

## 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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**25th Sunday of Ordinary Time 20th September 2015**

**Year B, Weekdays Year 1; Psalter week 1**

**9.00am Mass SB**

**11.00am Mass SM**

**Baptism Daniel Joshua Browning 2pm SM's (Deacon Steve)**

**Monday 21st No Mass**

*(St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist)*

**Tuesday 22nd No Mass**

**Wednesday 23rd No Mass**

*(St Pio of Pietrelcina, Religious)*

**Thursday 24th No Mass**

*(Our Lady of Walsingham)*

**Friday 25th Mass 10am SM'S**

**Saturday 26th Mass 10am SM's**

*(Ss Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs)*

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION STRAIGHT AFTER MASS**

**MASS INTENTIONS 20th - 26th September**

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

**Remembering those who have died recently:**

**Other Intentions:**

**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**

## A NEW WAY TO BE GREAT

In Jesus' time women were virtually powerless, excluded from decision-making in both politics and religion and not accepted as credible witnesses. Jesus is always setting women free, free to listen to his teaching, free from taboos, free to be God's children. Jesus encourages and confirms their faith. Women were socially powerless but Jesus called them to the empowerment of faith and confirmed them in their dignity as daughters of God.

The male disciples were a different kettle of "fish". They had all the presumptions of male privilege, power and prestige. They thought in terms of promotion, advancement, and domination. They were ambitious, envious and contentious. Jesus' language of death and resurrection was completely alien to them and they were "afraid to ask" about it. So the disciples end up arguing about who was the greatest. They must have had some sort of awareness that this wasn't a discussion Jesus would have encouraged because they kept silent when questioned, clearly out of embarrassment.

In response Jesus turns all their worldly ambitions upside down. If they want to be first they should become last. If they want to be great they must be servant to all. Then we have the visual aid. The child is the symbol of powerlessness, helplessness and unimportance. Jesus identifies with the child and with all the poor and powerless. But he goes even further - to accept such as these is to welcome the very presence of God.

It is this presence of God with the "little ones" that is the basis of all Christian community. They are not to call themselves teachers or instructors because they are all disciples and there is only one teacher - the Christ. They are to call no one on earth "Father" because they have only one Father - God in heaven. Both hierarchy and democracy are alien political concepts. The community is one where all the sisters and brothers share an equal dignity as children of God. All have different gifts from the one Spirit but none is able to claim more importance than another. All are one person in Christ and worldly distinctions have no meaning.

As a Christian community we must constantly struggle against the mentality of the world that so easily influences us. We must seek the way of the peacemaker, the way of gentleness and patience (even if this is abused cfr 1st reading). We must not allow people, motivated more by a need for power and control, to abuse us and force us to bolster their own egos. We should challenge the abuse of power in society and in the church. Similarly we must resist the blindness of the "herd" mentality, the group think, which is not thinking at all but only a solidarity in greed, fear and violence. Only the Spirit of God, accepted and listened to in prayer, can help us follow Jesus' way. (DMA)

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please keep in your prayers:

Lyn Barker, David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Alice Bramhill, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Marion Butler, Denise Calder, Baby Finn Drozd Baby Elijah, Derek Faiers, James Fenn, Derek Francis, Mervyn Francis, Ruth & Dennis Freemantle, David Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Catherine Heron, Doreen Holman, Chrissy James, Lena Keane, Eileen Kenny, Michael Kirwan, Theresa Leydon, Betty Marek, Susan Marlow, Sarah Marshall, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Ann O Connor, Karen O'Donovan, Joan Smith, John Stevens, Maria Tinkler, Emmie Walker, Brian Weston, Maureen Weyman., Mary & Lawrie Witchell.

**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.**



**PLEASE LEAVE YOUR APF** boxes in the Sacristy, not the back of the church. Thank you.



**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?** Don't forget - tell us and we will tell the Hospital Chaplain. If you aren't visited, it is because he doesn't know you are there.



**FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY** 2nd October.

(Collection Sunday 4th October) Please give what you can so all our sisters and brothers, wherever they are in the world, can share in the earth's abundance. We are grateful for your support. Without your generosity and prayers, the work that CAFOD does to change the lives of thousands of people worldwide, would not be possible. On behalf of CAFOD and the communities we work with, thank you for your support. Please continue to pray for our global family. Please take a Fast day envelope & a prayer card home with you after Mass.



