

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Registered Charity No 246871

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

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Dec 24 to 30 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year B Weekdays Year 1

MASS TIMES

SUNDAY 9.00am MASS SB's
Mass Intention : People of the Parish
SUNDAY 11.00am MASS.. SM's
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Anniversaries this week: RIP John Adam (24). Marion Teague (24). John Green (25). Pat Davies (25). George Watson. (27)

SAD NEWS: The funeral for Elizabeth Dawtry, RIP will be on Mon 8th January at St. Bernard's at 12.30pm. She died on 6th December. May she rest in peace.

SAD NEWS: With sadness we must announce that Patrick Bradley RIP passed away on Sun 17th Dec. Pray for him.

If you have any announcement to be made in the church or newsletter we would like to have it by **Thursday morning**. Only emergency ones to be brought to the sacristy on Sunday morning.

Flower Arrangers volunteers needed at St. Bernard's. No special skills required just creativity and a willing heart. Help will be given. Please contact Jo Culver. Thank you. Email jonobrega@hotmail.com

Coffee and Tea at St Michael's

You are warmly invited to join us after 11am Mass.
(Go through the Sacristy into the Hall)

FOODBANK CHRISTMAS APPEAL.

In the next 3 weeks the foodbank needs **Christmas items** to make up over **100 food parcels** for local families in crisis. (Last date 3 Dec) Items requested: Tin of ham, chocolate log, long life cream, biscuits, child's selection box, box of chocolates, nibbles, Christmas crackers, mince pies. Please Help and thank you for your generous support

Weekday Mass Timings

St.M. Masses at St Michael's
St. B. Masses at St Bernard's

Daily Mass. Tue to Sat the Rosary will start at 9.10 and Mass at 9.30. Sun before Mass.

Monday 9am. St.M. Mass THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Tuesday 9.30am. St.M. Mass St. Stephen Feast. Followed by benediction until 10.30

Wednesday 9.30am St.M. St. John. Feast

Thursday 9.30am St.B Mass. The Holy Innocents. Feast

Friday 9.30am. St.M. Mass St. Thomas of Canterbury. Feast. Confessions after mass.

Saturday 9.30am. St. M. Mass. Fourth Week of Advent.

Children Christmas Carol Service.

Welcome to our Carol Service for children (and those young at heart) on **Saturday 23rd December** at 2,00pm in St. Bernard's Church. We would love to have you with us. The service will be followed by refreshments. If you are able, a few cakes would be gratefully received to be served with the refreshments.

Christmas Raffle

Very many thanks to everyone who supported the Parish Christmas Raffle, it raised £1000 for Parish funds. Plus the Coffee Morning held during the draw raised £67.20. Thank you to all who helped.

Christmas Mass Times

Sunday 24th December: 9am St Bernard's.
11am St Michael's

7.30pm St Michael's- Carol Service with readings

8.00pm St. Michael's - 1st Mass of Christmas

Monday 25th December:
10am St. Bernard's

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, Philomena Breen, Christopher Browne, Marion Butler, Denise Calder, Bruno Chrzanoski, Fr Vincent Convery, Kathryn Cox, Deny Croll, Baby Finlay Drozd, Keith Ellison, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Dennis Freemantle, David Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Fiona Francis, Catherine Heron, Doreen Holman, Peggy Kirwan, Sarah Marshall, Pauline Moore, Anne O Connor, David Parkinson, Michelle Ripley, Joan Smith, Emmie Walker, Brian Weston, Mary & Lawrie Witchell, Brenda Atkinson. Iris Bolton. Barry Norris. Magdalene Smith. Lisa Swanson. Joan Hopper. John Bowden.

Lending Library News.

We now have some volunteers. Thank you so much. Now we need a **bookcase** at St. Bernard's for the Christian books available for parishioners to borrow. If anyone has one they do not need or want, please contact Joan Cocker on 023 80893699

LAST WEEK COLLECTION

Loose plate £137.64 Gift Aid. £174.50

Come Home for Christmas

Can you please invite a family member, relative or friend to our church for the Christmas celebration? Please tell them that a warm welcome awaits them and we are eager to have them with us and without them our congregations are incomplete.

Christmas Offering

We have Christmas envelopes at the back of the churches for anyone who needs them. Your Christmas offerings are your gift to your Parish Priest. If you are away please return them when you come back. As Christmas is a family feast celebrated in the context of a family, Fr. Abraham wishes to thank all his parish family for all the kindness and generosity that you have shown during the year. May our Parish family be Blessed at this Joyous Season. I wish all of you A Blessed and Happy Christmas.

Carol Service

Please do come and participate on Sunday evening at 7.30pm before Christmas Night Mass at 8pm



THE POPE TWEETS @pontifex

Go out to meet Jesus, spend time with Him in prayer, and entrust your whole life to His merciful love.

Every stranger that knocks at our door is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ.

May the Lord grant us the wisdom to seek that which is worthwhile and to love, not with our words but with our actions.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE LATEST NEWS!

The Diocese of Portsmouth now issues a weekly e-news. Go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and add your email address to receive these updates.

Catholic Youth

Portsmouth Diocese is sending a group of 18-30s to World Youth Day, Panama in January 2019 (21st-27th). Anyone who would like to go should express their interest by emailing youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk no later than 15th January. The cost is in the region of £1800, and support will be given for seeking sponsorship and fundraising.

Confirmations for New Forest will be on Sunday 29th April 2018 at 3pm in the Cathedral. If your child is 12 or above please let Fr. Abraham know. The preparations will start soon.

Christmas Gift from Bishop Philip to all parishioners.

Please collect after Mass the book "Rediscover Jesus An invitation" by Matthew Kelly, New York Times bestseller author.

Prayer to St. Michael, the Archangel

Most glorious Prince of the heavenly armies, St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in our battles against principalities and powers, against the rulers of this world of darkness, against the spirits of wickedness in the high places. Come to the assistance of men whom God has created to His likeness and whom He has redeemed at a great price from the tyranny of the devil. Holy Church venerates you as her guardian and protector, to you the Lord has entrusted the souls of the redeemed, to be led into heaven. Pray to the God of peace to crush Satan beneath our feet, that he may no longer retain men captive and do injury to the Church. Offer our prayers to the Most High, that without delay they may draw His mercy down upon us, take hold of the dragon, the old serpent, which is the devil and Satan and cast him into the bottomless pit, so that he may no longer seduce the nations.