

## WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

*Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area*

**St Michaels Church**, (SM) Langdown Lawn, Hythe SO45 5GR  
**St Bernard's Church**, (SB) Southbourne Ave, Holbury, SO45 2NT

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**22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time 30th August 2015**

**Year B, Weekdays Year 1; Psalter week 2**

**9.00am Mass SB**

**Mass Intention: Martin Regan, R.I.P. Anniversary**

**11.00am Mass SM**

Monday 31st August No Mass  
(St Aidan, Bishop & All Saints of Lindisfarne)

Tuesday 1st September No Mass  
World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Wednesday 2nd September No Mass

Thursday 3rd September No Mass  
(St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church)

**Friday 4th September Mass 10am SM'S**  
(St Cuthbert, Bishop)

**Saturday 5th September Mass 10am SM'S**  
**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION STRAIGHT AFTER MASS**

**MASS INTENTIONS 30th August- 5th September**

**Anniversaries this week:** Brenda Bowen (1st), Bernard Kenny (2nd)

**Remembering those who have died recently:**

**Other Intentions:** Martin Regan R.I.P Anniversary

**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**

## NO RESPECT FOR TRADITION

In today's Gospel Jesus is accused of flouting sacred tradition. Religious officials from Jerusalem and local Pharisees want to know why Jesus permits his disciples to disregard the unwritten tradition of the elders. The problem is that the disciples do not wash their hands before they eat. The complaint is not that the disciples ignore good hygiene, but that they ignore the tradition of ceremonial washing. In doing this they are numbered among the unclean.

According to the written law, ceremonial washing was required only of priests before they entered the sanctuary. By the time of Jesus, however, the ritual of hand – washing, before every meal and between each course, had been extended to include all pious Jews. This unwritten tradition of legal interpretation – the oral law - was regarded by the Pharisees to be as binding as the written law. And they expect Jesus to share their religious outlook.

Jesus accuses his accusers of being hypocrites, quoting the prophet Isaiah to underline the point:

*This people honours me only with lip – service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.*

In clinging to human tradition, they ignore the commandments of God. Jesus wants to free people from the weight of stifling tradition that concentrates on approved performance. When religious performance is lacking in heart, it makes for worthless worship.

Jesus goes on to teach the crowd revolutionary doctrine which puts him at odds with his own religious tradition: nothing that a man eats can defile him, only what comes from his own heart. In this Jesus declares all foods clean and shifts the focus of moral attention to how people choose and what they actually do. For Jesus, eating with unwashed hands is imaginary defilement. So is eating unapproved food. Uncleanliness is a matter of what proceeds from the human heart. It's not people's diet that interests Jesus, it's their heart condition.

Jesus is interested in the stirrings of the human heart, the personal issues that preoccupy us and influence our choices and behaviour. The territory within, with all its complex emotions and desires, holds Jesus's attention. He knows that no external law can change people's hearts, even if it makes them socially conform. That is why, when he began his preaching, he invited everyone: "Set your hearts first on the kingdom of God." Jesus believes that when people's hearts are centred on God, they are emancipated from the litany of human regulations that would script their every move.

For many of his hearers, what Jesus said was bad news because it contradicted the tradition they honoured. We call it good news, Gospel, because it is a word that liberates us from a world of endless regulations. It also challenges us and invites us to live a religion of the heart. To have a heart for Jesus and his values: this will always be our real business as Christians.

(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 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, Michael Kirwan, Theresa Leydon, Betty Marek, Susan Marlow, Sarah Marshall, Maureen Mullen, Tony O'Connell, Ann O Connor, Karen O'Donovan, Joan Smith, John Stevens, Maria Tinkler, 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.**



**APF BOXES-** are due to your collectors in September.

**If your collector is Eileen Brady or Linda Guilding please leave your box in the APF box in the Sacristy, not the back of the church by 20th Sept.**

**Please remember to put your name on the box or we won't know who it belongs to.** Thank you.



**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** for Linda's annual holiday from 8th September. It reopens 22nd September.

**If you need a priest in an emergency** during this time the emergency contact number is with Deacons Ian and Steve or on the office answerphone.

