

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

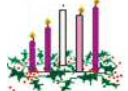
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4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

20th December 2015

The Gospel of Luke- The Gospel of Mercy

Year C, Weekdays Year 2; Psalter week 4

9.00am Mass SB

11.00am Mass SM

Monday 21st December No Mass

Requiem Mass Lena Keane 1pm SM's

Tuesday 22nd December No Mass

Wednesday 23rd December No Mass

Thursday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE

Carols 7pm, Mass 7.30pm SM's

Friday 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY

9am SB's, 11am SM's

Saturday 26th December NO MASS

MASS INTENTIONS 20th-26th DECEMBER

Anniversaries this week: Brendan Kelly (23rd), Anna Jensen (23rd),

Elizabeth Sinclair (23rd), John Adams (24th), Marion Teague (24th)

Remembering those who have died recently: Lena Keane, Eileen Kenny, Tom Sherlock, Canon Richard Hind, Karen O'Donovan,

Other Intentions: Karen O'Donovan (R.I.P) Trudy King (Health)

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**

MARY IS EAGER TO HELP HER COUSIN ELIZABETH

Mary is a young girl. She is pregnant and vulnerable. According to Matthew's Gospel Joseph is at first unwilling to continue the relationship. Yet Mary does not think of herself but goes "with haste" to support her older cousin who is expecting a child of her own. She goes to help, to share her joy and in some mysterious way to share the Spirit of God who is at work in all their lives. Zechariah and Elizabeth were good people according to the Law but they stand at the end of an epoch. With Mary God has begun a whole new thing! It is the beginning of the era of grace when the gracious love and forgiveness of God are poured out on the whole of humanity. Mary is the first one to say Yes to this gracious initiative of God. It is all about letting God work and trusting in what God does and what God will do. Its so much surer, more reliable, more effective and more wonderful than any of our meagre efforts. Blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.

At this time of year we can let ourselves be overwhelmed by God's goodness and undeserved love. We can like Mary allow this grace to overflow in concern for others and in a desire to share the joy God gives us. Yes we probably do go to excess but if we sweeten it with kindness, forgiveness and forbearance, with gracious and benevolent giving then we honour, celebrate and echo the largesse of God for all. (Fr David)

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

As Christmas fast approaches I would like to thank you all for your friendship, your prayers and your support during the past year and for your kind wishes and generous gifts this Christmastide. Thank you to everyone in the parish for your prayers and commitment, your love of God and your support. A special thank you to those whose faith, good works and service is known only to God.

It is good to know that there are many supporting the parish very generously. God works through and with us all and therein lies our strength as a community. We are all encouraged that despite our busy lives and many responsibilities we can still support our faith community.

I know God blesses us all. (Fr David)

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, Nick Candrl, Kathryn Cox, Baby Finn Drozd Baby Elijah, Derek Faiers, Derek Francis, Mervyn Francis, Ruth & Dennis Freemantle, David Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Catherine Heron, Doreen Holman, Chrissy James, Trudy King, Peggy & Michael Kirwan, Sandra Lawrence, Theresa Leydon, Betty Marek, Susan Marlow, Sarah Marshall, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Ann O'Connor, Michelle Ripley, Joan Smith, John Stevens, Emmie Walker, Brian Weston, Maureen Weyman., Mary & Lawrie Witchell, Bridget Wyatt
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.



THE REQUIEM MASS FOR LENA NORAH KEANE will take place at St Michael's on **Monday 21st December at 1pm**, followed by Cremation at Wessex Vale. Please keep the family in your prayers.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO REMEMBER A LOVED ONE AT CHRISTMAS WITH A FLORAL TRIBUTE? If so, please bring a Poinsettia + a dish or saucer to SB's or SM's on **Sunday 20th December OR between 10-11am Tuesday 22nd Dec.** Please do not bring them after this time. Fill in the tag, attach it to your plant and leave your Poinsettia at the back of the church. The flower arranging teams will distribute them around the church when they decorate it on Tuesday morning.



