

## WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Registered Charity No 246871

### Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

St Michaels Church, (SM) Langdown Lawn, Hythe SO45 5GR  
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## The Gospel of Luke – The Gospel of Mercy

### 34th Sunday of Ordinary Time

20th - 26th November 2016 -

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

#### MASS TIMES

9.00am Mass SB  
11.00am Mass SM

**Anniversaries this week :** Stanislaw Richard Ryterski (Steve), Philip Manghan (26th), Tony Warrilow (26th), Leana Keane (26th)

**Remembering those who have died recently** Joan de Haven, Thomas Pender, Frank Boyle,

**Mass intentions::** The Brown & Mulvenney families SM's

### 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**

## UNIVERSAL SOVEREIGNTY

Our second reading today from Paul's letter to the Christians at Colossae gives us one of the early foundational statements of our faith. It was probably a hymn or canticle used in early Christian worship. It draws connections between the mystery of God, the universal Christ, the creation, the historical Jesus and the Church. The utterly Other, mysterious and unknowable God (Father) expresses the God Self in his Word, his Image, his Son, his Christ, (remembering that gender belongs to our language not to God). We could use other words too like Interface, Plan, Blueprint, Likeness or Form. It is through the Plan, Blueprint, Word or Form that the creation has its being and is held together.

The creation is the free and loving self-expression of God in the world of form, or finite reality. It takes place through the Blueprint or the Word, or in St Paul's vocabulary, the Christ. It is an unfolding, dynamic, evolutionary Universe. The connection between God and the Christ, between the Christ and the world is the Spirit. The Godhead, the Christ and the Spirit we speak of as the Holy Trinity, One God, Three "Persons". The human person Jesus is the free, loving self-expression of God in human nature again through the same Blueprint, Word or Christ. In Jesus the Divine Word, the Christ bridges the two natures, human and divine.

We cannot fall in love with abstractions, with sources of life or presences. To capture the human heart God must enter our world. God must take on a human face. Seeing the human Jesus we "see" the Father (John 14). When we see God (the Christ) in the face of Jesus we can begin to see the Christ in every human face, and then we see every human person in the universal Christ. Then we can "love the other as oneself".

Jesus knew (by shared life & experience) that "he came from God and was returning to God" (John). The Universal Christ was expressing in Jesus' life and death the loving, self-giving of God communicated by the Spirit. The Source of everything does not need anything. One infinitely rich in Being does not need "riches". Grounded in Life itself and totally embraced by Love itself death is powerless to intimidate. On the cross we see the triumph of love. Every finite thing is stripped away, infinite, boundless, unquenchable life & love reign supreme. God is the whole of the universe, but the universe is not the whole of God. God is the whole of Life but Life is not the whole of God. God is all of me but I am not all of God. Realising and accepting that one is a part of Life, that one belongs to Life, that one must surrender to Life is accepting the Sovereignty of Christ. It is a sweet surrender because the love of God made visible in Jesus is the most wonderful love imaginable. When we allow this love to touch us, heal us and transform us. When we allow it to transform our social relationships, our politics, our workplaces, our commerce, our agriculture then we begin to experience the power of the kingdom on earth. This kingdom is a kingdom of peace, truth, love, compassion, forgiveness, fairness, kindness, gentleness, friendship, passionate benevolence, courage, perseverance, self-giving and very virtue. (DMA)

*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, Denny Croll, Avril Daniels, Elizabeth Dawtry, Baby Finlay Drozd, Baby Elijah, Keith Ellison, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Dennis Freemantle, David Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Mike Hedges, 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,, Michelle Ripley, Margaret Scott, Joan Smith, Emmie Walker, Brian Weston, Maureen Weyman. Mary & Lawrie Witchell, Bridget Wyatt



**OUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE :** Put the date in your diary:  
**Sat 3rd December 10am-1.30pm St John's Hall, Hythe.**

**RAFFLE TICKETS ARE DUE BACK NEXT SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER**



**CALLING ALL ASPIRING BAKERS!** The great British Bake off has finished, but don't despair. Why not put your energies into cooking all manner of delicious cakes for the cake stall at our Christmas Fayre! Every little bun helps! Please take your creations along on the day. Saturday 3rd December St John's hall Hythe by 10am.



