

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Registered Charity No 246871

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

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Dec 31 TO 6 Jan The Holy Family of Jesus,

Mary and Joseph

Year B Weekdays Year 1

MASS TIMES

SUNDAY 9.00am MASS SB's

Mass Intention : People of the Parish

SUNDAY 11.00am MASS.. SM's

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Anniversaries this week: RIP: Bet Cresswell (1) Margaret Wootten (2) Reg Hills (2). Anne Morgan (3) Edna Hayes (4) Petra Daniels (5) Ann Candrl (6) Mary Quigley (6)

SAD NEWS: The funeral for Elizabeth Dawtry, RIP will be on Mon 8th January at St. Bernard's at 12.30pm. May she rest in peace.

SAD NEWS: With sadness we must announce that Patrick Bradley RIP passed away on Sun 17th Dec. Pray for him.

If you have any announcement to be made in the church or newsletter we would like to have it by **Thursday morning**. Only emergency ones to be brought to the sacristy on Sunday morning.

Flower Arrangers volunteers needed at St. Bernard's. No special skills required just creativity and a willing heart. Help will be given. Please contact Jo Culver. Thank you. Email jonobrega@hotmail.com

Coffee and Tea at St Michael's

You are warmly invited to join us after 11am Mass.
(Go through the Sacristy into the Hall)

THE FOODBANK NEEDS

The foodbank needs: Milk (uht) and powdered. Please no baked beans. Instant mashed potato. Fish and meat (tinned). Coffee/Tea. Sponge Puddings. Fruit juice (uht) carrots/peas/sweetcorn/fruit (tinned) Please Help and thank you for your generous support

Weekday Mass Timings

St.M. Masses at St Michael's

St. B. Masses at St Bernard's

Daily Mass. Tue to Sat the Rosary will start at 9.10 and Mass at 9.30. Sun before Mass.

Monday 9am. St.M. Mass. Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Tuesday 9.30am. St.M. Mass. Liturgy of the Day. Followed by benediction until 10.30

Wednesday 9.30am St.M. Mass. Liturgy of the Day

Thursday 9.30am St.B Mass. Liturgy of the Day

Friday 9.30am. St.M. Mass Liturgy of the Day. Confessions after mass.

Saturday 9.30am. St. M. Mass. Liturgy of the Day.

Father Abraham thanks the parishioners for their generosity and kindness at Christmas. Thank you for the Christmas offering.

Father Abraham would like to thank:

All those who worked hard to make Christmas celebrations a beautiful one. Our Deacons, those who actively participated in the celebrations, choir members, those who organised various things at Christmas, flower arrangers, those who beautified the church, those who clean the church regularly and everyone a Big Thank You.:

Science -or - Religion? Symposium

Next year, we are planning a big diocesan Symposium to be held in Winchester called "Science - or - Religion?" I have invited two key speakers: Professor Brian Cox, professor of physics from the University of Manchester and BBC broadcaster, and Dr Andrew Pinsent from the Oxford University Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion. In addition there will be optional workshops for participants to join in. .The symposium will take place on Sat 3rd Nov 2018, 10am to 4pm. The Symposium will end with a panel responding to questions from the audience. More details soon but for now, please mark the date in your diary!. Bishop Philip.

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, Philomena Breen, Christopher Browne, Marion Butler, Denise Calder, Bruno Chrzanowski, Fr Vincent Convery, Kathryn Cox, Deny Croll, Baby Finlay Drozd, Keith Ellison, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Dennis Freemantle, David Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Fiona Francis, Catherine Heron, Doreen Holman, Peggy Kirwan, Sarah Marshall, Pauline Moore, Anne O Connor, David Parkinson, Michelle Ripley, Joan Smith, Emmie Walker, Brian Weston, Mary & Lawrie Witchell,, Brenda Atkinson. Iris Bolton. Barry Norris. Magdalene Smith. Lisa Swanson. Joan Hopper. John Bowden.

Lending Library News.

We now have some volunteers. Thank you so much. Now we need a **bookcase** at St. Bernard's for the Christian books available for parishioners to borrow. If anyone has one they do not need or want, please contact Joan Cocker on 023 80893699

LAST WEEK COLLECTION

Loose plate £111.34 Gift Aid. £180.76

St. Bernard on Mary

Bernard tells us, "in dangers, in doubts, think of Mary, call upon Mary. Do not let her name leave your lips nor your heart. So that you will more certainly obtain the assistance of her prayer, do not neglect to walk in her footsteps. With her as guide, you will never go astray; while calling to her you will never lose heart. As long as you think of her, you will never be deceived. While she holds your hand you cannot fall. Under her protection you have nothing to fear. If she walks before you, you shall not grow weary and you will reach your goal

Diocesan Day of Prayer for Safeguarding

Please remember the annual diocesan day of prayer on Sunday 31st Dec, the Feast of the Holy Family, to pray for those in the ministry of Safeguarding. This is our annual diocesan day of prayer for children and vulnerable adults, for the victims of abuse and for all who work in the ministry of safeguarding. Just as Mary and Joseph created a safe home environment for Jesus, so too on this day especially, let us pray that the Church in all her contexts will be a safe haven for our children and for the vulnerable. Indeed, for all their efforts, let us thank God today for the work of our diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator, for the members of the Safeguarding Commission and for all who serve so generously in our parishes as safeguarding representatives.



THE POPE TWEETS @pontifex

Today we pray for all the children who are not allowed to be born, who cry with hunger, who hold weapons in their hands instead of toys.

God is in love with us. He draws us to Him with tenderness by being born poor and fragile among us, like one of us.

Today we want to remember all those who suffer persecution. We want to be close to them with our affection and our prayers.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE LATEST NEWS!

The Diocese of Portsmouth now issues a weekly e-news. Go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and add your email address to receive these updates.

Catholic Youth

Portsmouth Diocese is sending a group of 18-30s to World Youth Day, Panama in January 2019 (21st-27th). Anyone who would like to go should express their interest by emailing youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk no later than 15th January. The cost is in the region of £1800, and support will be given for seeking sponsorship and fundraising.

Confirmations for New Forest will be on Sunday 29th April 2018 at 3pm in the Cathedral. If your child is 12 or above please let Fr. Abraham know. The preparations will start soon.

Christmas Gift from Bishop Philip to all parishioners.

Please collect after Mass the book "Rediscover Jesus An invitation" by Matthew Kelly, New York Times bestseller author.

Winchester Catholic History Group Talks

On 8th Jan: Dr Laura Wood: the Vowess, A Forgotten Vocation. Talks start at 7.30pm in the parish centre of St Peter's Church, Jewry St, Winchester. For more information email: office@stpeterstwinchester.org.uk

New Chair of Pastoral Care Services

I wish to thank on our behalf Fr. Peter Hollins for the splendid job he has done as the chair of our Pastoral Care Services. Fr. Peter is stepping down from chairing this sub-department and will in future become its chaplain. I thank him in advance for taking on this role.

In his stead, I am pleased to announce that Philippa Foster, a parishioner from Abingdon parish, who is an accountant and Finance Director with experience of restructuring, has agreed henceforth to be chair. Please pray for her and for everyone across the parishes of our Diocese involved in the pastoral care of parishioners.