

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

St Michaels Church, (SM) Langdown Lawn, Hythe SO45 5GR
St Bernard's Church, (SB) Southbourne Ave, Holbury, SO45 2NT

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6th Sunday of Ordinary time 15th February 2015

Year B, Weekdays Year 1: Psalter week 2

9.00am Mass SB

11.00am Mass SM

Baptism SB's Harriet Whitwam 12.15pm

Monday 16th February No Service

Mass every Monday 7pm St Joseph's, Ashurst in the Community Chapel

Tuesday 17th February No Service

(The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order)

Wednesday 18th February Ash Wednesday

Mass 10am SM's

Funeral service for Stanley Ely 11.30am SB's

Mass 7.30pm SB's

Thursday 19th February No Service

Friday 20th February Mass 10am SM

Saturday 21st February Mass 10am SM

(St Peter Damian)

MASS INTENTIONS 15th- 21st February

Anniversaries this week: Ted Harding (18th), Gary Sussex (21st)

Remembering those who have died recently:

Petra Daniels, Rita Wootten, May Sycamore, Margaret Hargreaves, Stanley Ely, Maureen Mc Donnell, Les Mc Ginley, Clare Young.

Other Intentions: Ruth Freemantle (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 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 Lymington

Sunday Mass 9am Milford on Sea,

10.30am Lymington

6pm Brockenhurst

NEW MILTON

Parish Priest: Rev Marcín 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 **Dean: Fr Tom Grufferty**

THE RISK OF BECOMING AN OUTCAST

In Jesus' time and culture a leper was anyone with a visibly "offensive" skin complaint. They were excluded from the local community and forced to live away from others. If they approached other people they had to shout "Unclean, unclean" to warn them of the danger of contamination. If someone touched them or anything they came in contact with, they would become unclean too. "Lepers" were regarded as being punished by God for something either they or their parents had done. The victim was further victimised by social and religious rejection.

In the gospel the leper approaches Jesus doubting his good intentions; "If you want to you can cure me!" In some of the earliest Greek manuscripts of Mark's gospel Jesus is described as being: moved with anger. Later manuscripts have the phrase: moved with pity. If Jesus did experience anger was it because he felt affronted, or because he was angry at the suffering caused by sickness and social and religious rejection? Be that as it may, Jesus makes it clear that he definitely does want to cure the person. And that is what he does.

Jesus then sternly warns him not to tell anyone. Jesus is a person who has strong feelings and is not afraid to show them. Is Jesus worried about being treated as unclean? Will this make it virtually impossible for him to move about and preach? Does he want to avoid a whole flood of sick people demanding cures but not interested in what he has to say? One thing is clear, Jesus did not want to be thought of as just another faith healer. He had something greater to accomplish.

Despite his warning the leper cannot keep silent. The result is that Jesus cannot go openly into any town. In other words Jesus suffers the same fate as the leper.

There are many things to reflect on here. People who have suffered physically, emotionally and socially may become bitter and cynical. We would probably feel the same. We may be fortunate to be able to offer help. We mustn't expect immediate gratitude and trust in return. Secondly if you help an outcast you are not going to be appreciated by the people who have done the casting out! When AIDS started claiming its first victims those who provided support and sympathy got the same rejection as the sufferers.

There are many divisions in the world, cultural, political, religious and economic. Those who are trying to overcome divisions, to build bridges get condemned from both sides. Paul's words are relevant: Never do anything offensive to anyone....try to be helpful to everyone at all times. If Christians could become known for this it would help matters considerably. Some prophetic work has been done at both local & international level by the Sant'Egidio Community in Rome. They are showing the way forward. (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, Baby Elijah, Derek Faiers, Derek Francis, Mervyn Francis, Ruth Freemantle, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Catherine Heron, Chrissy James, Doreen Holman, John & Lena Keane, 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, 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 I have to announce the death of **LES MC GINLEY** who died on 9th February. Les's funeral will be at St Michaels church on Tuesday **24th February** at **10.30 am** followed by cremation at Southampton Crematorium.

SAD NEWS It is with great sadness I have to announce the death of **MARY CLARE YOUNG**, known as Clare, who died on 6th February. Clare's funeral service will be at St Bernard's church on **Tuesday 3rd March** at 11am followed by cremation at Southampton Crematorium.

