

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

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Fourth Sunday of Easter 26th April 2015

Year B, Weekdays Year 1: Psalter week 4

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

9.00am Mass SB

11.00am Mass SM

Monday 27th April No Service

Tuesday 28th April Pause for Prayer 10-11am SM's
St Louis Grignon de Montfort, Founder Mass 7pm St Joseph's, Ashurst

Wednesday 29th April No Service

St Catherine of Siena, Religious & Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe

Thursday 30th April No Service

St Pius V, Pope

Friday 1st May Mass 10am SM

St Joseph the Worker

Saturday 2nd May Mass 10am SM

Sacrament of Reconciliation straight after Mass

St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

MASS INTENTIONS 26th April-2nd May

Anniversaries this week: Patrick Bolton (26th), Gerard Manghan (30th), Michael Teague (1st May)

Remembering those who have died recently: Mary Clare Young, Michael Bond, Betty Williams, Ray Ward, Dorothy Lovelock, Joyce Walker, Vera Cassidy, Rosemary Holmes.

Other Intentions: Tony Warrillow-R.I.P. B'day (30th)

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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

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**

Jesus the Good Shepherd

The wandering figure of the good shepherd, anxiously tending his sheep to the point where he is willing to surrender his life for them, is the image Jesus uses about himself in today's Gospel. That mixture of tenderness and toughness, care and self-sacrifice, is one that summarizes his own practice of leadership. It is not a leadership of detachment and defensiveness; rather it is a leadership of physical involvement and self-sacrificial love. In the good shepherd's foolish extravagant love, his own life matters less than that of his sheep.

The good shepherd is not an image of religious authority that is eternally pleased with its own importance, blind to the useless pain it causes in those it leads. The authority of the shepherd costs the shepherd, not the sheep. The image of the shepherd cannot be separated from how the shepherd actually cares for his own sheep. His concern is not untroubled, his courage is not bloodless, his love is not detached. When we see how Jesus *actually behaves* as a leader, we see his tenderness and courage.

Jesus tackles his opponents, face to face. He confronts those who steal the dignity of the little ones. He names the wolves in sheep's clothing. He is willing to leave his enemies looking sheepish. He warns his followers about the rough terrain ahead. He goes there before them. He is defensive when people attack his own followers. He is realistic about people's wayward ways. He endures isolation and insult. He faces his own fear, but stays loyal. He risks being slaughtered himself. He does lay down his life for his sheep.

In his life and in his death Jesus sought out the lost and the least and the last. When he wanted to speak of a tender God he told the people about a shepherd who, when he loses one of his sheep, leaves the other sheep and goes off in search of the lost one. The shepherd refuses to accept the loss of one sheep as "just one of those things". He searches for the lost sheep until he finds it, and then taking it on his shoulders he returns to share his joy with all his neighbours.

That is Jesus' image of pastoral care, a search that continues until a find can be made. We know, of course, that a search is not automatic after a loss. Many losses are not even registered. Where there is no love, there is no loss. Some people are regarded as "no great loss". Other people are encouraged to "get lost". But all of us hope that when we are lost someone, somewhere, will be looking for us, like the good shepherd.

The good shepherd challenges our own way of leaving people for lost: "I have come to seek out and save the lost." Probably all of us know two or three people who have wandered away from the Church, who have lost their sense of belonging, who feel they have no community to belong to. How will they know they are welcome back if no one tells them? How will they be helped back if no one offers to make the journey with them? (From *Seasons of the Word* by Denis McBride)

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, Rose 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, Ann O Connor, Karen O'Donovan, Norma Rudd, Joan Smith, Susan Soutter, John Stevens, Maria Tinkler, Emmie Walker, Brian Weston, 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.



Children's Liturgy

CAN YOU HELP? The Children's Liturgy team at SB's are looking for: a set of simple small tablecloths, ~3' square or round, in liturgical colours (green, red or purple; more rarely rose pink or gold), or fabric to make the tablecloths. If you can help please speak with Clare or Angela @ SB's. **THANK YOU** to those who have offered screens & speakers, just the tablecloths to find now!



PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE Your free copy of Portsmouth People is now available in the porch.



PLANT SALE/SPRING FAIR; SATURDAY 9 MAY SB'S 10am-12.30pm. The annual Plant Sale/Spring Fair will include the traditional plants but also offer giftware, jewellery, crafts as well as home made cakes and a grand raffle. **Gardeners, please get planting** bedding plants and vegetables and **craft experts please get crafty!**

Raffle prizes welcome - please leave them at the back of the church clearly marked 'Plant sale/spring fair', or hand them in to our parish shop- Faith, Hope & Charity, or give them to Veronica at SB's

An appeal to cake makers: could you bake a cake...or two...for the plant sale? Thank you. Please take them to SB's on the day.



