

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

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4th SUNDAY OF LENT 15th March 2015
Year B, Weekdays Year 1; Psalter week 4

9.00am Mass SB
11.00am Mass SM

Monday 16th March No Service

Mass every Monday 7pm St Joseph's, Ashurst

Tuesday 17th March No Service

(St Patrick, Bishop)

Pause for Prayer SM's 10-11am

Service of Reconciliation 7.30pm SM's

Wednesday 18th March No Service

Thursday 19th March No Service

(St Joseph, husband of Mary, Solemnity)

Friday 20th March Mass 10am SM

Saturday 21st March Mass 10am SM

MASS INTENTIONS 15th - 21st March

Anniversaries this week: Hannah Redman (17th), Lily & Patrick Allen (20th),

Remembering those who have died recently: George Churchfield Les Mc Ginlay, Mary Clare Young

Other Intentions: Bill Booth (RIP B'day16th),

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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 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**

Covering all the Angles

Is condemnation language working for us today? I think not. Surely anyone who "refuses to believe" is one of those for whom Jesus prays: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do". To our modern minds loving and condemning seem incompatible. It might be more helpful to think of consequences. Refusing love has consequences but God's love is never limited by our actions. God remains sovereignly free to love and to bless. Where sin abounds, grace abounds even more!

The "Good News of the Kingdom" in its simplest expression is that, in Christ, the shadows of guilt and shame and the threats of Divine punishment and condemnation are consigned to history. God's Spirit of life and love now sets us free to concentrate on doing good, growing in the knowledge and love of God and of the whole of humanity. We are no longer to be paralysed by fear and anxiety nor constantly pre-occupied with the false notion that we have to repeatedly win back, earn or deserve God's favour. The forgiveness of God is a pure gift of love given when we were "dead in our sins". The freedom given us by God's unconditional love means we have the spiritual energy to deal with sin (all harmful, evil, destructive behaviour, both individual & collective) in a new way. This is the calm recognition of the reality of sin and an unshakeable determination to address and deal with its causes, consequences and cures. For people this is an impossible task to complete but, with God's help, not impossible to begin. We leave the fulfilment to God!

The coming of the Kingdom is not the completion but is the living in the NOW of the unconditional love of God that surrounds every moment and every situation in hope and mercy. The Kingdom is then trust in the love and mercy, doing the good and struggling against the evil.

We cannot complete the task ourselves because we would uproot both the wheat and the weeds together, our recognition of what constitutes evil is only partial and spiritually immature. We strain out gnats and swallow camels. "Do not judge and you will not be judged, do not condemn and you will not be condemned, forgive and you will be forgiven, give and gifts will be given to you" - words of our Divine Teacher.

Dealing with sin in a new way means first understanding the true nature of sin - as Jesus says in John's Gospel - "how wrong the world is about sin, about judgement and about who is in the right". The world so often blames the victim; if the people are poor it's their own fault. If they seek justice they are rebels and terrorists.

Dealing with sin in a new way means recognising complexity at all levels, social, cultural, genetic, economic, and religious and that the wavelength of consequences is long and persistent, rippling down the generations. The healing of wounds in the individual and collective memory requires patient, thorough and persistent remedies. Diseased plants must be treated and new, healthy stock must be planted.

This is why new growth has to be tended and pruned and the old roots have to be nourished as well. There are huge challenges of discernment as we seek to discover what is the loving response, what is the wise course of action in relation to new and complex issues such as economic globalisation, environmental responsibility, cultural and religious diversity, relationships, gender, sexuality, bio-ethics etc. We have to work to cover all the angles. If we celebrate new freedoms we must not neglect foundational responsibilities. Supporting and strengthening the traditional family does not mean one has to be unjust to those for whom this model cannot work. St Paul tells us the Spirit works in all sorts of different ways in all sorts of different people. The motivation we need to struggle for a good cause shapes how we see the world. Very understandably we can usually only see things from our point of view.

Only God can cover all the angles, only the Spirit can lead us into the ever wider unfolding of God's creation. Only the Divine artist sees the whole picture. Relating to others without judgement or condemnation gives respect to God who is "in all, and through all and with all". (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, Baby Elijah, Derek Faiers, Derek Francis, Mervyn Francis, Ruth Freemantle, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda 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 Souter, John Stevens, Emmie Walker, 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.



PLANT SALE Saturday 9th May. 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.



APF RED BOXES are due to be emptied. Please leave your box at the back of the church or Sacristy for the Collectors. Please leave your name on the box so we know who it belongs to. THERE WAS A BOX LEFT AT THE BACK OF SM'S WITH NO NAME ON IT. COULD THE OWNER RING THE OFFICE PLEASE SO WE KNOW WHO TO GIVE IT TO FOR COUNTING.