THANK YOU A heartfelt 'thank you' to parishioners, Deacons Ian and Steve, Father David and Father Vincent for all your prayers, cards and kindness during my illness over this past year or so. It has been such a difficult time and I am so grateful to you all for your continued support. It really has helped me to cope. Our faith community is indeed something very special and it is a blessing to be part of it. -Amanda Lawes, St Bernard's

THANK YOU The family of May Sycamore would like to thank all the parishioners who attended her Requiem Mass on 28 January. It was a wonderful celebration of her long life, most of which was lived in Hythe as a member of St Michael's community. Our thanks also for your generous donations to the Alzheimer's Society.

WELCOME to baby Harriet Whitwam who will be baptised at SB's today Sunday 15th Feb.

YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO ATTEND TWO PARISH CELEBRATIONS!

Celebration number one: Fr Vincent will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination on 17th March. We would like to celebrate this Anniversary with him as a Parish, so you are all invited to a Mass at SM's on **Saturday 21st March at 11am**. This will be followed by a buffet lunch at SB's -like an American supper...but at lunchtime! So please sign up to bring a plate of food so we have a variety of food available on the day. Lists will be available soon.

Fr Vincent is away on holiday at the moment for 2 weeks and then he is at Lymington on his monthly swap, so while he is away there will be a collection for a gift for him. **The collection for Fr Vincent's gift is TODAY Sunday 15th February.** Any donation before or after these dates please put it in an envelope marked F.A.O Linda Guilding and pop it through the door of the house. Thank you to those who have done so already.

Celebration number two: The 50th Anniversary of St Michael's church is on April 8th. We will be celebrating this with Mass at St Michael's at **11am on Saturday 11th April** followed by a buffet lunch at SB's--like an American supper...but at lunchtime! So please sign up to bring a plate of food so we have a variety of food available on the day. Lists will be available soon. If you know of anyone who now lives away from the parish but would like to attend the celebration, please contact them and bring them along!

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The Pope Tweets: @Pontifex *Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone.*

PARISH FUND-RAISING: This new campaign is entitled "**Our Parish Future**". It is facilitated by a company acting on behalf of the Diocese. Parishes need resources for both Mission and Maintenance. It will encourage people to use Gift Aid, if they are taxpayers, to use Standing Orders & to consider raising their support for the parish. All money raised will go **directly to the parishes**

CAFOD A short talk at the end of Mass today about Lent Fast Day on 27th February.

CAFOD & UK Aid Match Funding Good news! The UK government has promised to *match every pound and penny* you give to CAFOD's Lenten appeal! Thank you for your generous compassion for those living in poverty and for fasting in solidarity with them on Lent Fast Day.

COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

TODAY Collection for a gift for Fr Vincent who will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of his ordination next month.

TODAY Quiz night tickets are on sale

22nd Feb/1st March Tickets on sale Soup lunch

27th February CAFOD Lenten Fast Day (Collection Sun 1st March)

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

15th February Day of prayer for the Unemployed

19th Association of Separated & Divorced Catholics

All those suffering as a consequence of war

All those affected by storms, floods and droughts

WHAT'S ON

PANCAKES ARE BACK ON THE MENU! Ecumenical pancake night has a new venue! Good Shepherd Church in Roewood Road, Holbury. **17th February-7pm** All welcome.



LENT QUIET DAY 'God's Springtime' **Friday 20th & Saturday 21st February** 10am-4pm Wisdom Centre, Romsey. £27 to include lunch.



QUIZ NIGHT The next St. Martha Group quiz night is being held **THIS SATURDAY 21st February** and **tickets will be on sale**, at £4 each, after mass at both churches on **TODAY** Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring your own alcohol and a plate of food for the American supper.



HOLY HOUR There will be a pastoral area Holy Hour to pray for the coming together of the pastoral area Evangelisation Strategy team on **Sunday 22nd Feb** 3-4pm at OLSJ Lymington



PAUSE FOR PRAYER 24th February 10-11am SM's



LENT FAMILY FAST DAY: Friday 27 February Storms, drought and floods are devastating the lives of many of our brothers and sisters around the world. Please help CAFOD to help them. Envelopes available after Mass. Collection is on 1 March. The UK Government has promised to match every pound given this Lent so please be generous. Use a CAFOD Pyramid to save all through Lent and support CAFOD Soup Lunch on 12 March. Many thanks for ever generous support for CAFOD.



WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER St Michael's 6th March 2pm.



BE A 'SOUPER' HERO! Super Soup Lunch Everyone has a favourite soup - whether it be a tempting tomato, a delicious dhal or a mouth-watering mulligatawny Use your souper powers this Lent and help end poverty! Soup lunch: Thursday **12th March** 12.30pm SB's. Proceeds to CAFOD.



FAIRTRADE Fair Trade Goods on sale after Mass on **Sunday 15th March** Please support and help people in the poorest countries earn their way out of poverty.