**Parish Survey** Thank you to all those who took part in the recent five yearly parish demographic survey requested by the Diocese. This data gathering exercise will help enormously in the New Evangelisation to which we are called. (Bishop Philip)



**MASS COUNT** There is a Mass count every Sunday, but the October figures are taken for National statistics. The average count for adults for October was 69.2 (SB's) and 66.8 (SM's). The average for children was 15.2 (SB's) and 4.6 (SM's).



**FOODBANK** Please help the Foodbank make Christmas special for those in need by donating the following Christmas items by **4th December:** They have enough everyday items at the moment, but really need Christmas items.

Chocolate log, Christmas cake, Biscuits, Children's selection boxes, Chocolates, Large bars of chocolate, Nibbles- peanuts, crisps etc, Christmas crackers and mince pies.

## NEXT SUNDAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**national youthsunday** takes place on the feast of Christ the King (TODAY) on the theme *He is Mercy*.

Pope Francis famously said "Dear young people, please, don't be observers of life, but get involved. Jesus did not remain an observer, but he immersed himself. Don't be observers, but immerse yourself in the reality of life, as Jesus did." What our youth lack in experience, they make up for in imagination, energy, initiative and confidence. It is up to older parishioners to invite, facilitate and encourage the contributions of our youth. (Chapel)



**THE REAL ADVENT CALENDAR** is a fun way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the Christmas story. The calendar comes with a free 28-page Christmas story activity book designed to be used every day in Advent. This year, the book is illustrated by award winning artist, Alida

Massari. Behind each of the 24 windows there is a festive Fairtrade chocolate made a new and improved Fairtrade blend. The Real Advent Calendar is designed to share and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas so that Christ is not written out of Christmas. Look out for the Real Advent Calendar in the supermarket.



## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2016

Every year we pray for refugees, but this month Pope Francis asks us to pray with him for the countries that receive refugees. There are countries that are limited in the help they can offer their refugees. These countries must rely on the help of outside organisations. One such organization is the Jesuit Refugee Service—Middle East and North Africa (www.jrsmena.org). Besides providing emergency assistance to Syrian refugees, they also meet needs that governments are unable to meet, such as psychosocial support and education. We can offer this organisation financial support and our prayers. This month we are invited to join in Pope Francis' prayer intention " ... **That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.** "



**THE ART OF DYING WELL** If you think about death as a journey, not just as a specific moment, it may help you understand what it means to die well. But as with any journey, you need to prepare for it.

The Art of Dying Well website was devised and commissioned by the Catholic Church of England and Wales. Launched on All Saints Day, it features real-life stories about the highs and lows of dealing with the final journey. There is a prayer card in the porch. Please take one. Take a look at the website [www.artofdyingwell.org](http://www.artofdyingwell.org)

## COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

**THIS WEEK END 20th November :** Collection for church flowers

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- + During November we remember all those who have died.
  - + We remember their kind deeds, the things they did for us and for other people; we remember how we loved them and how they loved us, and we pray we will be united with them again on the last day.
  - + We also pray for those who have died that we never knew.
  - + We pray for those who have died for our freedom,
  - + We pray for all those who have died alone with no one to remember or pray for them.
  - + By remembering those who were loved, they are never really gone from us.
  - + Sir David Price RIP Birthday
  - + Stanislaw Richard Ryterski (Steve) RIP 1st Anniversary
  - + Ruth Adams RIP Birthday
- Eternal rest grant unto them o Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen,*

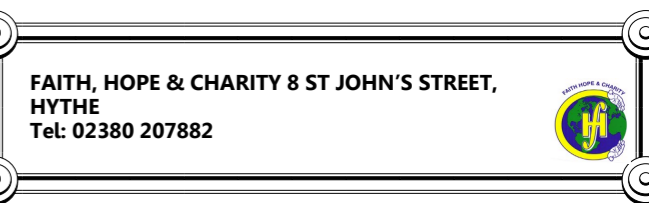


### WHAT'S ON ?

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

**CAFOD** just one world **PROCLAIMING THE MERCY OF GOD – CAFOD RETREAT SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER**

As this Year of Mercy draws to a close, join CAFOD for a special retreat at St Mary's parish hall, 59 Normandy Street, Alton, Hampshire GU34 1DN from 10am to 4pm where we will explore how each of us can continue to live out Pope Francis' call to be "witnesses of mercy" in our families, communities and in our world. The day will allow you to take time out from everyday life to reflect on your own faith journey, explore the Scriptures and Church teaching and be inspired by stories from CAFOD's campaigning and work overseas. Booking is essential via 01252 329385 or [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk)



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