

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Registered Charity No 246871

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

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The Gospel of St Matthew

29th January - 4th February 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Weekdays Year 1 Psalter week 3

MASS TIMES

9.00am SB's **Service of Word & Communion**
11.00am SM's **Service of Word & Communion**

Anniversaries this week Jim Walker (29th), Sir David Price (31st), Bill Topple (1st), Roy Nicholas (4th)

Remembering those who have died recently Margaret Scott, Maureen Mullen, Nigel Bolton, Mary Quigley

Mass intentions: None

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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 (Aug-Sept only 10.45) Totton

LYMINGTON, BROCKENHURST, MILFORD ON SEA

Parish Priest & NF Pastoral Co-ordinator:-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: Rev Tom Grufferty**



Think Again!

Today we listen to Jesus' most famous sermon; a list of promises to the poor, the meek and the merciful that we now call 'The Beatitudes'. "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of

Heaven," promises Jesus, "Blessed are the meek, blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness." Is Jesus telling us we can only be blessed if we make ourselves poor? Is he telling us to sit back meekly and let others walk all over us? Is Jesus encouraging us to go out and actively invite persecution and insult?

It's difficult to embrace Jesus' values because we have been brought up to value everything that Jesus does not. From an early age we have been taught to work hard at school so that we will get a good job and earn lots of money. We are scolded for not speaking up for ourselves and applauded for pushing ourselves forward. Our culture is all about winning, prestige and material success.

The challenge we find in the Beatitudes is to work contrary to our human instincts in order to find true happiness and fulfilment. Our instincts are to amass wealth, earn fame, and bask in our perceived self-importance. It is often our cowardly instinct to turn a blind eye to injustice or to fail to stand up for what we believe because we are afraid of ridicule. It is the instinct of governments to engage in conflict in the pursuit of material gain and power.

In his sermon, Jesus was not suggesting we live in dire poverty or become human doormats for the sake of it. Rather Jesus is asking us to look again at our values. We are asked to look at the things that we think will bring happiness. Jesus challenges us to think again.

(An extract from Chapel Bell)

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, Russell Bowlds, Philomena Breen, Kitty Burroughs, Marion Butler, Denise Calder, Bruno Chrzanoski, Fr Vincent Convery, Kathryn Cox, Deny Croll, Avril Daniels, Elizabeth Dawtry, Baby Finlay Drozd, Baby Elijah, Keith Ellison, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Dennis Freemantle, David Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Mike Hedges, Sally Herbert, Catherine Heron, Doreen Holman, Joan Hopper, Chrissy James, Kath Ketley, Peggy Kirwan, Betty Marek, Susan Marlow, Sarah Marshall, Pauline Moore, Niamh Mulherne, Ann Norton, Tony O'Connell, Anne O Connor, Michelle Ripley, Joan Smith, John Stone, Emmie Walker, Brian Weston, Maureen Weyman. Mary & Lawrie Witchell, Bridget Wyatt

A VERY BIG THANK YOU

A BIG THANK YOU from Fr Paul to all of you for your overwhelming generosity with his farewell gift. He was delighted. He enjoyed his time in the Parish very much and appreciated the kindness he experienced. He is off to help another parish in similar circumstances. Please remember him in your prayers.



LOUISE BLACKER has received some detailed briefing notes for writing to MPs asking them to oppose any proposals to make sex education a compulsory school subject. If any concerned parents, relatives or godparents would like a copy of the notes to petition our MPs to protect our children please contact Louise after Mass at SB's or email louiseblacker@hotmail.co.uk

KEYHOLDERS FOR SM's & SB's

As requested by the Diocese, part of the transition document for Fr Abraham includes a record of the key holders for both churches.

IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING KEYS PLEASE LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

You don't have to hand them in. I just need to know which keys you have.

SM's : keys to Angelhouse, the garage and/or the side door of the church & any other.