CONGRATULATIONS to Fr Vincent on the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination on 17th March. The Mass celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Fr Vincent's Ordination will be at SM' **this Saturday 21st March at 11am**. This will be followed by a buffet lunch at SB's **to which you are ALL invited.**

To those who are providing a plate of food for the lunch: If it is possible, **please bring your plate of food to St Bernard's hall after 9.30 am on Saturday 21st**. If this is not possible then bring it after the Mass. Thank you. If you have provided a donation towards the food, the food has been purchased on your behalf.



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



FAIRTRADE GOODS on sale **AFTER MASS TODAY**. Please support and help people in the poorest countries earn their way out of poverty.



Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY

29th March

CHRISM MASS

31st March 11am, at Portsmouth Cathedral

RECONCILIATION SERVICES

St Michael's, Hythe **17th March** 7.30pm
 Our Lady's, Lymington **19th March** 7.30 pm
 St Theresa's, Totton **27th March** 7pm

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper_2nd April
 7.30pm, St Michael's, Hythe
 'Watching' until 9pm.

GOOD FRIDAY

3rd April

Ecumenical walk of witness, 10am Lighthouse Community Church, Hardley to walk through Holbury to Blackfield.

Ecumenical walk of witness, 11am outside Waitrose, Hythe Assemble St John's car park at 10.45 to walk to Waitrose.

The Lord's Passion

3pm St Michael's, Hythe

Tenebrae service

8pm Our Lady's, Lymington

Tenebrae is Latin for 'shadows' or 'darkness' The distinctive ceremony of Tenebrae is the gradual extinguishing of candles while a series of readings and psalms are chanted or recited.

EASTER VIGIL

4th April, 8pm St Bernard's, Holbury

EASTER SUNDAY

5th April

6am Ecumenical Sunrise service Lepe Country park

9am Mass St Bernard's; Holbury

11am Mass St Michael's, Hythe



The Pope Tweets: @Pontifex *During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome our indifference.*

GENERAL ELECTION Are you registered to vote?:

- * 7 million people in the UK with the right to vote are already unregistered
- * Voting gives you an opportunity to BE PART of the decision-making that will affect your life and the future of those you love - instead of watching powerless from the side-lines.
- * 44% of those not registered to vote mistakenly think they are.
- * Fewer people on the electoral register, means further cuts to local services.

***Find out more:** from Our Voice Our HOPE voter registration website: <http://www.ourvoiceourhope.co.uk/why/>



PARISH FUND-RAISING: This new campaign is entitled "**Our Parish Future (OPF)**". 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.**



WWDP Thank you for all your support at the WWDP on 6th March. 110 people attended. We raised £385.79 towards grants from WWDP for Christian projects throughout the world.(Jo Culver)

COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH

- + **TODAY 15th March** Clergy Assistance Fund
- + **TODAY 15th March** Easter egg raffle tickets will be on sale.
- + **TODAY 15th March** Fairtrade goods will be on sale

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- + Fr David (Birthday 15th March)
- + All mothers, Grandmothers, Step mothers, Foster mothers and Godmothers.
- + All the people of Ireland and those named after St Patrick
- + Fr Vincent on the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination 17th March
- + All those named after St Joseph.
- + The Evangelisation Strategy Team.

WHAT'S ON

TODAY: MOTHERING SUNDAY: Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother' church - the main church or Cathedral of the area.

Inevitably the return to the 'mother' church became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home. As they walked along the country lanes, children would pick wild flowers or violets to take to church or give to their mother as a small gift. Today it's a day when we show our mothers our appreciation for their unconditional love.



PAUSE FOR PRAYER 17th March 10-11am SM's **This Tuesday**
 Also throughout Lent: 24th March



SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION FOR LENT This Tuesday
 17th March 7.30pm SM's.



MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - DAY OF REFLECTION & PRAYER: On **Saturday, 28th March**, Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am. The Day will begin at 11.00am and finish at 3pm. It will take place at St Francis Church, Milford on sea. Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. The day is open to all Ministers from all our parishes in the pastoral area who wish to attend.

As you know we are all one parish; Waterside Catholic parish, so the invitation to the **50th Anniversary of St Michael's church on April 8th. is an invitation to all parishioners, not just those who attend Mass at SM's. Please come along and make this a great occasion. We will be celebrating with Mass at St M's at 11am on Saturday 11th April** 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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