

## 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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### The Gospel of Luke– The Gospel of Mercy

**17th January 2016 2nd Sunday of Ordinary time**

**Year C, Weekdays Year 2; Psalter week 2**

**9.00am Mass SB**  
**11.00am Mass SM**

Monday 18th January No Mass  
(Start of Octave of prayer for Christian Unity)

Tuesday 19th January No Mass  
(St Wulstan, Religious, Bishop)

Wednesday 20th January No Mass  
(St Sebastian, Martyr)

Thursday 21st January No Mass  
(St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr)

**Friday 22nd January MASS SM 10am**  
(St Vincent, deacon, Martyr)

**Saturday 23rd January MASS SM 10am**

**MASS INTENTIONS 17th - 23rd January**

**Anniversaries this week:** Gary Patrick Mirchell (17th), Norman Jones (23rd), Judith Morrison (23rd)

**Remembering those who have died recently:** Tom Sherlock, Canon Richard Hind, Karen O'Donovan, Sarah Jane Morrison, John Green

**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**

## JESUS IS THE REAL BRIDEGROOM

In today's Gospel we hear from John that the wedding is on. At the festival of a Jewish wedding in Cana Jesus reveals his glory through his first great sign. It's an unusual wedding – for there are two bridegrooms! There is the bridegroom just married, and there is Jesus who is the real bridegroom. He is an invited guest at the wedding, but Jesus is the long – awaited bridegroom of Israel. Jesus will transform this private Jewish wedding into a great sign to show that the time has come when God will take his people to himself in a new way. Jesus has come as the bridegroom to claim his bride, Israel.

During the wedding feast the wine runs out and Mary expects Jesus to do something about it. Jesus' negative answer to Mary underlines the point that he cannot be bound by family relationships, but only by his Father's will. Mary's final words, "Do whatever he tells you," recognises the supreme authority of Jesus and what he must do himself.

There are six, large stone jars used to provide water for the Jewish ritual of cleansing. Jesus tells the servants to fill these to the brim, and after they do this they discover that the water has been changed into wine. All 120 gallons of it! When the steward tastes it he compliments the bridegroom for keeping the best wine until last – but he is complimenting the wrong bridegroom! Jesus is the one who has supplied choice wine in abundance, and in doing so has revealed his glory. When the disciples see what has happened they believe in Jesus.

The story gives us a marvellous image of the loving relationship we have with God through Jesus. Jesus has come to claim us as God's own, and he is generous in the gifts he brings. There is nothing mean about Jesus in the story: not a thimbleful of plonk, but gallons of the choice stuff! Luke has the same point in his Gospel: "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is still with them?" (5:34). It is not the time of fast, but the time of feast. And the feast is generous: "out of his fullness have we all received" (Jn.1:16).

Of course the ultimate generosity of Jesus is shown when he dies for the love he has – when the bridegroom lays down his life for his bride. Jesus gives his whole self in love. He gives us his body and blood in this Eucharist – so that we can be united with him and with our father. So, let us rejoice today that we know the name of the bridegroom and that he knows our name in love.  
(From Seasons of the Word by Denis McBride)

**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, Nick Candrl, Kathryn Cox, 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 Witchell, 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.**



**WELCOME** today we welcome Brother John Deeney who is a De La Salle Brother. He is part of the annual Mission Appeal authorised by the Bishops of England & Wales. He will be talking about Church education in the poorer parts of the world. Mostly that means the sponsoring of school buildings in several different countries. There will be a 2nd collection today to support this work.



**PEACE SUNDAY TODAY :Overcome indifference and win peace** "....We have been heartened by the outpouring of empathy and action that surrounds the current migrant crisis, but unless we combine this with work to stop the causes of war, the global arms trade and our part within it; the billions spent annually on war and war preparations – we will not win peace." (Most Rev Malcolm McMahon OP)  
**THERE ARE ENVELOPES IN THE PORCH FOR A VOLUNTARY COLLECTION FOR PAX CHRISTI: the Catholic Movement for Peace in England & Wales.** If you wish to contribute please put the sealed Pax Christi envelope in the collection basket.  
*The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.'*



Dear Parishioners,

The St Martha group has been together in its present form since 2007 with the intention of raising funds for the benefit and upkeep of both St Michael's and St Bernard's Churches.