SB's: keys to the *hall* door and/or Martha cupboard and any other.

PLEASE DON'T ASSUME I KNOW YOU HAVE A KEY- **ALL KEYHOLDERS TO RESPOND PLEASE A.S.A.P.**
If you have a key you no longer need please hand it in to the office with a note as to which door it opens.

Thank you.
Linda



FR ABRAHAM's first Masses at Waterside will be Sunday 12th February at the usual times. Neither of these Masses will be his Induction Mass. This will take place at another time after discussion between Fr Abraham and Fr David-who is the Pastoral Co-ordinator for the New Forest.

When that date and time is set it will be advertised in the newsletter. I'm sure that at Fr Abraham's first Mass at SB's everyone will want to speak to him to welcome him to the parish, but, on this occasion, please don't be offended if he rushes off from SB's to get to SM's. I'm sure he will be anxious to get there in good time to prepare and he doesn't know the area and he won't have met his Deacons and Sacristans. When he knows how good his 'back up team' is I'm sure he'll relax and stay longer over coffee.

I'm sure you will appreciate that moving parishes is a very stressful time for a Priest. He not only has to leave what is familiar, but move house, get used to a new area, get to know new routines and meet all of you, his new parishioners. So I'm sure you will give him a very warm welcome on the 12th and show your appreciation that he has come to live and work among you as your resident parish priest.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY: *That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.*



APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA/ St Bernard's: Deacon Roger Stone apologises for the delay in moving this project forward. He has assured me the AOS project will be going ahead and he will be in touch as soon as he can.

SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

12th Feb Catholic Education Service: The CES negotiates, on behalf of all bishops, with Government and other national bodies on legal, administrative, and religious education matters in order to: promote Catholic interests in education; safeguard Catholic interests in education; and contribute to Christian perspectives within educational debate at national level.

26th Feb Church flowers. There are two collections a year towards church flowers. This money is spread between the two churches throughout the year for flowers mainly for Easter and Christmas, but also for special events. It also covers other necessary items which are needed such as Oasis, tape etc. Whatever you can afford to give will be greatly appreciated by our wonderful team of flower arrangers who give up their time to keep our churches looking welcoming and beautiful.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- + Fr Abraham as he prepares to move to his new parish
- + Peace in the world and for those who govern the nations that they may do so wisely and justly.
- + Kayleigh Mitchell (Birthday 31st January)
- + Fr Paul Lyons as he assists another parish in the Diocese.

WHAT'S ON ?



PAUSE FOR PRAYER 31st January 10-11am St Michael's. All are welcome for quiet scripture, prayer and reflection.



FR VINCENT will be attending the service of Word and Communion next **Sunday 5th February at SM's** to say goodbye to the parish. Due to the effects of his stroke he is unable to celebrate Mass. He will be accompanied by Deacon John Cumpsty who has been appointed by the Diocese to oversee Fr Vincent's welfare.. Unfortunately Fr Vincent will not be able to attend the service of Word & Communion at SB's at 9am that day, but all are welcome at SM's for the 11am service.

LAST CHANCE TO GIVE TO THE COLLECTION FOR FR VINCENT



CAFOD PORTSMOUTH SUPPORTERS'

MEETING - THIS SATURDAY 4 February Join

us at our next CAFOD Portsmouth Supporters' Meeting on Saturday 4 February 2017 from 10am-1.30pm at St Bede's Catholic Primary School, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. Please book a place in advance via 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk Thank you.



IN TO THE DESERT': Saturday 4th March. A retreat day reflecting on the temptations of Jesus in the desert. This day will give you a wonderful opportunity to begin your Lenten journey well. The day will be led by Father Des and will begin at 9.30am for 10.00am and finish at 3.00pm and include lunch and Mass. It will take place at Saint Joseph's, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, SO40 7DU. We ask for a donation of £20.00. If you would like to attend please phone 02380 292337 and leave a message or email stjosephscentre@mail.com

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