

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

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The Gospel of Luke -
The Gospel of Mercy
Beginning of the Season of Easter
Easter Sunday 27th March 2016
Year C, Weekdays Year 2



9.00am Mass SB
11.00am Mass SM
Monday 28th March No Mass
Tuesday 29th March No Mass
Wednesday 30th March No Mass
Thursday 31st March No Mass

Friday 1st April 10AM MASS SM'S
Saturday 2nd April 10AM MASS SM'S
Sacrament of Reconciliation after 10am Mass

Anniversaries this week: Ray Ward (28th), Joyce Walker (28th), Charles Ketley (29th), Helen Taylor (30th), John Leahy (31st), Dorothy Lovelock (31st)

Remembering those who have died recently: Michael Kirwan, Ruth Freemantle, Alice Bramhill, Micki Brant.

Mass Intentions: Easter Sunday 9am Mass SB's Alice Bramhill RIP
Deceased members of the Chrzanowski family (F/M)

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

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**

RESURRECTION – THE RESPONSE OF THE FATHER

When Mary of Magdala goes to visit the tomb of Jesus she expects to make a rendezvous with death. It is very early on the first day of the week. It is still dark, but there is light enough to see that the stone has been moved from the entrance to the tomb. Mary's reaction is not immense relief that Jesus is not dead. She does not cheat herself with that mad groundless hope. The only conclusion she can come to is that some unknown people must have stolen the dead body of Jesus. Even in death Jesus is not allowed to rest in peace.

When Simon Peter and the Beloved Disciple hear Mary's story they run to the tomb. The account in John's Gospel is clearly written in favour of the Beloved Disciple. When Peter enters the tomb he sees the burial clothes; when the Beloved Disciple enters the tomb he sees and he believes. The disciple who was closest to Jesus in love is the one who is first to believe in him as the risen Lord. Perhaps the Beloved Disciple reckoned that if someone had stolen the body he would not have taken the trouble to strip the body first and then roll up the burial clothes. Or perhaps the evangelist John is simply telling us that beloved disciples are always the first to get to the heart of the matter. For the heart of the resurrection is the matter of love.

What we celebrate in the resurrection is God's liberating love for his beloved Son. Resurrection is the Father's response to the cross, his defiant answer to a world that hoped violence could keep Jesus in its hold. In raising Jesus from the dead God raised every value that Jesus stood for, every story that Jesus told, every preference that Jesus made, every purpose that Jesus followed. All this was given new life and new significance.

If death had spoken the final word about Jesus, it would only have been a matter of time before everything about Jesus would have been reduced to a curiosity, a forgettable footnote in the crowded history of lost causes. But God had the last word. As indeed he had the first. The resurrection of Jesus was not a hysterical invention of people who refused to accept the death of their master. On the contrary, resurrection is the original act of accepting Jesus' death. The Father's act of raising Jesus from the dead is the Father's way of accepting his Son's death. Jesus is wakened to new life by the applause of his Father, by the sheer energy of his Father's love, by the loud shout of his Father's gratitude. The dead Jesus has no alternative but to rise to the occasion. The tomb can never be his permanent address. The Good News is that the Father's affirmation is not confined to Jesus; it is extended to all who follow the way of the beloved Son. As Paul says in today's second reading: "When Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him." In the meantime, however, we struggle to let some of that glory shine through our halting efforts to follow the Lord. We know the way of the cross leads to our own doorstep and that we are challenged to take it. But it also leads us to the Father's ultimate affirmation, to the God who will laugh us out of our tombs. Today let us bless the God who insists on having the last laugh!

(from Denis McBride: Seasons of the Word).

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please keep in your prayers: David Bazley, Janice Bird, Nigel Bolton, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Marion Butler, Denise Calder, Nick Candrl, Kathryn Cox, Avril & Michael Daniels, Baby Finlay Drozd, Baby Elijah, Keith Ellison, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Dennis Freemantle, David Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Catherine Heron, Doreen Holman, Chrissy James, Trudy King, Peggy Kirwan, Sue Knell, Betty Marek, Susan Marlow, Sarah Marshall, Niamh Mulherne, Maureen Mulen, Tony O'Connell, Ann O Connor, Julie Poole, Michelle Ripley, Joan Smith, John Stevens, Emmie Walker, Brian Weston, Maureen Weyman. Mary & Lawrie Witchell, Bridget Wyatt

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.



We welcome Baby Emmanuel Peckham who will be baptised during the 11am Mass at SM's next Sunday 3rd April



RUTH FREEMANTLE'S Funeral Service will be on this Friday, 1st April, at 11.30am at St Andrew's church, Beaulieu Road, Dibden Purlieu, followed by committal at All Saints Churchyard, Dibden Purlieu.



