

## 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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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 22nd February 2015**

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

**9.00am Mass SB**

**11.00am Mass SM**

Monday 23rd February No Service

**Mass every Monday 7pm St Joseph's, Ashurst**

Tuesday 24th February No Service

**Funeral Les McGinley 10.30am SM's**

Wednesday 25th February No Service

Thursday 26th February No Service

**Friday 27th February Mass 10am SM**

**LENTEN FAST DAY**

**Saturday 28th February Mass 10am SM**

**MASS INTENTIONS 22nd- 28th February**

**Anniversaries this week:** Linda Hayes (22nd), Annunciata White (23rd), Phil West (25th)

**Remembering those who have died recently:** Petra Daniels, Margaret (Rita) Wootten, May Sycamore, Maurice Peake, Margaret Hargreaves, Stanley Ely, Maureen Mc Donnell, Les Mc Ginlay, Mary Clare Young

**Other Intentions:** Lyn Hayes (RIP Anniv),

### 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 Andrew Philpott** (Totton)

**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 and 6.30pm (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**

## Wild Beasts and Angels

Immediately after Jesus hears the words from heaven": " *You are my son, the beloved, with you I am well pleased*", he is driven by the Spirit into the wilderness. This will be a time of testing, of focusing and new strength.

This experience of Jesus symbolically connects with the calling of the Israelite people and their journey into the desert towards the Promised Land. It also links with the spiritual advice of Scripture: *My child, when you come to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for testing* (Sirach 2:1).

The Spirit drives Jesus out because it is imperative that he recognises, confronts and disarms the diabolical (i.e. tearing apart) forces. Jesus, if he is to be the servant and son of the Father cannot be a slave to any other need or power.

This is true also for us. If we are to do God's work we have to be free spiritually. We have to grow in harmony with God's will and be ready to commit ourselves wholeheartedly.

How do we find out what is really driving us, what our dependencies are and whose agenda we're following? We have to be shoved out into the desert. There has to be some experience, voluntary or involuntary, that unmask the wild beasts. We've all seen the adverts for products that help us give up smoking. The craving is often depicted as an angry, demanding fantasy creature which has to be defeated. Without restraint a desire can become a demon, an uncontrollable desire is a wild beast. Getting away from business as usual, giving up our little indulgences and comforts, not giving in to our bad habits – this is what unmask the beast. It reveals the strength of the enemy. Identifying and getting the measure of the strength of the enemy is a necessary strategy for ultimate victory. Victory is not the elimination of desire but the refocusing of desire on what is life-giving.

We need to think and experience for ourselves what are our own wild beasts. They could be: a need for praise, recognition, status, control, power, moral superiority, comfort; they could be bitterness and resentments that we haven't let go, hurts that haven't been healed, or fears that are paralysing our lives and relationships

Unmasking the wild beasts reveals the truth, it lets the light in. It enables us to experience the help of the angels. The powers of our soul – the desires for life, love and happiness, agitated by our fears and insecurities and led by ignorance into futile searching, are re-focused on the love of God which enfolds all.

The Spirit helps us on the way to wholeness and freedom. We begin to recover that harmony with God, with ourselves and with all of creation that we sense we have lost. The desert experience is not something that we do just once. Usually we are brought back again and again as the different layers of the ego are purified and re-aligned. But when we confront the wild beasts and accept the ministry of the angels, when we have been through our time of testing, then we have some good news to share. Then we can begin to speak with some authority and have something positive to offer. (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, 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, Karen O'Donovan, Norma Rudd, Joan Smith, Susan Soutter, John Stevens, Emmie Walker, 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.**



**The Funeral for Charles Mc Ginlay:** (known as Les). will be on **Tuesday 24th February** at SM's at 10.30am, followed by committal at Southampton Crematorium.



**The Funeral for Mary Clare Young** (known as Clare). will be on **Tuesday 3rd March** at SB's at 11am, followed by committal at Southampton Crematorium.



**YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO ATTEND TWO PARISH CELEBRATIONS!**

**Celebration No.1** The Mass celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Fr Vincent's Ordination will be at SM' on **Saturday 21st March at 11am**. This will be followed by a buffet lunch at SB's So please sign up to bring a plate of food so we have a variety of food available on the day. Lists will be available soon.

**Celebration No2:** The 50th Anniversary of St Michael's church is on April 8th. We will be celebrating this with Mass at St Michael's at **11am on Saturday 11th April** followed by a buffet lunch at SB's--like an American supper...but at lunchtime! So please sign up to bring a plate of food so we have a variety of food available on the day. Lists will be available soon.

