

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

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Third Sunday of Easter 19th April 2015

Year B, Weekdays Year 1; Psalter week 3

9.00am	Mass SB
11.00am	Mass SM

Monday 20th April	No Service
Tuesday 21st April	No Service
<i>St Anselm, Religious, Bishop, Doctor</i>	
Wednesday 22nd April	No Service
Thursday 23rd April	No Service
<i>St George, Patron Saint of England</i>	

TOUGH ADMISSION & UNDESERVED BLESSINGS

We have to have some sympathy with the religious authorities who had Jesus executed. They had been on the receiving end of the harshest words that Jesus ever spoke. They had been determined to do away with him. They had him arrested, tortured and cruelly put to death. Peter reminds them of all the grizzly details and of their responsibility, proverbially rubbing their noses in it! Yet amazingly Peter also describes some mitigating circumstances neither you, nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing. Even more astonishing Peter calls them to accept forgiveness and promises that God will send them this Christ, whom they had just killed, as their Lord and Saviour! Peter is calling for the most radical, heart tearing, gut wrenching conversion that could possibly be imagined.

We can, perhaps, understand a little of how the people and leaders must have felt. Often in Lenten pious literature and prayers we are reminded that our sins made Jesus suffer. There is a sense in which that is true, but we must not take it in such a way as to negate the saving work that Jesus did on our behalf. The Father wants, and Jesus wants to save us from our sins, from fear, anxiety, guilt and discouragement. Our focus must be on the Lord and we should allow ourselves to feel gratitude, love and joy for the love Jesus revealed on the cross.

For these reasons I have come to the conclusion that one of the traditional expressions of contrition is not as helpful as it should be. O my God, I am sorry and beg pardon for all my sins because they deserve Thy dreadful punishments, because they have crucified my loving Saviour, Jesus Christ, and most of all because they offend Thine infinite goodness etc etc. This portrays a very severe portrait of God and one that Jesus himself did not present. It concentrates on all the negative effects of sin and actually increases feelings of guilt and anxiety at a time when a person needs to be encouraged to have trust and confidence in God. It has all the hallmarks of the heresy of Jansenism, which had such a chilling impact on the Church of Northern Europe in the 18th-19th centuries. We are still living with the ghosts of Jansenism today and people's experience of God is still blighted by its chill.

The Gospel presents us with an altogether different picture of the Risen Jesus. Jesus is bursting full of joy and loving energy. He is the same Lord and Saviour who died on the cross but he has a new body which is in complete harmony with the Spirit. It transcends space and time and can be personally present to everyone. It is not limited in the way our present bodies are. Jesus' risen body is a sign that God's love triumphs over our sin and death. It shows that the Father can be trusted to the utmost as Jesus did when he accepted the Father's will in the Garden. In this Easter let us receive the blessing of Jesus, trust in his wonderful love and allow the Spirit more deeply into our lives. (DMA)

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, Baby Elijah, Derek Faiers, Derek Francis, Mervyn Francis, Ruth Freemantle, David & Joan Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Rose Gudge, Sally Herbert, Catherine Heron, Doreen Holman, Chrissy James, John & Lena Keane, Ron Kelly, Eileen Kenny, Michael Kirwan, Betty Marek, Sarah Marshall, Sarah Mc Cann, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Ann O Connor, Karen O'Donovan, Norma Rudd, Joan Smith, Susan Soutter, John Stevens, Maria Tinkler, Emmie Walker, Brian Weston, Maureen Weyman.

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.



children's Liturgy

CAN YOU HELP? The Children's Liturgy team at SB's are looking for:

(1) a PC/TV monitor, easily movable and sized 17"-27", that we can use to show short Bible videos, prayers and images (built-in speakers nice but not essential);

(2) a set of simple small tablecloths, ~3' square or round, in liturgical colours (green, red or purple; more rarely rose pink or gold), or fabric to make the tablecloths. If you can help please speak with Clare or Angela @ SB's.



PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE Your *free copy* of Portsmouth People is now available in the porch.



