

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Registered Charity No 246871

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

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The Gospel of Luke – The Gospel of Mercy

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

23rd-29th October 2016 -

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MASS TIMES

9.00am

Mass SB

11.00am

Mass SM

Anniversaries this week: Steve Moorhouse (23rd),

Remembering those who have died recently: Kathleen Dowds, Deacon Pat Taylor, Joan de Haven, Thomas Pender

Mass 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 (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**

REALITY PRAYER

The gospel passage this weekend is Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and the Tax collector. The tax collectors were despised because they were collaborating with the Roman occupiers & were notorious for extorting money. They were the "sinners".

In Jesus' day sinners were clearly defined by the Levitical Law of Holiness. If you were not able to follow the purification rules, the debt codes and the purity codes, you knew you were a sinner and others did too. These codes, ironically, created more and more sinners. In Jesus' day there was increasing emphasis on the codes. You had to jump the hoops at the temple and pay money to jump each hoop. Thus, it was getting so that lots of people couldn't afford not to be sinners, because their location, job or money kept them from ritual observance (R. Rohr).

For Luke, the Gospel writer, the Pharisee is profoundly out of touch with reality. He "said this prayer to himself". He is not even addressing God, although he thinks he is! He is ignorant of the Scripture, which says, "Do not call your servant to judgement, for no one is just in your sight" (Psalm 143). He presumes his own righteousness. He presumes the sinfulness of the Tax collector, a complete stranger. He is acting as if he knows everything, like God! He sees only his successes and is blind to his sins. He is totally wrapped up in his ego world: I, I, I, - it is I-dolatry. His prayer is totally unreal!

The Tax collector is connected to the real. He addresses God as Lord. He looks to God for mercy. He acknowledges his own sinfulness. There is truth. There is real person to person communication going on. There is humility. There is reality. Jesus says he goes home at rights with God.

Our prayer must be reality prayer. We must hold on to the reality of God – a loving merciful Father and Mother. But we must not run away from the reality of life. We are tempted to seek a prayer that is all peace, sweetness and light. It is futile. If we force the issue we will end up in serious self-deception and illusion. When we try to pray we must not be surprised that the stuff of life comes into our minds, the past, the present, the future, pleasure, pain, anger, lust, hope, shame etc etc. It is only by facing the realities in the presence of God that we open ourselves to the blessing of God and the healing of God. Reconciliation is a duty that takes precedence over worship (Matt 5:24). Deal with the real in hope and love and prayer will bring many blessings.

Many of the problems we face as Church stem precisely from the fact that we are ignoring reality. We will go to any lengths to keep doing what we have always done, the way we've always done it. We would rather do anything except seriously engage with reality and face the things we do not want to face. As long as this attitude prevails we are blocking many of God's blessings. (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, Avril Daniels, Elizabeth Dawtry, Baby Finlay Drozd, Baby Elijah, Keith Ellison, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Dennis Freemantle, David Grennell, Amanda Gudge, 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



THOMAS PENDER'S committal will be at Southampton Crematorium on **Friday 4th November** at 11.30am, which will be attended by family only, followed by **Mass at SM's at 12.45 pm.**



OUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE is only 40 days away from today : Saturday 3rd December! To avoid inundating you with requests nearer the date we are going to specify different things each month. This month we would appreciate it if you could bring **bottles for the bottle stall and/or prizes. for the raffle and/or craft items** Thank you.

Raffle tickets for the main raffle at the Fayre will be distributed in November.



THERE WILL BE A MEETING FOR THE FIRE WARDENS at 4.30pm on Tuesday 25th October at SM's to go over the risk assessment and write up the evacuation plan for both churches. Hopefully we won't have to use the Fire Wardens, but they still have to be on duty each week just in

case. Paying attention to the Fire Wardens may save your life in case of a fire, or any other situation which requires immediate evacuation from the church.

In the event of a fire the fire wardens will be easily identifiable as they will be wearing Hi visibility jackets and will be giving you clear instructions. We have a fire alarm in both churches and if the alarm rings, please do not assume it is a drill but follow the instructions given by the Fire wardens.

This initiative is Diocesan led as there have been two fires so far this year in churches around the Diocese. It is also part of ongoing Health & safety procedures nationally. (Fr David)



RED APF BOXES have been emptied and are in the porch ready for collection with your magazine. Thank you for your generosity. (Linda)



The Solemnity of ALL SAINTS is celebrated on **Tuesday 1st November.** It is a Holy Day of Obligation: **Mass times: 10 a.m. St Michael's 7.30pm St Teresa's, Totton**



PPC MINUTES are now displayed on the notice board in the porch.



PARISH DEMOGRAPHICAL SURVEY

NEXT SUNDAY the Diocese wants us to undertake an anonymous demographic survey. Please fill in one sheet per person, including one for each of your children who attend Mass that day. The forms have been provided by the Diocese and they must be completed during the Mass. Fr Paul has agreed that the form be filled in lieu of a Homily. *Please try to remember to bring a pen with you.* Please hand the completed forms in at the end of Mass as they have to be returned to the Diocese for collating on Tuesday.

The website for the New Forest Pastoral area has a weekly extract from Laudato Si. <http://www.nfwp.org.uk/>



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER Is ethical journalism a thing of the past? There's no doubt about it, journalists need help and support to stand up to the pressures from those who want them to be servants of big business or of political masters. Journalists who do not want to be mouthpieces

for owners or political dogma, or other vested interests need our support. This month we are asked to join in Pope Francis' prayer intention "....that journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics."

COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

The collection for CAFOD Harvest so far is £480.05



TODAY 23rd October World Mission Sunday The Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your prayers and donations today will support the work of missionaries, like those in Rwanda, as they share God's mercy and love with those who are suffering. The World Mission Sunday collection will support mission projects worldwide that bring God's love and the Gospel message of dignity for all. Please give what you can, and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a taxpayer. Thank you.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- +The brave men and women who help in natural disasters all over the world.
- +The seafarers who work on merchant vessels.
- +Paul Flaherty Birthday 24th October
- +Margaret Scott (Health)

WHAT'S ON ?



23RD OCTOBER RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF SEAFARERS: *The seafarers who work on merchant vessels, including oil tankers, have a hard life with little respite. They are away from home at least 9 months a year. They are easily exploited in the ports by retailers who charge exorbitant amounts for currency exchange etc. Many seafarers are from India and the Philippines and a high proportion are Catholic. They greatly appreciate the spiritual and material assistance the Church can give through the Apostleship of the Sea (AOS).*

TODAY Deacon Roger Stone, from the AOS, will be talking at both Sunday Masses. He will be explaining that Bishop Philip Egan has given the Apostleship of the Sea permission to use St Bernard's as a reception facility for seafarers coming into the Fawley oil terminal. Deacon Roger has already spoken to the Waterside Parish Pastoral Council and the Council have agreed that he should explain what the project will mean for the parish.



TODAY Fairtrade goods will be on sale at both churches.



PAUSE FOR PRAYER **Tuesday 25th October**, 10-11am St Michael's Hythe All welcome for quiet scripture, prayer and reflection.

CLOCKS GO BACK NEXT SUNDAY 30TH OCTOBER



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