

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

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The Gospel of Luke— The Gospel of Mercy

THE SEASON OF EASTER

4th Sunday of Easter 17th April 2016

Year C, Weekdays Year 2 Psalter week 4

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

9.00am	Mass SB
11.00am	Mass SM
Monday 18th April	No Mass
Tuesday 19th April	No Mass
Wednesday 20th April	No Mass
Thursday 21st April	No Mass

(St Anselm, Religious, Bishop, Doctor of the Church)

Friday 22nd April 10AM MASS SM'S

Saturday 23rd April 10AM MASS SM'S

(St George, Patron of England)

Sacrament of Reconciliation after 10am Mass

Anniversaries this week: Honora Power (17th), George Farrelly (18th), Ellen Pick F/M (20th),

Remembering those who have died recently: Michael Kirwan, Ruth Freemantle, Alice Bramhill, Edward Parrett, Ann Boyes

Mass Intentions: Frank & Frances Connaughton: Golden Wedding Anniversary.

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**



SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE POPE'S APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION ON THE JOY OF LOVE

Scripture and Tradition give us access to a knowledge of the Trinity, which is revealed with the features of a family. The family is the image of God, who is a communion of persons. At Christ's baptism, the Father's voice was heard, calling Jesus his beloved Son, and in this love we can recognize the Holy Spirit (cf. Mk 1:10-11). Jesus, who reconciled all things in himself and redeemed us from sin, not only returned marriage and the family to their original form, but also raised marriage to the sacramental sign of his love for the Church (cf. Mt 19:1-12; Mk 10:1-12; Eph 5:21-32). In the human family, gathered by Christ, 'the image and likeness' of the Most Holy Trinity (cf. Gen 1:26) has been restored, the mystery from which all true love flows. Through the Church, marriage and the family receive the grace of the Holy Spirit from Christ, in order to bear witness to the Gospel of God's love.

In Paragraph 37, we read, "We have long thought that simply by stressing doctrinal, bioethical and moral issues, without encouraging openness to grace, we were providing sufficient support to families, strengthening the marriage bond and giving meaning to marital life. We find it difficult to present marriage more as a dynamic path to personal development and fulfilment than as a lifelong burden. We also find it hard to make room for the consciences of the faithful, who very often respond as best they can to the Gospel amid their limitations, and are capable of carrying out their own discernment in complex situations. We have been called to form consciences, not to replace them."

"It ... can no longer simply be said that all those in any 'irregular' situation are living in a state of mortal sin and are deprived of sanctifying grace,"

At the same time, from our awareness of the weight of mitigating circumstances – psychological, historical and even biological – it follows that "without detracting from the evangelical ideal, there is a need to accompany with mercy and patience the eventual stages of personal growth as these progressively appear", making room for "the Lord's mercy, which spurs us on to do our best." I understand those who prefer a more rigorous pastoral care which leaves no room for confusion. But I sincerely believe that Jesus wants a Church attentive to the goodness which the Holy Spirit sows in the midst of human weakness, a Mother who, while clearly expressing her objective teaching, "always does what good she can, even if in the process, her shoes get soiled by the mud of the street." The Church's pastors, in proposing to the faithful the full ideal of the Gospel and the Church's teaching, must also help them to treat the weak with compassion, avoiding aggravation or unduly harsh or hasty judgements. The Gospel itself tells us not to judge or condemn (cf. Mt 7:1; Lk 6:37). Jesus "expects us to stop looking for those personal or communal niches which shelter us from the maelstrom of human misfortune, and instead to enter into the reality of other people's lives and to know the power of tenderness. Whenever we do so, our lives become wonderfully complicated."

Then he writes, "Yet we have often been on the defensive, wasting pastoral energy on denouncing a decadent world without being proactive in proposing ways of finding true happiness. Many people feel that the Church's message on marriage and the family does not clearly reflect the preaching and attitudes of Jesus, who set forth a demanding ideal yet never failed to show compassion and closeness to the frailty of individuals like the Samaritan woman or the woman caught in adultery."

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Marion Butler, Denise Calder, Nick Candrl, Kathryn Cox, Avril & Michael Daniels, Baby Finlay Drozd, Baby Elijah, Keith Ellison, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Dennis Freemantle, David Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Catherine Heron, Doreen Holman, Chrissy James, Peggy Kirwan, Sue Knell, Betty Marek, Susan Marlow, Sarah Marshall, Niamh Mulherne, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Ann O Connor, Michelle Ripley, Joan Smith, Emmie Walker, Brian Weston, Maureen Weyman. Mary & Lawrie Wittchell, 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.