**Any notices to be read out in church** please give them to Deacons Steve or Ian.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Parents, if your child is in Year 3 at primary school and will be 8 yrs old this year, and you wish your child to make their First Holy Communion, please see Deacon Steve, Deacon Ian, or contact the Parish office. At the moment we are only able to offer support for a home & parent centred programme of preparation.



**TRIP TO THE TIP.** Do you take rubbish to the tip? Could you take a bag of rubbish from our parish shop FHC with you next time you go to the tip? They are desperate for help. See Tina Bowler or ring the parish shop. Tel: 02380 207882



**WHAT IS A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CHURCH?** And how can we become one? There are currently 800,000 people in the UK with Dementia and that number is expected to grow to 1 million in just 8 years time. How are churches responding to this challenge? Why not come along to find out more about it and how Waterside parish can become a

Dementia friendly church. The speaker will be Peter Blasby. **Thursday 24th September at 6.30pm at SM's.** All are welcome. *The PPC meeting will follow at 7.30pm.* God loves everyone, including people with dementia, so they should have the opportunity to worship. Churches should be imaginative and creative to help people with dementia to draw close to God, particularly as they pass through a stressful and difficult part of their life. (Livability's Disability Friendly Churches Campaign)



**BAPTISM** We welcome baby Alice Rose Dowding who will be baptised at SM's on 6th September at 12noon by Fr Vincent.

**Faith, Hope & Charity.**  
**8 ST JOHN'S STREET, HYTHE**  
**SO45 6DA Tel: 02380 207882**



**The Pope Tweets @Pontifex** *A Christian who is too attached to riches has lost his way.*



**ASSISTED SUICIDE** Thank you to everyone who has already contacted their MP asking them to oppose assisted suicide on 11th September. *Postcards to send to your MP are still available at the back of the church.*



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION 1st September** Created by Pope Francis, this day of prayer "will offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation" and reflect upon "the adoption of appropriate lifestyles."

**COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER**

- \* **TODAY** Quiz Night Tickets on sale
- \* Advance notice: APF Collection boxes (Red boxes) are due in September
- + Racial Justice 13th September
- + Home Mission Sunday 20th September
- + Cathedral 27th September

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

- + Sandra & Eddie Deering 40th Wedding Anniversary (Sunday)
- + Bruno Chrzanowski's 90th Birthday (3rd)
- + Joy & Alan Lovelock Wedding Anniversary (5th)
- + The staff and pupils of our Catholic schools as they return to a new school year.
- + I ask for your prayers for all those who are currently on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Please pray especially for all the sick, and for all those who are caring for them, especially the many young helpers we have on this year's pilgrimage. (Bishop Philip)
- + All those killed or injured in the Shoreham air disaster & their families, friends & colleagues.

**WHAT'S ON**

**QUIZ NIGHT** The next St. Martha Group quiz night is being held **THIS SATURDAY** and tickets will be on sale, at £4 each, after Mass today. Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring your own alcohol and a plate of food for the American supper.

**CAFOD** Portsmouth Supporters' Meeting Join us at our next meeting on Saturday **12th Sept** 10am – 1.30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School

(Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX) where we will explore our new *Laudato Si'* study guide for parishes and hear more about CAFOD's work in Niger. **To book a place** please ring 01252 329385 or email [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) by **4th September.**



**MIGRANT SLAVERY CONFERENCE** 9:30am – 3:30pm **Saturday 26 September** at St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX. The Justice, Peace and Social Responsibility Team of the Diocese of Portsmouth are hosting this conference. There is an excellent team of speakers including:  
□ Kevin Hyland, Independent Anti Slavery Commissioner  
□ Fiona Cunningham, Centre for Social Justice  
□ Jess Gealer, Medaille Trust  
□ Laura Franklin, Assistant Commissioner to the Police and Crime Commissioner, Isle of Wight  
Cost £10, early booking essential via websites <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/migrant-slavery-day.php> or [cvirgo@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:cvirgo@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).



**PAUSE FOR PRAYER September 29th** 10-11am St Michael's Hythe .All welcome for quiet scripture, prayer and reflection.