

RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT DAY AFTER DAY

This is going to be an extended prayer for a fresh outpouring of God's Spirit.

We'll begin with the dispositions that open us up directly to God, the traditionally called theological virtues: faith, hope and love. Then we'll go through the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit which we need for our relationship to grow in "this vale of tears" and finally we'll pray through some of the charisms.

Holy Spirit come and stretch our hearts and minds in faith, dispel the fear and anxiety. Lead us to deeper trust. Help us be open to your mystery and the mystery of the Father and the Son. Take us beyond thoughts, words, images and feelings into the silence of your presence. Tear down the barriers of our petty thoughts and open the horizons of our minds. Touch the places where hope has died, free us from our self-defeating negativity. From all the places of impossibility help us glimpse your infinite possibilities. Rekindle your love within us "melt the frozen, warm the chill, on our dryness pour Thy dew," draw us out of ourselves and free us from our stubbornness. May all our relationships be touched and blessed and deepened by your love and forgiveness. Widen our hearts to let God's love flow through us to all others as a free and gracious blessing "received without charge – given without charge".

Holy Spirit with your seven-fold gifts descend: reveal the emptiness of worldly wisdom and helps us see and value all things as you do; Help us understand how all things are connected in you and all comes from you and returns to you;. Spirit guide us in the difficult decisions we face; reveal to us what we cannot see ourselves that we may always be close to you and each other in love and truth. Give us courage to face adversity and disappointment; give us fortitude when we are rejected, suffering and defeated. Holy Spirit as we walk in the darkness of faith give us the knowledge that keeps us in humility and truth. Spirit of peace dispel the cynicism of our hearts, re-awaken appreciation, a sense of awe and wonder at the marvels of your creation and love. Whatever we need in our situations we entrust ourselves to you Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit, awaken and rekindle the gifts within us that we may serve God and our brothers and sisters. Help us hear Good News that we may be evangelists sharing that Good News; send us, as apostles, to our homes, neighbourhoods, places of work and schools. Give us prophetic gifts to see through the shallowness of the world and see clearly the way of God; give us discernment to recognize the fruits of holiness, love and compassion and to see what may be destructive, negative and evil. Give us faith to bring healing & comfort to the sick and to do your mighty works.

Help us administer with grace, serve with cheerfulness, pray with perseverance, minister with compassion, build with hope, struggle against injustice, resist the evil powers and suffer with patience and hope. Holy Spirit, may your fruits grow in us; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Amen

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TIMES OF SERVICES



Sun	23	9 am	SB	Pentecost Sunday
		11 am	SM	Pentecost Sunday
		6 pm	SM	Pentecost Sunday
Tue	25	10 am	SM	No Service Today
Wed	26	7.30 pm	SM	Evening Prayer & Mass
Thu	27	10 am	LT	Mass
Fri	28	12 pm	SM	Prayer until 1pm
Sat	29	10 am	SM	Mass
		11 am	SM	Sacrament of Reconciliation until 11.30am
Sun	30	9 am	SB	The Most Holy Trinity
		11 am	SM	The Most Holy Trinity Baptism of Ryan Connery
		6 pm	SM	The Most Holy Trinity

Mass Intentions: For the week beginning 22nd May: People of the Parish, Parishioners who are unwell, Victims of Abuse, Church Reform, Sean Blumney RIP, Irene Mitchell RIP, Michael Moran RIP

For the week beginning 29th May: People of the Parish, Parishioners who are unwell, Victims of Abuse, Church Reform, Michael Monaghan RIP

New Forest East Pastoral Area - Sunday Mass Times

St Theresa, Totton - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm; Sun 10.30am
Ashurst Community - Sun 9am
Our Lady & St Edward, Lyndhurst - Sun 9am

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Pastoral Team: Rev David Adams (Parish Priest)
Rev Steve Bowler (Deacon) (8020 7449)
Rev Ian Tobin (Deacon) (8089 7354)
Kevin Barnett (Chair: Parish Pastoral Council)

Parish Administrator: Helen Hughson (Mon & Tues only 9am—2pm)

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: Nigel Bolton, Marion Butler, Petra Daniels, Bill Feltham, Pat Gallanagh, Trevor Handol, Amanda Gudge, Irene Mitchell, Michael Peake, Bridget Reeves, Sheila Krzymuski, Lena Westfoot (If you wish someone to be included for prayers here please give their name to Fr David.)

IRENE MITCHELL RIP: You will be sad to hear that Irene Mitchell died last Friday in Southampton General after a long period of declining health. As yet we have not heard about possible funeral arrangements.

