

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

29th November 2015

Year C, Weekdays Year 2; Psalter week 1

9.00am Mass SB

11.00am Mass SM

Monday 30th November No Mass

(St Andrew, Apostle)

Tuesday 1st December Requiem Mass Eileen Kenny 10am SM's

Wednesday 2nd December No Mass

Thursday 3rd December No Mass

(St Francis Xavier, Priest)

Friday 4th December Mass 10am SM's

(St John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church)

Saturday 5th December Mass 10am SM's

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION STRAIGHT AFTER MASS

MASS INTENTIONS 29th NOVEMBER - 5th DECEMBER

Anniversaries this week: Charles Duffy (30th), David Donoghoe (1st)

Remembering those who have died recently: Eileen Kenny, Tom Sherlock

Other Intentions: Michelle Ripley (Health), Nick Candrl (Health), Eileen Kenny (RIP)

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**

THE LORD OUR INTEGRITY

The Old Testament charts the unfolding of the relationship between God and the Israelite people. There is a lot written about what the people should do, but the most important words are those that speak about what God does now and will do in the future. Faith is above all about receiving and trusting God's work and going along with it. Jeremiah promises us a virtuous one who will bring salvation and confidence. The city, which represents the people, will be called "The Lord our Integrity".

All our holiness and virtue is given us in Jesus, as St Paul writes: He (God) is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Our deepest self is Christ and in Christ the individual and the communal are united together. Holiness is above all God's work in us and that work is Christ. This is good news because it lifts the burden from us. Christ bears that burden within - which is why for us the yoke is easy and my burden is light. Catherine of Genoa, who received many deep experiences of God's work in us, is reported to have run through the streets shouting "My deepest me is God! My deepest me is God!"

In Thessalonians Paul continues this theme of God's work - increasing our love for one another and the whole human race; & confirming us in holiness. For our part we must let grace work in our whole being - transforming us so that we can become who we already are in God. We are certainly not born perfect! It is a question of growth and making more & more progress, but not in fear, rather in the joyful confidence of God's motherly and fatherly love.

At first the Gospel words can be disturbing and fearful. This is usually because we are still insecure in our trust in God. Once we know how really wonderful God's love for us is, then, (God's) perfect love casts out our fear. Jesus's words are spoken in love. He wants us to be liberated, to be spiritually awake, aware of what is going on and filled with confidence. Things are always coming to an end and new things beginning. Someday the solar system will unravel.

But more importantly we need to understand these words as applying to us here and now. What has shaken my soul? What powers have begun to fail for me? What worlds are passing away for me? What is stirring in my soul (the blessings of the beatitudes) - love, peace, yearnings for God and for the blessing of all humanity? What new strengths am I finding within myself or others? Have I entered a new phase in my life - with God or others? Am I seeing more clearly the cosmic battle of light and darkness?

Jesus warns us against the things that can dull our spiritual senses - getting trapped in superficial pleasures and addictions and taking the worries of this life too seriously. Prayer keeps us spiritually awake, aware of the Christ within. In Luke 17:20-21 Jesus says that the kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed. For you must know, that the kingdom of God is among (or within) you. And in John 14:22 -Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?" Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."

If we stay awake to this wonderful grace, then, in the words of St Teresa of Jesus, nothing will ever disturb us. (DMA)

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, Nick Candrl, Kathryn Cox, Baby Finn Drozd Baby Elijah, Derek Faiers, James Fenn, Derek Francis, Mervyn Francis, Ruth & Dennis Freemantle, David Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Catherine Heron, Doreen Holman, Chrissy James, Lena Keane, Eileen Kenny, Peggy & Michael Kirwan, Theresa Leydon, Betty Marek, Susan Marlow, Sarah Marshall, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Ann O Connor, Karen O'Donovan, Michelle Ripley, Joan Smith, John Stevens, Emmie Walker, Brian Weston, Maureen Weyman., Mary & Lawrie Witchell.

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.



THE REQUIEM MASS for EILEEN KENNY is this Tuesday, 1st December, 10am St Michael's, Hythe followed by family only at the Crematorium.



URGENT: ALL READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION SB'S & SM'S: please let the office know by phone or email **if you are available or not** for the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day services I need to write a special rota for those two days. Thank you to those who have contacted the office already.



OUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE is THIS SATURDAY

5th December at St John's hall Hythe 10am-1.30pm Please do your best to support it. Lots of exciting things to buy, Win's famous bacon butties to eat, tasty scones to munch, and a HUGE

number of raffle prizes to win! **Forgotten your raffle tickets today?** They must be handed in *sold or unsold* as they can sell them on the day of the Fayre. *If you haven't got them today, please pop them into they parish shop by Thursday at the latest.* Thank you.



