St Michael's

NO WEEKDAY MASS Friday 26th or Saturday 27th December
NO WEEKDAY MASS Friday 2nd or Saturday 3rd January.

ST ANNE'S SCHOOL ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION: As required by the Admissions Code, the Governing Body of St Anne's will be conducting a consultation on its proposed admissions policy for the school year 2016/2017. The consultation period runs from 17 November 2014 to 26 January 2015. Copies of the proposed policy can be obtained from the school office. Comments on the policy should be sent to the Clerk to the Governors at the school by 26 January 2015.

YEAR FOR CONSECRATED LIFE This Advent sees the start of a 'Year for Consecrated Life' In announcing this year, Pope Francis said *"Religious should be men and women able to wake up the world."* The National Office for Vocation (NOV) has produced a new film entitled 'Consecrated Life: Men and Women Religious Tell Their Stories' which is available via YouTube.

 **CAFOD, WORLD GIFTS** is a range of gifts where everything you buy really acts as two presents in one, something for you to give a friend or relative and real gift such as seeds or chickens or goats given to someone living in poverty. Your friend or relative gets a beautifully illustrated certificate showing the gift you have bought on their behalf, and the knowledge that the gift bought on their behalf has been given to someone in the developing world, to change their lives for the better. Catalogues are in the porch.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

+ Those struggling to come to terms with a bereavement or illness.
+ All those visiting family over the Christmas period.

WHAT'S ON



THE ADVENT SERVICE ON 19th December 7.30pm St Anne's, Brockenhurst *HAS BEEN CANCELLED.*

Reflect on the meaning of Christ's coming to the world.
What does the 'peace of Christ' mean to you?"

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