SAD NEWS It is with great sadness that I have to announce the death of **Ann Boyes** from Holbury, who passed away suddenly on 3rd April. May she rest in peace.



THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THIS WEEK (Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st April) as Linda is having a few days away.



THE BOILER AT SB's is functioning again! Hurrah! I hope you were nice and warm on Sunday.

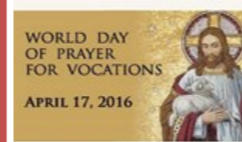


SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so then Bishop

Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 9th July 2016. If you would like to come, please visit the diocesan website and complete the online form or see Linda in the parish office. Who has copies of the form. Here is the link to the form.

www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/ **Although it is not until July you need to book a.s.a.p..**



TODAY : WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS,

1.3 billion Catholics in 196 countries, in thousands of languages, are all asked to pray for the same thing: "Lord, send us more priests, sisters, and brothers!" Since 1963 the Holy Father has set aside the Fourth

Sunday of Easter, when the scripture readings are about the Good Shepherd, as a day of intercession for vocations. What can you do? Pray—really pray! Millions of Catholics will be praying with you.



A VERY BIG THANK YOU from Frank & Frances Connaughton for the beautiful bouquet of flowers, gifts, cards and good wishes on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.



Knit-a-Square.com 2016 Wishlist Some parishioners may already be familiar with the work of the African charity 'Knit-a-square'.com who accept knitted squares from all around the world to be knitted into blankets for AIDS orphans. For 2016 the charity continues to welcome squares, and as the charity has grown, they are also in a position to distribute knitted hats, hand warmers and cuddly toys. Visit www.knit-a-square.com if you love to knit and are interested in helping.



BEACON TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

On Thursday 21st April there will be a beacon lit at Grove Gardens, Hythe at 7.30pm to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. It will be accessible by all of the community and you are welcome to attend.



THE JOY OF LOVE Pope Francis' most recent teaching *Amoris Laetitia*, "The Joy of Love", is the post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation "on Love in the Family". It was signed on 19th March, the Solemnity of St Joseph and was released last Friday. It brings together the results of the two Synods on the family convoked by Pope Francis in 2014 and 2015. The full version can be found on the Vatican website <http://w2.vatican.va> May God continue to bless you and your families this Eastertide. (Bishop Philip)



SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE POPE'S APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION ON THE JOY OF LOVE

(Continued from column 2)

Discernment must help to find possible ways of responding to God and growing in the midst of limits," states Francis. "By thinking that everything is black and white, we sometimes close off the way of grace and of growth, and discourage paths of sanctification which give glory to God."

The Holy Father notes that "There are those who believe that many of today's problems have arisen because of feminine emancipation." He has none of it. "This argument, however, is not valid, 'it is false, untrue, a form of male chauvinism', he writes. "The equal dignity of men and women makes us rejoice to see old forms of discrimination disappear, and within families there is a growing reciprocity. If certain forms of feminism have arisen which we must consider inadequate, we must nonetheless see in the women's movement the working of the Spirit for a clearer recognition of the dignity and rights of women."

COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL

TODAY 17th April Clergy Training Fund

This is an obligatory Diocesan collection which helps fund those students training for the diaconate & priesthood.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- + All those who mourn
- + Those preparing for Confirmation
- + The family & friends of Ann Boyes
- + Frank & Frances Connaughton (Golden Wedding 11th April)
- + The people of England and all those named after St George
- + Win Cocker (21st April, Birthday)
- + Queen Elizabeth II (90th Birthday)
- + Canon John O Shea (Health)
- + For Vocations

WHAT'S ON ?



Alton Day of Renewal You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Year of Mercy. Featuring guest speaker Peter Hobbs on "Father forgive them: Intercessory prayer." **Where:** St. Lucy's Convent, Medstead Manor, Medstead. GU34 5LL **When: Saturday 23rd April 2016.**



PAUSE FOR PRAYER Tuesday 26th April 10-11am St Michael's Hythe All welcome for quiet scripture, prayer and reflection.



CALLED & GIFTED The actual workshop takes place on **Friday 13th May 7pm-9pm; Saturday 14th May 9am-4pm** at St Theresa's church hall, 20 Beaumont Rd.' Totton SO40 3AL, totton@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Tel: 023 8086 2270, Mob: 07515001645. **BOOKING FORMS ARE IN THE PORCH.**

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