ARE YOU ADDICTED TO THE GREAT BRITISH BAKE OFF?

Here's your chance to bake a wonderful cake to donate to be sold at the Fayre. Please take it to St John's hall *before the Fayre opens* on 5th Dec OR see Christine Olden.



CHRISTMAS FOODBANK Last day for donations **TODAY** to enable the items to be sorted ready for distribution. Any items collected after today will go towards the normal Foodbank collection.

FOODBANK IS NOT JUST FOR CHRISTMAS!



THE WATERSIDE PARISH SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH :

CLOSING DATE IS TODAY for anyone wishing to attend as the Martha group has to buy/order everything. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church on your way out of Mass.



CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

We are organizing a Christmas Carol service on 3rd January (Sunday) at 4pm in St Bernard's church. Everyone is invited together with their families and friends to sing carols together. Tea, coffee or squash and cakes will be served after the service to make it a celebration of the Christmas season.

We need volunteers to bake cakes and we need 4-6 people for readings. Also if anyone wants to help with the music please let us know. We would like some children to do a small nativity scene. All interested people could you please speak to Gosia and Angela. Thank you.

For Angela: 07735344628, email: angela.slattery58@gmail.com ,

For Gosia: email: gorzata5@poczta.onet.pl



CHEQUES If you ever pay a cheque into the parish please note it should be made payable to *PRCDTR Waterside Catholic Parish.*

OUR PARISH SHOP: FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY
8 ST JOHN'S STREET, HYTHE
SO45 6DA Tel: 02380 207882



Christmas cards and gifts now in!



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November 2015

"...That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own."



YEAR OF MERCY COMMENCES TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception. : My recent Pastoral Letter was about the upcoming Year of Mercy. If you haven't yet heard it I encourage you to read it on the Diocesan website. As I said in the Letter, "The real purpose the Year of Mercy is to invite all of us, clergy and people, to have the right attitude, to open ourselves to receive God's mercy, and to manifest that Divine mercy to others." Please begin to reflect on how God is inviting you to participate in this Holy Year. (Bishop Philip)



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

The First Sunday of Advent is the first day of the new liturgical year of the Church. Every liturgical year is devoted to a particular set of Gospel readings for each Sunday and they run in a three year cycle, corresponding to Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In this Liturgical year (Cycle C) which begins on today the Church meditates on the Gospel of Luke and uses it for most of the Sunday readings .

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER

- + Crib Collection
- + Your Christmas gift to Fr David & Fr Vincent

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- + All our loved ones who have gone before us.
- + The family and friends of Eileen Kenny.
- + All those who are sick or housebound in our parish
- + All the people of Scotland & those named after St Andrew

WHAT'S ON?



DEMENTIA DROP-IN SUPPORT GROUP for carers & those living with dementia. Hythe Library Wednesday **2nd December 2.30-4.30pm**



REFUTEA Friday 4th December Helen and Katie (two of our parishioners) are holding an open day on Friday 4th December between 10 am and 3 pm at Helen's house: *Upton, Chapel Lane, Blackfield.* There

will be a raffle, tombola lots of delicious cakes, tea and coffee. They are raising money for the Refugee Council, to help refugees in the UK who have fled worn torn countries, in fear of persecution often with only the clothes on their backs. So come along, bring a friend and enjoy a cup of tea and a piece of cake in the build up to Christmas. In these difficult times remember:

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that"



WATERSIDE PARISH CHRISTMAS FAYRE THIS

SATURDAY 5th December at St John's hall Hythe 10am-1.30pm



PAUSE FOR PRAYER 10-11am **December 8th** St Michael's Hythe
 All welcome for quiet scripture, prayer and reflection.



THE WATERSIDE PARISH SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH is being held on **Thursday 10th December**, arrival is from 12 midday for lunch at 12.30pm, at the Old Mill, Holbury



ADVENT REFLECTION DAY

—To celebrate the start of His Holiness Pope Francis's proclaimed 'Year of Mercy'; on **Saturday 12 December 10am-3.30pm** Father Des will be hosting a Day of Reflection at Saint Joseph's, Ashurst focusing on one of the major themes of this special year: 'God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten Son' John 3.16. A donation of £17.50 would be gratefully received.

This will be a great way to begin your personal journey during the Year of Mercy and an excellent way to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus our only Saviour. .