

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Registered Charity No 246871

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

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Dec 17 to 23 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY 9.00am MASS SB's

Mass Intention : Elizabeth Dawtry RIP

SUNDAY 11.00am MASS.. SM's

Mass Intention: People of the Parish

Anniversaries this week: RIP Sarah Jane Morrison (18).
Daphne Gooch (19) Ruth Adams (19). Brendan Kelly (23) Anna Jensen (23). Elizabeth Sinclair (23).

SAD NEWS: The funeral for Elizabeth Dawtry, RIP will be on Mon 8th January at St. Bernard's at 12.30pm. She died on 6th December. May she rest in peace.

If you have any announcement to be made in the church or newsletter we would like to have it by **Thursday morning**. Only emergency ones to be brought to the sacristy on Sunday morning.

Flower Arrangers volunteers needed at St. Bernard's. No special skills required just creativity and a willing heart. Help will be given. Please contact Jo Culver. Thank you. Email jonobrega@hotmail.com

Coffee and Tea at St Michael's

You are warmly invited to join us after 11am Mass.
(Go through the Sacristy into the Hall)

FOODBANK CHRISTMAS APPEAL.

In the next 3 weeks the foodbank needs **Christmas items** to make up over **100 food parcels** for local families in crisis. (Last date 3 Dec) Items requested: Tin of ham, chocolate log, long life cream, biscuits, child's selection box, box of chocolates, nibbles, Christmas crackers, mince pies. Please Help and thank you for your generous support

Weekday Mass Timings

St.M. Masses at St Michael's

St. B. Masses at St Bernard's

Daily Mass. Tue to Sat the Rosary will start at 9.10 and Mass at 9.30. Sun before Mass.

Monday 9am. St.M. Mass 3rd Week of Advent.

Tuesday 9.30am. St.M. Mass Followed by benediction until 10.30

Wednesday 9.30am St.M. Third Week of Advent

Thursday 9.30am St.B Mass. Third Week of Advent.

Friday 9.30am. St.M. Mass Third Week of Advent. Confessions after mass.

Saturday 9.30am. St. M. Mass. Third Week of Advent.

Children Christmas Carol Service.

Welcome to our Carol Service for children (and those young at heart) on **Saturday 23rd December** at 2,00pm in St. Bernard's Church. We would love to have you with us. The service will be followed by refreshments. If you are able, a few cakes would be gratefully received to be served with the refreshments.

Christmas Raffle

Very many thanks to everyone who supported the Parish Christmas Raffle, it raised £1000 for Parish funds. Plus the Coffee Morning held during the draw raised £67.20. Thank you to all who helped.

Christmas Mass Times

Sunday 24th December: 9am St Bernard's.
11am St Michael's

7.30pm St Michael's- Carol Service with readings

8.00pm St. Michael's - 1st Mass of Christmas

Monday 25th December:
10am St. Bernard's

For Sacrament of the sick or Holy Communion to the sick or housebound: contact parish office

Please keep in your prayers: Violetta Baddour, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Philomena Breen, Christopher Browne, Marion Butler, Denise Calder, Bruno Chrzanowski, Fr Vincent Convery, Kathryn Cox, Deny Croll, Baby Finlay Drozd, Keith Ellison, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Dennis Freemantle, David Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Fiona Francis, Catherine Heron, Doreen Holman, Peggy Kirwan, Sarah Marshall, Pauline Moore, Anne O Connor, David Parkinson, Michelle Ripley, Joan Smith, Emmie Walker, Brian Weston, Mary & Lawrie Witchell, Patrick Bradley. Brenda Atkinson. Iris Bolton. Barry Norris. Magdalene Smith. Lisa Swanson. Joan Hopper. John Bowden.

Lending Library News.

We now have some volunteers. Thank you so much. Now we need a **bookcase** at St. Bernard's for the Christian books available for parishioners to borrow. If anyone has one they do not need or want, please contact Joan Cocker on 023 80893699

St. Bernard on Mary

Bernard tells us, "in dangers, in doubts, think of Mary, call upon Mary. Do not let her name leave your lips nor your heart. So that you will more certainly obtain the assistance of her prayer, do not neglect to walk in her footsteps. With her as guide, you will never go astray; while calling to her you will never lose heart. As long as you think of her, you will never be deceived. While she holds your hand you cannot fall. Under her protection you have nothing to fear. If she walks before you, you shall not grow weary and you will reach your goal

LAST WEEK COLLECTION

Loose plate £174.13 Gift Aid. £264
Flower Collection: £103.12

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

CAFOD gifts are a fun and meaningful way to give gifts to the people you love, and make a difference to some of the poorest communities around the world at the same time. Each gift comes with a Christmas gift card and you can choose to send a goat, build a business or help a refugee child. You can order gifts online at cafod.org.uk/world gifts or call 0808 1400014 or catalogues are available in your church. Many Thanks. Jo Lewry.

CAFOD Thanks all parishioners at Waterside Catholic parish for the generous support for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day which amounted to £803,52



THE POPE TWEETS @pontifex

Thank you for following @Pontifex which turns five years old today. May social media always be spaces that are rich in humanity!

We ask for the grace to make our faith more and more operative through acts of charity. Political activity must truly be conducted at the service of the human person, with respect for creation and for the common good.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE LATEST NEWS!

The Diocese of Portsmouth now issues a weekly e-news. Go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and add your email address to receive these updates.

Pray: Please pray for world peace and for greater understanding between Israel and Palestine so that their leaders will find a peaceful solution.

Apostleship of the Sea: We would appreciate donations of warm winter clothes (hats, gloves, scarves, jumpers and waterproof jackets) for the seafarers. Thank you for your generosity.

Catholic Youth

Portsmouth Diocese is sending a group of 18-30s to World Youth Day, Panama in January 2019 (21st-27th). Anyone who would like to go should express their interest by emailing youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk no later than 15th January. The cost is in the region of £1800, and support will be given for seeking sponsorship and fundraising.

Midnight Mass Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

There will be a sheet at the back of both churches on Sun 17th for readers and Eucharistic Ministers to put their names on if they are coming to Midnight Mass. If you could put an email address and a phone number that would be very helpful. We will be in touch as soon as possible before Christmas Eve to let you know if you are needed. Thank you.

Confirmations for New Forest will be on Sunday 29th April 2018 at 3pm in the Cathedral. If your child is 12 or above please let Fr. Abraham know. The preparations will start soon.

Christmas Gift from Bishop Philip to all parishioners. Please collect after Mass the book "Rediscover Jesus An invitation" by Matthew Kelly, New York Times bestseller author.

Poinsettia Appeal: Please bring a **Poinsettia plant** in memory of a loved one (place a tag with their name) to decorate our churches on Sun 24th Dec before mass. The flower arrangers will arrange them after mass. Thank you.