PAPAL VISIT—SPECIAL COLLECTION: Although the Pope's visit is a State visit, the Dioceses will still have to make a contribution. The Bishops of England, Wales, and Scotland have a target of £1 million. Our Diocesan share is £50,000. Therefore Bishop Crispian has asked for a collection to be made, today, Sunday, 23rd May for this need. The Bishop has suggested an amount of £2 per parishioner. Details of the Pope visit will be given later.

ECUMENCIAL SERVICE AT ST BERNARDS—NEXT SUNDAY: Please support the parish and show solidarity with our fellow Christians in the area. Next Sunday, May 30th at **6.30pm** Rev Ian Tobin will lead an ecumenical service in St Bernard's Church. There will be tea & coffee afterwards but we need a volunteer to serve it up.

NO MASS THIS TUESDAY: Fr David has to attend the Council of Priests meeting at Bishops House in Portsmouth.

SPECIAL THANKS: To everyone who helped prepare for the Wedding of Henry & Elena: church cleaners, flower arrangers, organist & choir. It was a lovely celebration and blessed too with good weather!

CELEBRATION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: We are also looking forward to the celebration of 1st Holy Communion on Sunday, 6th June, the Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). Manu Crean Raffray will be making his 1st Holy Communion at the 9am Mass at St Bernards; Ciara Reilly will make her 1st Holy Communion at the 11am Mass at St Michaels. Please keep Ciara & Manu in your prayers for a joyful day and a life long experience of God's love given to us in the Eucharist.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENT: SKITTLES & BUFFET at St Bernards Hall on Saturday, 19th June, 7.30pm, organised by the Martha Group

ROOF FUND - WE HAVE REACHED 80% OF OUR TARGET! : Current amount collected £10,828 (£2,671 yet to be raised). *Thank you all, for your enormous generosity. Join easyfundraising.co.uk, do your usual shopping online and help us raise more money for free! It won't cost you a penny!*

CAFOD STAMPS - Thank you for your fantastic response to our appeal for Tesco and Sainsbury vouchers for schools. Hundreds of Tesco vouchers have been received, as well as other schemes with Sainsbury, Nestle, and Flora. We have passed these on to our primary school—Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Primary School, nr Lymington.

PARISH OPEN MEETING: This will take place, today, Sunday, 23rd May at 3pm in the Hall at St Bernards. Information was distributed with the newsletter last Sunday about this meeting. Some copies are still available at the back of the churches for those who missed last weekend. An **update** on that information is that we now have a verbal assurance from the Diocesan surveyor that the works required to secure our current planning permission do not need to go above ground level and that any area so used will be restored for parking.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The PPC will meet on Thursday, 27th May at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at St Michaels. Approved PPC minutes are on display in the church porches.

THE DIOCESAN FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN - "LIVING OUR FAITH": This campaign is to raise funds so that the Diocese can continue: 1) vocations work for priesthood & diaconate; 2) the training of students for the priesthood; 3) the work of adult formation and training for lay ministry; 4) the provision of financial support for parish projects. **Our Parish Team is now in place. They are helping Fr David contact parishioners to invite support for the campaign. We have made a good beginning but we still have some way to go to reach our parish target of £85,000—spread over 5 years. Whatever sum we raise our own parish will receive back one quarter of that amount. We will finish the campaign with a special appeal at all Masses on Sunday, 13th June so that everyone has a chance to make some contribution.**

Get CREATIVE! for CAFOD Portsmouth - Entries are still welcome until the 7th of June (from individuals and/or schools and groups) for CAFOD Portsmouth's "Get Creative" competition, to produce a CD of songs and poems from people across the Diocese. The topic could be anything from environmental justice to live simply, from worship to social action. Full rules and entry forms can be downloaded from www.cafod.org.uk/portsmouth or contact the office at portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or 01252 329285 for more information.

SPEAKING UP for CAFOD TRAINING DAY - Saturday 19th June, 10.30am—4.30pm, St John the Baptist Parish Hall, Alexandra Road, Andover, SP10 3AD. Are you interested in speaking on behalf of CAFOD at Mass or other events? If so - this is the workshop for you, suitable for both those who have never spoken in public before and those who already have experience but perhaps not for CAFOD. Refreshments provided (please bring your own lunch), parking available, close to Andover train station. Booking essential. Please contact the CAFOD Portsmouth office on portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or 01252 329385

WE NEED ITEMS FOR RAFFLE PRIZES: If you have any unwanted gifts that would make good raffle prizes please hand them into the Parish Office or give them to Fr David at Mass on Sundays. Thank you.