If you know of anyone who now lives away from the parish but would like to attend the celebration, please contact them and bring them along!



I am hoping to put up a display of your memories of St Michael's, either written or photographic, for the 50th Anniversary of the church Did you, or a family member, get baptised or married here? Or did you make your First Holy Communion or Confirmation? I will photocopy your photographs and return the originals so please remember to include your name. It would help if you could write the names of the people in the photograph, the date, and what the occasion was. Do you remember the church being built? Can you recall past parish priests? Can you remember any funny anecdotes? With written memories you can either email them to me [watersidecp@btinternet.com](mailto:watersidecp@btinternet.com) or pop them in an envelope addressed to L. Guilding via office or collection basket. Thank you.



**WWDP (Women's world day of prayer) is at 2 pm Friday 6th March, St Michael's Church, Hythe.** Women's World Day of Prayer is an international, inter church, organisation which enables us to hear the voices of women, from a different part of the world each year, expressing their hopes and concerns and bringing them before the rest of the world in prayer. On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March an estimated 3 million people, in over 170 countries, will gather to observe the day of prayer, using an order of service written by Christian women from The Bahamas The theme of the service is taken from St John's Gospel, chapter 13 verses 1-17, '*Jesus said to them: "Do you know what I have done to you?"*' and it challenges us to demonstrate the same radical, unconditional love for others that Jesus showed when he washed the feet of his disciples Even though it is advertised as Women's world day of prayer, all are welcome- men, women and young people. SM's is hosting the day this year. Please come along and show your support.



**The Pope Tweets: @Pontifex** *During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome our indifference.*



**PARISH FUND-RAISING:** This new campaign is entitled "**Our Parish Future (OPF)**". It is facilitated by a company acting on behalf of the Diocese.

Parishes need resources for both Mission and Maintenance. It will encourage people to use Gift Aid, if they are taxpayers, to use Standing Orders & to consider raising their support for the parish. All money raised will go **directly to the parishes.**



**CAFOD & UK Aid Match Funding** Good news! The UK government has promised to *match every pound and penny* you give to CAFOD's Lenten appeal! Thank you for your generous compassion for those living in poverty and for fasting in solidarity with them on Lent Fast Day.

### COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

+ **TODAY** Soup lunch tickets are on sale 22nd Feb (+ 1st March)  
+ **27th February** CAFOD Lenten Fast Day (Collection Sunday 1st March)

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

+ All the sick and housebound  
+ The relatives and friends of Les McGinlay & Mary Clare Young.  
+ Ron Kelly (Health), Eileen Kenny (Health)

### WHAT'S ON



**TODAY HOLY HOUR** There will be a pastoral area Holy Hour to pray for the coming together of the pastoral area Evangelisation Strategy team on **Sunday 22nd Feb** 3-4pm at OLSJ Lymington



**PAUSE FOR PRAYER 24th February** 10-11am SM's  
Also throughout Lent: 3rd, 10th, 17th + 24th March

**PARISH CAFOD GROUP MEETING Wednesday 25 February** at 7.30 PM at 46 Kings Ride Langley SO45 1ZN.

**All welcome; new members much needed!** Information from Louise Croll 80898213.



**LENT FAMILY FAST DAY: Friday 27 February** Storms, drought and floods are devastating the lives of many of our brothers and sisters around the world. Please help CAFOD to help them. Envelopes available after Mass. Collection is on 1 March. The UK Government has promised to match every pound given this Lent so please be generous. Use a CAFOD Pyramid to save all through Lent and support CAFOD Soup Lunch on 12 March. Many thanks for ever generous support for CAFOD.



**WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER St Michael's 6th March 2pm.** St Michael's is hosting the event this year so please come along and support it.



**CAFOD SOUP LUNCH 12th March** 12.30pm. at St Bernard's Hall. Tickets on sale after Mass and at the Shop from Sunday 22 February. Raffle. All proceeds to CAFOD Family Fast Day and every pound raised by CAFOD in Lent will be matched by the Government.



**FAIRTRADE** Fair Trade Goods on sale after Mass on **Sunday 15th March** Please support and help people in the poorest countries earn their way out of poverty.



**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - DAY OF REFLECTION & PRAYER:** On **Saturday, 28th March**, Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am. The Day will begin at 11.00am and finish at 3pm. It will take place at St Francis Church, Milford on sea. Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. The day is open to all Ministers from all our parishes in the pastoral area who wish to attend.

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