THE CANDLES ON THE ADVENT WREATH 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT the "Candle of Peace" or the "Candle of Love" is lit. The angel Gabriel said to Mary, "Do not fear, Mary, you shall conceive and bear a son and give him the name Jesus. Great will be his dignity and he will be called Son of the Most High..." Lk. 1
CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY the central white Christ Candle is lit. The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the sinless, spotless Lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death; his death was for our birth! The Christ Candle in the centre reminds us that Jesus Christ should always be in the centre of our lives!



CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE Last call for anyone to help with the Christmas Carol service. All interested people contact Angela: 07735344628,



PARISH OFFICE: Advance notice: The office will be closed on 22nd 24th December & 31st December. Thank you for all the cards and seasonal good wishes. I wish all my readers a happy and peaceful Christmas.



THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO HELP WITH THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS. It is appreciated. (Fr David)



MY THANKS to Father Vincent, our Deacons Steve & Ian, to Peter and Wayne who prepare for Mass and serve on the altar, to Readers, Ministers of Communion both at Mass and who take communion to the sick and housebound, to our Parish Pastoral Council, Irene & the Choir at St

Michael's, to Kayleigh & Angela & those who prepare the music at St Bernard's, our Children's Liturgy Catechists, the Welcomers, flower arrangers, the collectors and those who count & bank the collections, APF Mission collectors, CAFOD representatives, the Martha group, all those who work at Faith, Hope & Charity, those who serve coffee every week after Mass at St Bernard's, Terry & Theresa who take food donations to the Foodbank, to those who clean the churches, those who clean the Altar linen, those who tend to the flowers at the front of the church and do the weeding, those who have helped with our Christmas Fayre, those who have put out our cribs and decorated our trees for Christmas, the Pause for Prayer group and all those who pray for others & Linda in the office. And last, and by no means least, all of you for keeping our Parish community together. May God bless you. Have a wonderful, peaceful and Holy Christmas. (Fr David)



POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER This month we are invited to join in Pope Francis' prayer intention "...That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will.



YEAR OF MERCY Pope Francis has initiated a 'Year of Mercy' It's a time to focus on God's mercy and forgiveness. Jesus is the face of mercy:

'Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living & visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him.'
 (Pope Francis -extract from *Misericordiae Vultus.*)



CRIB OFFERINGS This year, with the encouragement of Bishop Philip, our parish will be donating crib offerings to the Friends of the Holy Land. Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health and housing costs and initiatives. FHL is non-political and ecumenical. For further information, please take a leaflet by the crib and keep our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land in your prayers at this time.

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER

- + The Collection for Church flowers last week was £161.46
- + Crib Collection over Christmas
- + Your Christmas gift to Fr David & Fr Vincent

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- + The family and friends of Karen O'Donovan
- + All those who are sick or housebound in our parish
- + Mums to be: Traditionally on the Fourth Sunday of Advent we remember in our prayers expectant mums-to-be and dads-to-be everywhere, with all the mixed emotion that starting a family brings. We also remember couples who are struggling to conceive, who might need our prayers and support.
- + All those who have been bereaved



THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING: As usual the collection at Christmas time is a voluntary contribution towards your priests' annual income, which Fr Vincent & I share. Your generosity in difficult financial circumstances is greatly appreciated. (Fr David)

WHAT'S ON?



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES - WATERSIDE



Thursday 24th December	CHRISTMAS EVE
7pm St Michael's	Carols & Readings
7.30pm	Mass
Friday 25th December	CHRISTMAS DAY
9am St Bernard's	Mass
11am St Michael's	Mass

Saturday 26th December NO MASS OR SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday 27th December	
9am St Bernard's	Mass
11am St Michael's	Mass

NO MASS FRIDAY 1st AND SATURDAY 2nd JANUARY

Sunday 3rd January	
Mass 9am SB's	
Mass 11am SM's	
Christmas Carol service SB's 4pm	



CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE Sunday 3rd January 4pm St Bernard's Church Everyone is invited together with their families and friends to sing carols together. Tea, coffee or squash and cakes will be served after the service to make it a celebration of the Christmas season.

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