CHEQUES Please note if you have to write a cheque to the parish the new wording is:
Portsmouth RC Diocesan T'Tees Waterside Catholic Parish.
(The old format PRC DTR Waterside Catholic parish is no longer accepted by the bank.)



THANK YOU from Tina Bowler to all those who work at FHC for donating eggs and chocolates for the Easter raffle. Thank you to all those who bought tickets- the total was £310.00. A very big thank you to everyone!
The draw took place on Wednesday and winners will be notified directly.



SPECIAL THANKS to all who helped us celebrate Lent & Easter.
To our deacons, Steve & Ian, to Tony-*not-yet Emeritus* for liturgical and rubrical consultation services, to Peter and Wayne, to Irene for liturgical preparation & music, to ministers of Holy Communion & Readers, to Linda for lots of help behind the scenes, to our choir (St Michaels) & music arrangers (St Bernards), to Childrens Liturgy Catechists, to flower arrangers, to our Welcomers, our cleaning teams, collectors & collection auditors to all who pray, & all helpers. (Fr David & Fr Vincent)



FR DAVID & FR VINCENT would like to wish you all a happy, blessed and holy Easter.



WANTED Someone to join the cleaning team at St Bernard's. At the moment there are just 3 volunteers doing once a fortnight each. Whereas at SM's there are two teams of 4. So please consider helping out. *Many hands make light work!* Let Linda know in the office if you can help in any way.



Journeying with Jonah: The Struggle to Find Yourself by Denis McBride C.Ss.R. (Redemptorist Publications)

If you have a couple of days off over Easter, try this book:-

"There is one constant in the book of Jonah: Jonah's belief that God's indiscriminate mercy extended to the pagans of Nineveh is not only inappropriate but incomprehensible: Jonah is scandalised by God's mercy. Our minor prophet has to learn as we all do, that mercy is indivisible: we cannot plead for mercy for ourselves and then deny it to others."



HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!



NOT JUST EASTER SUNDAY The Easter Season isn't just Easter Sunday. It's fifty days long, and the last of those days is Pentecost (Greek for 'fiftieth') marking the birth of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. During these fifty days of Easter, we will be listening to the stories of the struggles and hardships of the early followers of Jesus.



LAUDATO SI If you just listened to pundits you might think "Laudato Si'" is a policy document, the pope's list of changes that need to happen on different environmental and social issues. But really what the pope is interested in first is a change in the way we all think about our lives, our relationships with one another and our world. Again and again he makes the point, it's only through that kind of conversion of our minds and hearts, of our imagination that our actions and our policies will ever substantially change. And as flip and cutesy as it may sound, truly, at the heart of that conversion is a return to the very things that we knew as children. Ideas that Robert Fulghum put so well in his book *All I Ever Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. Things like: Share. Be kind. Clean up after yourself. All things in moderation. Make time for wonder.

And, one idea that Fulghum doesn't mention but we also grew up knowing—We're all connected. Plants and animals and human beings; strangers and friends and enemies; God and humanity and the world. Children's faith in things like magic or the impossible comes directly from that belief that everything is connected. So does their sense of morality. It's not only that hurting people is bad. It's also, when your sister is sad, your parents are sad or even your dog is sad, you get sad, too. We're all deeply connected. Reading "Laudato Si'," we might ask ourselves, where did all that kid common sense go? How did we go from being the kids we were to the world we now live in? Obviously that world was here before we were, and it can't help but affect us. But we affect it, too.

But that too is something that we were taught as children—that we can make a difference. With their questions, aspirations and challenges our own children call us back to that insight day after day. In "Laudato Si'," we might say the pope adds his voice to theirs, trying to help us remember again the kids who still live within ourselves, and ask and believe and wonder. Yes, the situations in our world are incredibly complex; yes, we're just little people on a big and messed up and complicated planet. But as my nephews and nieces would say—"So what?" Think of Noah, the pope writes: "All it takes is one good person to restore hope" (No. 71).

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- + Baby Emmanuel Peckham and his family
- + All those who mourn
- + Those killed & injured in the explosions in Brussels
Mike Slipper (Birthday)

WHAT'S ON ?



TASTER SESSION: St Theresa's Church Hall, 20 Beaumont Road, Totton, SO40 3AL on **Thursday, 7th April** from 7.30pm until 9.00pm.

All those interested are welcome to attend. This follows on from the talk given by Tina Quinn last weekend after Mass.

The actual workshop takes place on **Friday 13th May** 7pm-9pm; **Saturday 14th May** 9am-4pm at St Theresa's church hall, 20 Beaumont Rd. Totton SO40 3AL, totton@portsmouthdiocese.or.uk Tel: 023 8086 2270,

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