We started with £0 in the bank but with the support of the Parishioners we have raised over the years a total of £11,420.13 so well done all of you.

Apart from providing a wonderful Christmas dinner with all the trimmings for our Senior Citizens over the years, the last three years' meals taking place at The Old Mill pub with grateful thanks to Roisin and Micky Kerr. Please be assured that the Christmas dinner will carry on in the future. Funds were also made available for Father David and Father Vincent's anniversary celebrations.

We are sure you will all agree that our Churches are very special to us all but the bottom line is, they are buildings, they deteriorate over time and need some TLC to keep them safe, dry and warm for us all. The funds raised have enabled us to make repairs to St Bernard's kitchen and fix the roof in the kitchen. We have also replaced the hot water system in the kitchen, replaced the fire door in the church, replaced broken lights outside the porch and purchased a burglar alarm system. Last year St Bernard's hall was redecorated and the old and draughty windows replaced. As well as the repairs to St Bernard's, we raised enough funds to pass some £2,500 to St Michael's roof appeal. There are plans to redecorate St Bernard's Church and to replace/or repair, if possible a quantity of chairs in the hall. Father David has agreed for the work to take place.

**We have decided as a Group to stand down from St Martha's and perhaps allow others to take up the challenge. Please see Father David, if anyone is interested in doing so.**

The St Martha Group account will be closed and the balance of £2770.70 will be transferred to the Parish. Many thanks to all in the Group and to those who supported our Auction, quiz nights and raffles, Skittles nights, Bingo and Ladies' nights which has enabled us to do some good work. (St Martha Group)



**POPE FRANCIS' Prayer intention for January :**  
*'that sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.'*



**THE JUBILEE OF MERCY** began on 8th December 2015 when the pontiff opened the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica, symbolizing that a jubilee is underway. It will end on November 20th, Feast of Christ the King 2016. It is also called Holy Year. Jubilees normally occur every 25 years. They feature special celebrations and pilgrimages, calls for conversion and repentance, and the offer of special opportunities to experience God's grace through the sacraments, especially confession.

'Extraordinary' holy years, such as **the Holy Year of Mercy**, are less frequent but offer the same opportunities. The last extraordinary jubilee was called by St. John Paul II in 1983 to mark the 1,950 years after the death of Jesus. John Paul also led the last holy year, known as the "Great Jubilee," in 2000. **The Year of Mercy** called for by Pope Francis is the third "extraordinary" jubilee since the tradition began 700 years ago.



**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**—Bishop Philip has now opened the Door of Mercy at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.



**WHAT DOES 'OPENING THE DOOR OF MERCY MEAN?** At the start of The Year of Mercy on December 8<sup>th</sup> 2015, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door in the basilica. Each of Rome's major basilicas has its own holy door, which are traditionally sealed from the inside and only opened during jubilee years. The door usually is sealed with bricks as a symbolic reminder of the barrier of sin between human beings and God.

Those who pass through a Holy Door during this jubilee year will receive a plenary indulgence, which removes all of the temporal punishment for sins committed up to that time — provided the recipient also goes to confession, receives Communion, and prays for the Pope. Every diocese around the world is supposed to open a Holy Door. These doors can be in the local cathedral or other churches of particular relevance, such as a Marian shrine.

This will be a historical first, reflecting Pope Francis' desire that the jubilee be celebrated on the local level and not just in Rome.

### COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY

- + The collection for the **White Flower Appeal** on 10th Jan was £130.61. Thank you for your generosity.
- + **Mission Appeal TODAY** 17th January
- + **Catholic Education Service** collection next Sunday 24th January

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- + All those who are sick or housebound in our parish
- + The work of the Missions
- + Christian Unity
- + Peace around the world and in people's hearts

### WHAT'S ON?



**CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK 18<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> January** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service **January 24th.** 6.30 at St.Johns, New Road, Hythe.



*Why not make it a New Year Resolution to join the parish CAFOD group?*

Join the CAFOD Parish Group and for an

introduction to CAFOD's work come to their Supporters Day on **Saturday 23 January** (10am to 1.30pm in Basingstoke). See poster in the Porch or speak to Louise Croll -phone 80898213 for further details.



**PAUSE FOR PRAYER Tuesday 26th January 10-11am** St

Michael's, Hythe

All welcome for quiet scripture, prayer & reflection.

**OUR PARISH SHOP: FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY**  
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