CHANGE A LIFE - pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

'Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or the consecrated life there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone.' (Pope Francis)

This Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the priesthood and Consecrated Life. There are some prayer cards at the back of church for those who would like to include these vocations in their regular prayer.



OUR PARISH FUTURE FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN Thank you to everyone who has offered to increase their planned giving to the parish. It is greatly appreciated. Our target was £18,000 and we have raised £12,000. 52% of our parish responded to the appeal. If you decide at a later date to increase your giving to the parish please see Deacon Steve.



PARISHIONER CONTACT DETAILS: Last Sunday, 12th April, we had a census-parishioners were asked to record their contact details to enable us to update parish records which are seriously out of date.

Please fill in the parishioner address details even if you haven't moved recently.

If you are relatively new to the parish, or have recently moved & have not given us your address details, please fill in one of the **parishioner information forms which are in the porch.** Return the form to Linda via the collection basket or via the letterbox at Angel House. Thank you.



NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES. Boxes are at the back of the church. Any queries please ring Carmel Mc Clatchey 02380 842403



THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed 28th & 30th April. Re opens 5th May.



The Pope Tweets: @Pontifex *We can bring the Gospel to others only if it has made a deep impact in our lives.*

This month we are invited to join in Pope Francis's prayer intention "...That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.



COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY: 26th April This is an obligatory collection for the Clergy Training Fund. The money goes to fund the training and upkeep of those preparing for the priesthood and diaconate.



COLLECTIONS FOR MAY
17th May: WORLD COMMUNICATIONS Obligatory collection. The Church must make certain that Her voice is heard through the media of television, radio and press. This collection is for the upkeep of training centres through which priests, religious and lay pass each year.



31st May: QUIZ NIGHT : Tickets will be on sale for the next Quiz Night, which will be on 13th June.

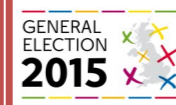
PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- + Eileen Brady Birthday 2nd May
- + Christians who are persecuted for their faith.
- + For all those families risking or have lost their lives crossing the Mediterranean to seek a better future in Europe for those who feel underemployed or undervalued for those in jobs where they feel pressured or trapped.

WHAT'S ON



APRIL 28TH PAUSE FOR PRAYER 10-11am St Michael's Hythe All welcome for quiet scripture, prayer and reflection.



Waterside Churches Together is organising
General Election Husting at
Hythe & Dibden Parish Hall
on Tuesday 28th April 7.30 - 9.30pm.

Party candidates will be invited to attend to state their political standpoint and to answer questions from the floor. These questions must be submitted in writing to admin@watersidect.org.uk **no later than midnight on the 27th April.** This is a brilliant opportunity to be better informed and to ask any burning questions you might have at this very important time for us.



UNITED AND FAITHFUL: The Visit of the relics of Blessed Louis & Zelig Martin (parents of St Therese of the Child Jesus & Holy Face).

Wednesday, 20th May from 12 noon at St Therese's Parish in Totton. There will be opportunities to venerate the relics

between 12.30pm & 6pm. Then there will be Evening Prayer at 6pm followed by Mass.
On **Thursday, 21st May** the relics will be available for veneration from 10 am at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, with Mass at 12 noon celebrated by Bishop Philip.



THE GLORY - PRAYER IN THE HOLY OF HOLIES:

In St John's Gospel, it was no longer necessary literally to enter the Holy of Holies to see the Lord and the light, because the Lord and the light had come into the world. (Margaret Barker 2011) The Hebrews expressed the majesty of God and the constant presence of God using these images. They ritually enacted them within their community, and both images are central to the description of the life of Jesus in the Gospels. The mystics saw the world as if from the Holy of Holies. This Workshop will explore the significance of The Glory and the Holy of Holies for our prayer. It will be suitable for Christians of all denominations. The day will be led by Mary Dunn. **Saturday 16th May** 10am-4pm (coffee and registration from 9.30am)
Suggested offering £27 to include lunch.



A DAY FOR YOU - AFTER BEREAVEMENT: Friday 22nd May

11am- 3pm (coffee and registration from 10.30am) Wisdom Centre, Romsey. Suggested offering £20 to include lunch. For more information about either days please telephone 01794 830206 or email: reception@wisdomhouseromsey.co.uk

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