PLANT SALE/SPRING FAIR; SATURDAY 9 MAY SB'S 10am-12.30pm. The annual Plant Sale/Spring Fair will include the traditional plants but also offer giftware, jewellery, crafts as well as home made cakes and a grand raffle. **Gardeners, please get planting** bedding plants and vegetables and **craft experts please get crafty! Raffle prizes welcome** - please leave them at the back of the church clearly marked 'Plant sale/spring fair', or hand them in to our parish shop- Faith, Hope & Charity, or give them to Veronica at SB's



THANK YOU! THANK YOU from Mrs Alice Moloney to those parishioners, especially Jenny and Peter, who helped her when she fell in the car park after the Good Friday service.



OUR PARISH FUTURE FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN Thank you to everyone who has offered to increase their planned giving to the parish. It is appreciated.



PARISHIONER CONTACT DETAILS: Last Sunday, 12th April, we had a census where parishioners were asked to record their contact details to enable us to update parish records which are seriously out of date.

Please fill in the parishioner address details even if you haven't moved recently.

If you are relatively new to the parish, or have recently moved & have not given us your address details, please fill in one of the **parishioner information forms which are in the porch.** Return the form to Linda via the collection basket or via the letterbox at Angel house. Thank you.



NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES. Carmel will be at SB's & SM's this Sunday. If boxes are not collected she will leave them in the relevant church.

Any queries please ring Carmel Mc Clatchey 02380 842403



THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed 23rd, 28th & 30th April. Re opens 5th May.



The Pope Tweets: @Pontifex Lord, help us to live the virtue of generosity, to love without limits.

This month we are invited to join in Pope Francis's prayer intention "...That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church."



World Watch List The Open Doors World Watch List highlights the 50 countries where it is most difficult to live as a Christian. These are the places where followers of Christ must keep their beliefs hidden and where living the gospel means facing beatings, imprisonment, discrimination and abuse.

COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL

SUNDAY: Next Sunday 26th April This is an obligatory collection for the Clergy Training Fund. The money goes to fund the training and upkeep of those preparing for the priesthood and diaconate.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Win Cocker Birthday 21st April
 The people of England & all those named after St George
 Queen Elizabeth II Birthday 21st April
 Christians who are persecuted for their faith.

WHAT'S ON



TUESDAY APRIL 28TH PAUSE FOR PRAYER 10-11am St Michael's Hythe All welcome for quiet scripture, prayer and reflection.



TUESDAY 28TH APRIL
Waterside Churches Together is organising
General Election Husting at
Hythe & Dibden Parish Hall from 7.30 - 9.30pm.

Party candidates will be invited to attend to state their political standpoint and to answer questions from the floor. These questions must be submitted in writing to admin@watersidec.org.uk no later than midnight on the 27th April. This is a brilliant opportunity to be better informed and to ask any burning questions you might have at this very important time for us.



SATURDAY 16TH MAY: 10am-4pm Wisdom Centre, Romsey
THE GLORY - PRAYER IN THE HOLY OF HOLIES:

In St John's Gospel, it was no longer necessary literally to enter the Holy of Holies to see the Lord and the light, because the Lord and the light had come into the world. (Margaret Barker 2011) The Hebrews expressed the majesty of God and the constant presence of God using these images. They ritualistically enacted them within their community, and both images are central to the description of the life of Jesus in the Gospels. The mystics saw the world as if from the Holy of Holies. This Workshop will explore the significance of The Glory and the Holy of Holies for our prayer. It will be suitable for Christians of all denominations. The day will be led by Mary Dunn. Coffee and registration from 9.30am Suggested offering £27 to include lunch.



WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY: Visit of Relics of Blessed Louis and Blessed Zélie Martin (Parents of St. Theresa of Child Jesus), one of the first married couples ever to be beatified.

Blessed Louis and Blessed Zélie are the parents of St. Thérèse of Lisieux. The programme is on **Wednesday 20th May with a Liturgy of Reception at St. Theresa's, Totton at 12.30 noon, The visitation will conclude with Mass at 7pm.** May the prayers of this saintly married couple, along with those of Joseph the Just and Mary the Virgin, renew us with the joy of the Gospel. Please mark this in your diary. Please watch this space for more details regarding the program that day in next week's bulletin.



A DAY FOR YOU - AFTER BEREAVEMENT: Friday 22nd May 11am- 3pm (coffee and registration from 10.30am) Wisdom Centre, Romsey. Suggested offering £20 to include lunch. For more information

about either days please telephone 01794 830206 or email: reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk

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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**