

## 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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**5th SUNDAY OF LENT 22nd March 2015**

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

**9.00am Mass SB**  
**11.00am Mass SM**

Monday 23rd March No Service  
Mass every Monday 7pm St Joseph's, Ashurst  
Tuesday 24th March No Service  
Pause for Prayer SM's 10-11am

Wednesday 25th March No Service  
The Annunciation of the Lord, solemnity

Thursday 26th March No Service

**Friday 27th March Mass 10am SM**  
**Saturday 28th March Mass 10am SM**

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

**Anniversaries this week:** Eric Bowler (22nd), Jim Ross Senior (23rd), Roy Goddington (23rd), Deceased members of the Chranowski family F/M (28th)

**Remembering those who have died recently:** George Churchfield Les Mc Ginlay, Mary Clare Young

**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 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**

### WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE?

We are used to hearing phrases like: Jesus died to save us; Jesus died for our sins etc. Yet it is difficult to understand why this had to be so and how Jesus' death actually saves us.

Like everything we have to be cautious and humble before the Divine mystery of God's love. However we can receive with confidence whatever light God gives us through Scripture and the Church.

First of all we need to recognise the different levels involved. At a physical, biological level Jesus probably died from blood loss, shock and congestion of the lungs. He suffered judicial murder because of the hatred and jealousy of the religious authorities and the moral weakness of the Roman governor, Pilate. Jesus became a victim of their malice because his fearless proclamation of the Reign of God brought him into direct conflict with them. It was a collision of opposites. Jesus did not run away from this conflict because he had an overriding conviction that he had to speak and do the truth of God's love regardless of the consequences. To take any other course would be to violate the relationship of love, faith and trust that existed between him and his Father.

It is clear that Jesus had a pretty good idea of the probable outcome of his conflict with the authorities. It is also reasonable to assume that Jesus himself had already begun to interpret the *rejection, suffering and death* in terms of the great spiritual lessons, events and teachings of the past – Passover meal, sufferings of the prophets and the teaching of the prophets – especially Isaiah and the so-called "Suffering Servant" passages. His faith was that somehow his Father would use his death to bring salvation to the human race. Even though in the garden it was the last thing he wanted he was able to trust to the Father's purpose (*Not my will, but yours be done*).

But this still doesn't answer our question –How does Jesus' death save us? Jesus deals with sin and forgiveness at the same time. Sin is exposed for what it is – the hatred and evil that leads us to make victims and kill the rejected ones.

This sin is the dark origin of human groups. All groups form by distinguishing between those who are in and those who are out. It begins with rejection, it becomes persecution (suffering) and it ends in elimination, i.e. death. Jesus reveals this "scapegoating" as the fundamental evil and that God is there with the victim.

Yet because Jesus accepts death in love and refuses to hit back, refuses to take revenge, his death becomes the expression of God's inexhaustible forgiveness and love. The judgement of sin calls us to change our behaviour. The expression of unquenchable, loving forgiveness is the assurance of mercy and reconciliation. This is received by trust and faith in thanksgiving.

John's Gospel gives us the mature reflection on this mystery. Jesus's death was not a price that had to be paid to God or to the devil. It was not an appeasement of God's anger. It was purely an expression of love: *no greater love has anyone than to lay down their life for their friends. God so loved the world!* This is how we are saved. Of course, death is the only way back to God and God is the source of new life and resurrection. Faith and trust in God is the personal openness, the personal connection that enables us to receive the gift of new life and resurrection. In this context both Jesus and all of us have to die. (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, Maria Tinkler, 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.**



**APF COLLECTORS** - your APF magazines are in the office.



**EASTER EGG RAFFLE** organised by the staff at Faith, Hope & Charity. Tickets on sale. Money to Church funds. (Tina Bowler)



This year's new Gift Aid envelopes are now ready for collection. They will be in the porch for the next four weeks. (Carmel Mc Clatchey)



**URGENT: READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: SM's & SB's**

**please contact the office THIS WEEK** to let Linda know if you **+ -OR NOT available over Easter** so the rota for Easter can be put together. An answerphone msg will do nicely. Thank you.

**RON KELLY** Ron's knee operation was successful and he is now back home "...enjoying home comforts. Bea and daughters Liz and Nikki are taking great care of me. My best wishes to all in the Parish." (Ron)

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION** Fr Vincent would like you to be at the Mass on Maundy Thursday to enable you to renew your commitment to your Ministry.



### Holy Week

**PALM SUNDAY** 29<sup>th</sup> March

**CHRISM MASS** 31<sup>st</sup> March 11am, at Portsmouth Cathedral

**RECONCILIATION SERVICES**  
St Theresa's, Totton 27<sup>th</sup> March 7pm

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** **Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
2nd April 7.30pm, St Michael's, Hythe 'Watching' until 9pm.

**GOOD FRIDAY** 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
**Ecumenical walk of witness, 10am** Lighthouse Community Church, Hardley to walk through Holbury to Blackfield.

**Ecumenical walk of witness, 11am** outside Waitrose, Hythe Assemble St John's car park at 10.45 to walk to Waitrose.

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3pm** St Michael's, Hythe

**Tenebrae service** 8pm Our Lady's, Lymington  
*Tenebrae is Latin for 'shadows' or 'darkness' The distinctive ceremony of Tenebrae is the gradual extinguishing of candles while a series of readings and psalms are chanted or recited.*

**EASTER VIGIL** 4th April, 8pm St Bernard's, Holbury

**EASTER SUNDAY** 5<sup>th</sup> April  
6am Ecumenical Sunrise service, Lepe Country park  
9am Mass St Bernard's, Holbury  
11am Mass St Michael's, Hythe



**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**. I want to thank those who have volunteered to help in this initiative. (Fr David)

**CAFOD** CAFOD SOUP LUNCH AND DONATIONS Warmest thanks from CAFOD for your very generous support. The Soup Lunch raised £450 and in addition there were donations of £285.46 making a total of £735.46. This is in addition to £884.16 for Family Fast Day giving CAFOD £1619.62 for the parish's contribution for Lent. CAFOD Portsmouth is thrilled by the amount raised which makes the Parish of Waterside top of the charts for this month!! The Government will double this so CAFOD will receive an amazing £3,239.24! Many thanks to our CAFOD team, to all those who made soup for the Soup lunch, to all those who donated and to Veronica who ran the raffle. A truly amazing effort from everyone. Well done!



**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** -29th March -Clocks spring forward 1 hour.



**NEXT SUNDAY**, 29th March, is Palm Sunday



Do you want to talk to senior politicians live on TV and tell them what they need to do to win your vote? Victoria Derbyshire is holding a series of big debates during the General Election, the second of which will be about the NHS on Monday 27 April in Southampton. If you would like to take part in the debate and talk directly to politicians get in touch. You will need to be able to make your own way to the city centre venue by 7am and stay with us until 11am. Contact natasha.peach@bbc.co.uk or 020 361 43292 to book a place or for more information.

### COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH

The collection for the Clergy Assistance Fund last week was £208.43 Thank you for your generosity.

### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Clergy: Fr David, Fr Vincent, Deacons Steve and Ian

### WHAT'S ON



**PAUSE FOR PRAYER** 24th March 10-11am SM's *This Tuesday*



**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.



**As you know we are all one parish., Waterside Catholic parish, so the invitation to the 50th Anniversary of St Michael's church on April 8th. is an invitation to all parishioners, not just those who attend Mass at SM's. Please come along and make this a great occasion. We will be celebrating with Mass at St M's at 11am on Saturday 11th April. 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!**

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