

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Registered Charity No 246871

Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

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Dec 2nd to Dec 8th

1st Sunday Advent

Year C Weekdays Year 1

MASS TIMES

Sunday 09.00am Mass SB's

Sunday 11.00am Mass St M's

Mass Intention: St. B -

Mass Intention St M People of the Parish

Anniversaries this week: RIP:

David Donoghoe (2nd), Margaret Scott (2nd).

Morag Horne (6), Elizabeth Dawtry (6th), Maureen Mullen (8)

Collection next week for Christmas Flowers

Pray for all those who have died recently:

Bruno Chrzanowski RIP

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help with reading at St. Michael's. Training will be provided. We also need helpers for Children's Liturgy flower arrangers and cleaners. Also needed helpers to cut the grass at St. Bernard's. Please contact the office. Thank you

Invite a Friend to Church

Have you ever thought to invite a friend, or relative to mass? Especially when they are going through one of the most difficult time of their lives? "Would you like to come to church with me on Sunday so that we can pray together for you and for your present situation?"

Please support the Foodbank - Christmas Appeal

In the 3 weeks leading up to Christmas the foodbank will provide over 100 Christmas food parcels for local individuals and families in crisis TOP 10 ITEMS Tinned Ham; Chocolate log; Christmas Cake; Long life cream; Box of biscuits; Childs selection box; Large bar of chocolate; Nibbles (peanuts, crisps etc.); Christmas crackers; Mince pies. Thank you

Please see lists in both Churches

Weekday Mass Timings

St. M. Masses at St Michael's

St. B. Masses at St Bernard's

1st Sunday of Advent

Monday 9am. St M Mass. St Francis Xavier

Tuesday 9.30am. St M Mass.

Followed by Adoration

Wednesday 9.30am. St. M Mass

Thursday 9.30am. St. B Mass. St Nicholas

Friday 9.30 St. M Mass.

Confessions available on Friday after Mass

Saturday 9.30am St. M Mass

The Immaculate Conception of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bruno Chrzanowski who sadly passed away this week may he rest in peace. Please also keep Bruno's family in your thoughts and prayers at this sad time

Senior Citizens' Christmas lunch

Thursday 6th December

This year's Senior Citizens' Christmas lunch will again be held at The Old Mill in Holbury on Thursday 6th December: time 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm. Lists will be available at both churches from Sunday 18th November until Sunday 2nd December. If you would like to come along please add your name and telephone number to the list at St Michael's or St Bernard's. The cost of the lunch will be £8.00 per person

A PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE A very big thank you to everyone involved in running the Parish Raffle by organising and donating the prizes,, selling tickets, providing and selling refreshments setting and clearing up but especially for those who bought the tickets to help raise much needed funds for the Parish.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH

Christmas cards rosaries and diaries will be on sale after Mass

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, Philomena Breen, Christopher Browne, Marion Butler, Denise Calder, Bruno Chrzanowski, Fr Vincent Convery, Kathryn Cox, Denny Croll, Oliver Cripps, Charles Swann, Finlay Drozd, Keith Ellison, Derek Faiers, Mervyn Francis, Dennis Freemantle, David Grennell, Amanda Gudge, Sally Herbert, Fiona Francis, 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, Magdalene Smith, Lisa Swanson, Joan Hopper, John Bowden, Sandra Leary, John Arnold, Christopher Browne, Tony McCoy. Raymond Smith-Brown, Maureen McDowell

LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

Loose plate £102.26, Gift Aid £221.00.

Advent is here

Today, 2nd December, is the First Sunday of Advent, when the Church enters into a short but magical season that prepares us for the Coming of Christ. Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us in Bethlehem is remembered, and as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period of hope, of devout and joyful expectation. At Sunday Mass, the Gospel readings each have a distinctive theme: the Lord's coming at the end of time (First Sunday of Advent), John the Baptist (Second and Third Sunday), and the events that prepared immediately for the Lord's birth (Fourth Sunday). The Old Testament readings are prophecies about the Messiah and the Messianic age, especially from the Isaiah. On weekdays, there are two series of readings: one to be used from the beginning of Advent until 16th December, the other from 17th to 24th December. In the first part of Advent there are readings from Isaiah, distributed in accord with the sequence of the book itself and including those texts that are also read on the Sundays. In "late Advent," the last week before Christmas, the events that immediately prepared for the Lord's birth are presented from Matthew and Luke.

Advent is a busy period, not least with writing Christmas cards! The challenge is to find time for prayer and reflection. I pray that you will be successful in finding time in order to keep a sense of true perspective during this holy season and thus be able to find from the Lord much joy and happiness.



THE POPE TWEETS @pontifex

We cannot truly follow Jesus when we are weighed down by things, because if the heart is crowded with other goods, there will be no room for the Lord, who will become just one thing among others.

Faced with the tragedies of life, we are called to look to the horizon, because we have been redeemed and the Lord will come to save us

Let us ask the Lord for the grace to leave everything in order to go forward in proclamation and witness, just as Peter and Andrew did

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

All those suffering in the world through hunger, disease, persecution and natural disaster, for all refugees and victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. The work of the New Evangelisation across the diocese that we may all play our part in bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church.

HELP NEEDED.



Can someone from St Michael's and someone from St Bernard's put out, decorate & put away the Christmas trees? They can go out anytime between after Mass on Sunday 23rd to Monday 24th December and go away after the Epiphany. Please contact the office if you can help.

Congratulations to Jo Culver on her recent graduation as Bachelor of Divinity (with honours) (*Validated by the faculty Notre Dame de Paris, Ecole Cathédrale Paris .*, awarded in the presence of Bishop Philip

Waterside Churches Together Night Shelter

As you may be aware following the Winter season of the Waterside Churches Together Nightshelter the Trustees and Management Committee evaluated the project. For several reasons including the changes in Homelessness law it was decided that we would put the concept of a Nightshelter on hold for the time being, and instead support our local homeless population by running a daytime Drop-in for them. Alongside this Lyndhurst Deanery and other churches throughout the Forest asked if they could also be involved under our charity umbrella. This has meant a change of name and charity objectives which have just been agreed with the Charity Commission. This means we are now called THE CROSSINGS charity.

We are starting the project in Hythe in January using the Jordan Room at St Johns Hythe, thank you Jo and all at St Johns, - more details of opening times will be circulated after Christmas. As we start the first Drop-In, another is being planned for the other side of the Forest, we wish to advertise for a worker to take the project forward. Please see the Notice Boards for an advert for the role .