The next **PPC meeting** is **THIS Thursday 24th September** at 7.30pm Angel House.

**WELCOME** to Brenda Ellison who will be joining the PPC for the first time.

Your PPC members are: Fr David Adams (parish priest), Steve Bowler (Chair), Roger Daniels, Brenda Ellison, Philomena Hopkins, Peter Mitchell, Christine Olden, Polly Read & Deacon Ian Tobin. The Minutes from the PPC Meetings are displayed in both churches. *If you have any concerns about life in the parish please address them to any of the PPC members mentioned above.*



**OUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE** is only 76 days away from today!! To avoid inundating you with requests nearer the date we are going to specify different things each month. This month we would like:

**Raffle prizes. & Craft items** If you have any prizes for the main raffle please take them to the parish shop: Faith Hope & Charity, or leave them at the back of the church for collection. Please mark them 'Parish raffle'. If you can make or buy anything which can be sold on the Craft stall for the Fayre, please see Tina Bowler or ring the parish office. Thank you!



**2016 school admissions:** If you have a child due to start school in 2016 and you are considering naming our Catholic school in your application form would you be interested in sharing transport?

If so, please contact the parish office with your details so they can be passed on to Scott and Louise Blacker who are looking into the practicalities of transport with another family. Or contact Louise Blacker directly at [louiseblacker@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:louiseblacker@hotmail.co.uk)

**Faith, Hope & Charity.**  
**8 ST JOHN'S STREET, HYTHE**  
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**The Pope Tweets @Pontifex** *The principal mission of the Church is evangelization, bringing the Good News to everyone.*



**HOME MISSION SUNDAY TODAY** is celebrated today and is themed: *Proclaim God's Mercy.*

The bishops of England and Wales invite every parish on 20 September 2015 to celebrate *Home Mission Sunday* to support the Catholic community to respond generously to the call to evangelise.

"Many Mass-going Catholics feel the pain and sorrow caused by a large number of family members and friends not practising their faith. In response, there is an urgency for us all to consider afresh how we might respectfully and joyfully reach out to our absent brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you for all that you are already doing in this regard. "The prayers offered and money raised on Home Mission Sunday enable new projects and partnerships to be developed to support Church growth and the work of outreach in England and Wales. " Please do celebrate Home Mission Sunday this September as generously as you can. Thank you and God bless you." (Bishop Mark O'Toole-(Chair, Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis)

## COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

+ **Home Mission Sunday** 20th September  
+ Cathedral 27th September  
+ **Advance notice: CAFOD Family Fast day**(2nd Oct); collection Sun 4th October

## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

+ Evangelisation in England and Wales  
+ Those attending the Celebrate Conference in Southampton (26th)

## WHAT'S ON



**WHAT IS A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CHURCH?** And how can we become one? There are currently 800,000 people in the UK with Dementia and that number is expected to grow to 1 million in just 8 years time. How are churches responding to this challenge? Why not come along to find out more about it and how Waterside parish can become a Dementia friendly church. The speaker will be

Peter Blasby. **Thursday 24th September at 6.30pm at SM's.** All are welcome.

God loves everyone, including people with dementia, so they should have the opportunity to worship. Churches should be imaginative and creative to help people with dementia to draw close to God, particularly as they pass through a stressful and difficult part of their life. (*Livability's Disability Friendly Churches Campaign*)

**The PPC meeting will follow 24th September at 7.30pm.**



**MIGRANT SLAVERY CONFERENCE 9:30am - 3:30pm Saturday 26 September** at St. Bede's Church,

Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX. The Justice,

Peace and Social Responsibility Team of the Diocese of Portsmouth are hosting this conference. There is an excellent team of speakers including:

Kevin Hyland, Independent Anti Slavery Commissioner

Fiona Cunningham, Centre for Social Justice

Jess Gealer, Medaille Trust

Laura Franklin, Assistant Commissioner to the Police

and Crime Commissioner, Isle of Wight

Cost £10, early booking essential via websites

<http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/migrant-slavery-day.php>

or [cvirgo@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:cvirgo@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).



**PAUSE FOR PRAYER September 29th** 10-11am St Michael's Hythe. All welcome for quiet scripture, prayer and reflection.