

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

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33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time 15th November 2015

Year B, Weekdays Year 1: Psalter week 1

9.00am Mass SB

11.00am Mass SM

Monday 16th No Mass

(St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop,
Joint-Principal Patron of the Diocese)

Tuesday 17th No Mass

(St Hilda, Abbess)

Wednesday 18th No Mass

(Dedication of the Basilica of St Peter & Paul, Rome)

Thursday 19th No Mass

Friday 20th Mass 10am SM's

Saturday 21st Mass 10am SM's

(The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION STRAIGHT AFTER MASS

MASS INTENTIONS 15th -21st November

Anniversaries this week: Peter Grimes (15th), Desmond Stratton

Remembering those who have died recently: Tom Sherlock

Other Intentions:

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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

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**

SEXUALITY - ITS POWER AND PURPOSE

We are all powerfully, incurably, and wonderfully sexed, this is part of a conspiracy between God and nature. Sexuality lies right next to our instinct for breathing and it is ever-present in our lives. Spiritual literature tends to be naïve and in denial about the power of sexuality, as if it could be dismissed as some insignificant factor in the spiritual journey, and as if it could be dismissed at all. It cannot be. It will always make itself felt, consciously or unconsciously. Nature is almost cruel in this regard, particularly to the young. It fills youthful bodies with powerful hormones before those persons have the emotional and intellectual maturity to properly understand and creatively channel that energy. Nature's cruelty, or anomaly, is that it gives someone an adult body before that same person is adult in his or her emotions and intellect. There are a lot of physical and moral dangers in a still-developing child walking around in a fully adult body. Further, today this is being exacerbated by the fact that we reaching puberty at an ever younger age and are marrying at an ever later one. This makes for a situation, almost the norm in many cultures, where a young girl or boy reaches puberty at age eleven or twelve and will get married only about twenty years later. This begs the obvious question: How is his or her sexuality to be emotionally and morally contained during all those years? Where does that leave him or her in the struggle to remain faithful to the commandments? Admittedly, nature seems almost cruel here, but it has its own angle. Its dominant concern is to get each of us into the gene pool and all those powerful hormones it begins pouring into our bodies at adolescence and all those myriad ways in which it heats up our emotions have the same intent, it wants us to be fruitful and multiply, to perpetuate ourselves and our own species. And nature is uncompromising here: At every level of our being (physical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual) there is a pressure, a sexual one, to get us into the gene pool. So when you next see a young man or woman strutting his or her sexuality, be both sympathetic and understanding, you were once there, and nature is just trying to get him or her into the gene pool. Such are its ways and such are its propensities, and God is in on the conspiracy. Of course getting into the gene pool means much more than physically having children, though that is a deep, deep imperative written everywhere inside us that may be ignored only in the face of some major psychological and moral risks. There are other ways of having children, though nature all on its own does not easily accept that. It wants children in the flesh. But the full bloom of sexuality, generative living, takes on other life-giving forms. We have all heard the slogan: Have a child. Plant a tree. Write a book. There are different ways to get into the gene pool and all of us know persons who, while not having children of their own and neither writing a book nor planting a tree, are wonderfully generative women and men. Indeed the religious vow of celibacy is predicated on that truth. Sexuality also has a powerful spiritual dimension. But, with that being admitted, we may never be naïve to its sheer, blind power. Dealing with the brute and unrelenting power of our sexuality lies at the root of many of our deepest psychological and moral struggles. This takes on many guises, but the pressure always has the same intent: Nature and God keep an unrelenting pressure on us to get into the gene pool, that is, to always open our lives to something bigger than ourselves and to always remain cognizant of the fact that intimacy with others, the cosmos, and God is our real goal. It is no great surprise that our sexuality is so grandiose that it would have us want to make love to the whole world. Isn't that our real goal As well, sexuality wreaks havoc with many people's church lives. It is no secret that today one of the major reasons why many young people, and indeed people of all ages, are no longer going regularly to their churches has to do, in one way or the other, with their struggles with sexuality and their perception of how their churches view their situation. My point here is not that we and the churches should change the commandments regarding sex, but that we should do a couple of things: First, we should more realistically acknowledge its brute power in our lives and integrate sexual complexity more honestly into our spiritualities. Second, we should be far more empathic and pastorally sensitive to the issues that beset people because of their sexuality. Sexuality is sacred fire. It takes its origins in God and is everywhere, powerfully present inside creation. Denial is not our friend here.

(Fr Ron Rolheiser, Weekly Reflection, 11th Nov 2012)

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, Kathryn Cox, Baby Finn Drozd Baby Elijah, Derek Faiers, James Fenn, Derek Francis, Mervyn Francis, Ruth & Dennis Freemantle, David Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Linda Guilding, Sally Herbert, Catherine Heron, Doreen Holman, Chrissy James, Lena Keane, Eileen Kenny, Peggy & Michael Kirwan, Theresa Leydon, Betty Marek, Susan Marlow, Sarah Marshall, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Ann O Connor, Karen O'Donovan, Joan Smith, John Stevens, Maria Tinkler, Emmie Walker, Brian Weston, Maureen Weyman., Mary & Lawrie Wittchell.

