

## WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Registered Charity No 246871

*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

**25th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**18th - 24th September 2016**

**Year C, Weekdays Year 2 Psalter week 1**

**MASS TIMES**

**9.00am**

**Mass SB**

**11.00am**

**Mass SM**

**Anniversaries this week:** Ann Harding (22nd), Lorna  
Woodrow (23rd)

**Remembering those who have died recently:** Sue Knell,  
Nick Candrl, Bernard Hand, Kathleen Dowds, Deacon Pat  
Taylor

**Mass intentions:** Michael & Ernie Ball (9am: SB)

**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 (Aug-Sept only 10.45) Totton

**LYMINGTON, BROCKENHURST, MILFORD ON SEA**

**Parish Priest-Rev David Adams** Tel: 01590 676696

Our Lady of Mercy & St Joseph-High Street, Lymington,  
St Anne-Rhinefield Road, Brockenhurst  
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 George Ngwa** :Tel: 01425 614968

Our Lady of Lourdes-Mount Avenue, New Milton

**Saturday Vigil Mass:** 6pm

**Sunday Mass** 10 am

**THE DEANERY** is made up from the pastoral areas of New Forest,  
Avon Stour, & Bournemouth **Dean: Fr Tom Grufferty**

## CORE CATHOLICISM & INITIATIVE

In the Gospel for this Sunday Jesus praises the astuteness or initiative of the dishonest steward and commends such creative thinking (not the dishonesty) to his disciples.

I want to reflect on what is core Catholicism and what may be some of the initiatives that will help us be faithful to God's grace and help us to serve the secular, multi-cultural society in which we live.

Core Catholicism is all about love. Not just any love but the unique kind of love God has shown us in Jesus. As John puts it; we are to love then, because God has first loved us, (1 John 4:19). For Jesus' people the Commandments were at the centre. For the followers of Jesus the centre is the loving heart of the Father, the law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ, (John 1:17). Core Catholicism is accepting God's love as a gracious gift, learning to love God in return and loving others as Jesus has loved us. Everything else, dress, devotions, rituals etc. is peripheral and subservient to this.

We should not be surprised or disconcerted to realise that what is central and most important to us is also central and most important to every other Christian. It is also the heart of every great world religion and spiritual path. We should be delighted by the common ground we share. The Word has enlightened all peoples so it is only to be expected that the seeds of the Word (cfr. St Irenaeus) have produced a similar fruit among the other sheep who are not of this fold (John 10:16).

The initiative that is called for from the children of light is nothing new. It is putting good deeds before fine words. It is giving & showing compassion, respect, good will, patience, perseverance, love of enemies and every other virtue. It is speaking truth to power both inside and outside the church. It is bravely following the guidance of the Holy Spirit who gives us courage to change the things that must be changed, serenity to accept what we cannot change and wisdom to know the difference.

We must use the wonderful discoveries of science to enrich & expand our understanding of Christ. We need to discover through dialogue what unites us with other Christians, other faiths & those of no faith and together seek to alleviate suffering in the world. We need to shift the emphasis from a backward looking understanding of Jesus (i.e. what Jesus means in terms of the Jewish tradition and experience over 2000 yrs ago) to a present, cosmic, understanding of the Christ. This means learning to see the Divine reality (the Word) at the heart of the unfolding of the universe. Realising that Christ is at the heart of everything means everything belongs and everything "in heaven and on earth" is reconciled, (Eph. 1:10). This is GOOD NEWS that we can be proud of, God's goodness is something we can boast about, God's love is something we can joyfully dedicate our lives to.

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**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, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Marion Butler, Denise Calder, Bruno Chrzanowski, Fr Vincent Convery, Kathryn Cox, Avril Daniels, Elizabeth Dawtry, Baby Finlay Drozd, Baby Elijah, Keith Ellison, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Dennis Freemantle, David Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Catherine Heron, Doreen Holman, Joan Hopper, Chrissy James, Peggy Kirwan, Betty Marek, Susan Marlow, Sarah Marshall, Pauline Moore, Niamh Mulherne, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Anne O Connor, Elsa Poole, Michelle Ripley, Joan Smith, Emmie Walker, Brian Weston, Maureen Weyman. Mary & Lawrie Witchell, Bridget Wyatt



**FIRE WARDENS TRAINING** for SB's and SM's. Thank you to all those who have volunteered. **Your training will be at St Bernard's on Saturday 8th October at 10.30am.**



**RED BOXES (APF)** Your red boxes are due for emptying during September. Your Collectors will be contacting you shortly. Any boxes for

Linda Guilding please leave in the Sacristy at SB's or SM's. Thank you.



**OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM 24TH SEPTEMBER PRAYER REQUESTS**

At the Walsingham Shrine there is a system whereby your intentions can be placed in a Novena of Masses that operates from the 1st - 9th, the 10th -18th, and from the 19th - 27th of the month. The Novena Mass intentions are placed on the Altar during Mass each day for the duration of the Novena. You can request a particular Novena so that an anniversary, birthday, memorial etc., is remembered on the appropriate day. **Visit [www.walsingham.org.uk/prayer-request](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/prayer-request) for more details.**



**THE RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME WILL BEGIN VERY SOON.**

Parents, if your child is in Year 3 at primary school and will be 8 yrs old this year, and you wish your child to make their First Holy Communion, please contact the Parish office with your child's details **BY 25TH SEPTEMBER** Either ring 02380 843479 and leave a message or email [watside@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:watside@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**ST MATTHEW 21ST SEPTEMBER** The Gospel of Matthew is especially important for it is one of the two Gospels originally written by an Apostle (the other being the Gospel of John). The Gospel of Matthew was possibly written in Antioch, an early home of Christianity. Indeed, the Acts of the Apostles (11:26)

recorded that the followers of Jesus were first called Christians in Antioch.



Passing straight through the Church porch is, sadly, all too easy. This means missing the notice board with information of local events and the Diocese including your free copy of 'Portsmouth People', our Diocesan magazine. So why not pause and read what is happening locally, further afield and in the Diocese. You may see something that interests you.

The website for the New Forest Pastoral area has a weekly extract from Laudato Si. <http://www.nfwp.org.uk/>



**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER** ".....That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the centre."



**Vocations News** (Bishop Philip)

**SEMINARIANS IN FORMATION:** Please keep in your prayers all those in formation for the priesthood as we begin this new academic year:

Deacon Mark Whiting -due to be ordained Priest in December

**Allen Hall, London**

Ian Cornford - fourth year

Ben Huntley - fourth year

James Lewis - first year

**Oscott College -Birmingham**

Mohanraj Edward - fourth year

**St John's Seminary -Womersley (Portsmouth Diocese)**

Ansel D'Mello - sixth year due to be ordained Deacon in December

Robert Stewart - sixth year due to be ordained Deacon in Dec

Niall Farrell - third year

Paul Nwune - second year

**Venerable English College, Rome**

Matthew King - third year

Oliver Welsford - second year

Daniel Ferguson - first year



**THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION IS FOR: HOME MISSION SUNDAY**

Home Mission Sunday is celebrated today and is themed: *Proclaim the joy of Love*. Home Mission Sunday is one of three mandatory collections requested by the bishops each year. Today the appeal is for the work of evangelisation on our own doorstep. We seek to reach out to those in our families and local communities who have never encountered Jesus Christ, or have become distant from Him and the life of the Church. The collection also ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith. Thank you in advance for your support of this urgent and vital work. Please take a prayer card. (Catholic Bishops Conference of England & Wales)

### COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

The collection for Racial Justice on 11th September was £162.28. Thank you for your generosity.

**TODAY** 18th September

Home Missions

25th September

The Cathedral

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

+Sick clergy, especially Fr Vincent, and lay faithful of the Diocese.

+Bruno Chrzanowski : who is in hospital

+Elizabeth Dawtry: Health

+The Seminarians listed above

+Keith Ellison who is in hospital

### WHAT'S ON ?



**PAUSE FOR PRAYER 27th Sept. 10-11am** St Michael's, Hythe  
All welcome for quiet scripture, prayer & reflection.

**FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY 8 ST JOHN'S STREET, HYTHE**  
Tel: 02380 207882

