

WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

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Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area

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Office Currently not manned
Dec 9th to Dec 15th

2nd Sunday Advent

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MASS TIMES

Sunday 09.00am Mass SB's

Sunday 11.00am Mass St M's

Mass Intention: St. B People of the Parish-

Mass Intention St M Michael Hogan RIP

Anniversaries this week: RIP: Andy Anderson (10th),
Aiden Prestage (13th), Neil Tanner (13), Patricia Leaver (14)

Collection THIS 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

2nd Sunday of Advent

Monday 9am. St M Mass.

Tuesday 9.30am. St M Mass.

Followed by Adoration

Wednesday 12.00pm. St. M Mass

Thursday 9.30am. St. B Mass. St Lucy

Friday 9.30 St. M Mass.

St John of the Cross

Confessions available on Friday after Mass

Saturday 9.30am St. M Mass

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. The Requiem Mass for Bruno will be at St Michael's on Friday 21st December at 2.00pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Christmas Eve Monday 24th December

6pm Mass St Michael's'

Christmas Day Tuesday 25th December

9am St Bernard's,

11am St Michael's

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

The Candle of Preparation – This candle reminds us to be prepared to receive the Lord.

Prayer for 2nd week of Advent: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Who lives and reigns forever. Amen."

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, 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 £183.89, Gift Aid £206.50.

Advent is here

Advent, is 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

Advent is the time to welcome the Lord who comes to meet us, the time to look ahead, and to prepare ourselves for Christ's return. So many persons with disabilities and difficulties reopen their hearts to life when they realize they are loved! And how much love can flow from a heart thanks to the remedy of a smile! This Advent, make yourself small, make yourself humble, make yourself a servant of others, and the Lord will give you the ability to understand how to make peace.

The Popes Intention for December

Evangelization In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

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 please put out, decorate & put away the Christmas trees? They can go out anytime after Mass on Sunday 23rd to Monday 24th December and go away after the Epiphany. Please contact the office if you can help. Thank you

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.