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.



CAR PARKING ST MICHAEL'S: We are tight for space at SM's, but if you park sensibly we can get a lot more cars in. Therefore, please park your car 'nose or boot in to the wall/building' rather than 'parallel' to it as we can get a lot more cars into the car park this way. Also, a reminder that if you park in the road outside the church the police have said they may tow your car away. All the more reason to park with care in the car park. Thank you.



THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to Canon Peter Wilkie's gift and to those who attended the afternoon tea. It was a lovely occasion and Canon Peter was greatly touched by your generosity and kind wishes.



THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Wateraid Harvest appeal at St Theresa's, in person, with raffle prizes or donations. The evening raised £225.00 for Wateraid.



THANK YOU to Ron Kelly who, after 20 years, is retiring from counting the parish collection. On behalf of Fr David and Fr Vincent, Deacons Steve & Ian and all the parishioners, a huge thank you Ron for the time you have given to the parish.



READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION SB'S & SM'S: please let the office know by phone or email if you are available or not for the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day services as a special rota is being drawn up for those two days. (Sunday 27th Dec: see the current rota.)



THIS SUNDAY we welcome Maureen Thompson who will be talking at both Masses. about our parish commitment to Fairtrade



WORK AT ST MICHAEL'S: Over the coming weeks work will start to install toilet facilities at SM's. As a result there will be a certain amount of disruption at the back of the church while building work is in progress. The toilet will be situated where the cleaning/flower cupboard is now. It has to be placed here as it has to link to the drains in the car park. There will be a new cleaning /flower cupboard constructed where the Lady Chapel is and Our Lady's statue will be repositioned in the side chapel. I would appreciate your tolerance and understanding over the next few weeks. Dusty pews will be unavoidable I'm afraid, so we will provide dusters, if you need to dust before you sit, which will be at the back of the church. Please return them after use. (Fr David)



OUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE: This month we would like: Bottles for the bottle stall. If you have any items for the Christmas Fayre please see Tina Bowler after Mass or ring the parish shop-02380 207882 **Could you also take some raffle tickets to sell?** You will be helping the parish and maybe win a great prize for yourself! Tickets available at the end of Mass.

OUR PARISH SHOP: FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY
8 ST JOHN'S STREET, HYTHE
SO45 6DA Tel: 02380 207882



Christmas cards and gifts now in!



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November 2015

The purpose of interfaith dialogue is to increase our understanding of and respect for other religious systems and institutions, thereby increasing our appreciation of the values of others. Dialogue should deepen our empathy and lessen our divisions but it doesn't mean a watering down of our own beliefs. In the month of November, Pope Francis invites us to join in his monthly prayer intention, **"...That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own."**



LAUNCH OF CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION IN THE DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH: Bishop Philip warmly invites all grandparents to join him in the Cathedral for a special Mass to inaugurate the Catholic Grandparents Association in our Diocese. The Mass will take place at **12:15 pm on Friday 12 February 2016** and will be followed by an address from Catherine Wiley, Founder of the CGA. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. All welcome. For more info call 013 2856 0333 or email info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.org. Visit the website www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org.

COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

+ **TODAY**, & throughout November, Christmas Raffle tickets will be on sale.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

+ **All our loved ones** who have gone before us. We remember the lessons we have learnt from them and the talents we have inherited from them. We remember how we loved them and how they loved us and made us what we are today. We remember their good deeds and determine to be more like them. On this day we also pray for those who have died for our religious or political freedom, and finally we pray for those who have died alone with no one to remember or pray for them.

+ **The work of PACT**, a Christian charity in the Roman Catholic tradition that works for all those who are affected by imprisonment: -prisoners and their families, victims of offenders, prison staff and all those who care. (Prisoners week 15th-21st Nov)

WHAT'S ON?



PPC MEETING 19th November 7.30pm Angel house. If you are concerned about anything in the parish please speak to Deacon Steve (Chair), Deacon Ian or any other PPC member



PAUSE FOR PRAYER 24th November 10-11am St Michael's Hythe. All welcome for quiet scripture, prayer and reflection.



Christmas Bazaar Saturday 29th November at St Theresa's, Totton 12noon-2pm



CLIMATE CAFOD: People's Climate March - 29 November Responding to Pope Francis' call to care for our Earth and those suffering because of climate change, we're marching with thousands of passionate people at a crucial moment in history. Show the world you care and join CAFOD in London on **29 November 12-3pm**. Sign up via cafod.org.uk/events or contact CAFOD Portsmouth on 01252 329385 portsmouth@cafod.org.uk



THE WATERSIDE PARISH SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH is being held on **Thursday 10th December, arrival is from 12 midday for lunch at 12.30pm, at the Old Mill, Holbury.** Anyone wishing to attend can you please add your name to the list at the back of the church.



Please note the closing date is the 29th November.