

## WATERSIDE CATHOLIC PARISH

Registered Charity No 246871

*Part of the New Forest Pastoral Area*

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**Office Currently not manned**

**Dec 23rd to Dec 29th**

**4th 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 People of the Parish-  
Mass Intention St M**

**Anniversaries this week: RIP:** Brendan Kelly (23rd),  
Anne Jensen (23rd), Elizabeth Sinclair (23rd),  
Marion Teague (24th), John Green (25th), Pat Davies (25th),  
George Watson (27th)

**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.-

Thank you for supporting the foodbank with their Christmas appeal, it will have helped families who face a difficult time. Please continue with your generous support for this important project in the New Year

**Please see lists in both Churches**

### Weekday Mass Timings

**St.M. Masses at St Michael's**

**St. B. Masses at St Bernard's**

**4th Sunday of Advent**

**Monday 9am. St M Mass.**

**The Nativity of the Lord**

**Monday 6..00pm St M**

**The Nativity of the Lord**

**Tuesday 9.00am. St B Mass.**

**Tuesday 11.00am St M Mass**

**Wednesday No Mass St Stephen**

**Thursday 9.30am. St. B Mass. St John**

**Friday 9.30 St.M Mass. The Holy Innocents**

**Confessions available on Friday after Mass**

**Saturday 9.30am St.M Mass St Thomas**

**THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING:** As usual the collection at Christmas time is a voluntary contribution towards Fr. Abraham's annual income. Your generosity in difficult financial circumstances is greatly appreciated. Thank you

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

**The Nativity of the Lord**

**Monday 24th December**

6pm Mass St Michael's

**Christmas Day Tuesday 25th December**

9am St Bernard's,

11am St Michael's

Fr. Abraham, Deacons Ian and Steve, the PPC and the Finance Committee, wish all Parishioners and visitors a Happy and Blessed Christmas.

May the child Jesus Bless us all

**Parish Administrator.** We are looking for a part-time volunteer to help in the office for 6 hours per week covering 2 days. If you can help please do come forward to help the Parish, otherwise it will be difficult to provide the weekly newsletter.

**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, Mike Hedges, 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, baby Tommaso (in Rome) Raymond Smith-Brown, Maureen McDowell,

### LAST WEEKS COLLECTION

Loose plate £186.09, Gift Aid £169.50.

Flower collection £70.36

**EPIPHANY** We are planning an **Epiphany Celebration** for children on **Sunday 6th January** at **St Bernard's Church** (adults are also very welcome). Please feel free to dress children as kings or nativity characters. Offerings would be welcome for a tea afterwards. We will provide teas, coffees and squash.



**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** the "**Candle of Peace**" or the "**Candle of Love**" is lit. The angel Gabriel said to Mary, "*Do not fear, Mary, you shall conceive and bear a son and give him the name Jesus. Great will be his dignity and he will be called Son of the Most High...*" Lk. 1



### **REMEMBERING LOVED ONES AT CHRISTMAS**

If you wish to remember a loved one at Christmas, bring a Poinsettia to either church on **Sunday 23rd Dec**- write the name of your loved one on a tag, attach it to the plant and leave it at the back of the church. The flower arrangers will display the Poinsettias as part of the Christmas display and parishioners, on reading the tags, will pray for your loved one.

### **ST STEPHEN'S DAY Boxing Day 26th December**

One theory of the origins of Boxing Day comes from the tradition of opening the alms boxes placed in churches over the Christmas season. The contents thereof which were distributed amongst the poor, by the clergy, the day after Christmas. What a great extension of the Christmas holiday spirit. You might consider making this holiday a tradition in your family. No matter where you live the simple principle of giving to others less fortunate than yourself can be put into practice.



### **THE POPE TWEETS @pontifex**

God enters history and does so in His original style: surprise. The God of surprises always surprises us. Advent is a time for us to prepare for the coming of Jesus, Prince of Peace. It's a time to make peace with ourselves and our neighbours

### **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, and for those who will be alone at Christmas, and for all the emergency services who will be working at this time

### **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. Thank you

### **Congratulations Deacon Stephen Morgan**

We bade a fond farewell to Deacon Stephen Morgan as his 14 1/2 years as Diocesan Oeconomus comes to an end. I want to put on record my particular gratitude for his expertise and tireless dedication to the duties of that office, his commitment to the mission of the Church in our Diocese of Portsmouth, and especially for his loyalty and support of Bishop Crispian and myself, for his love for the priests of the Diocese and his solidarity with his brother deacons. Deacon Stephen has taken up a new post as Dean of the Faculty of Religious Sciences at the University of St Joseph, Macau and as Academic Director of the Diocesan Seminary of the Diocese of Macau. His work in this role will involve the intellectual formation of clergy, religious and lay faithful in Macau, China and mission territories across the Asia-Pacific. I was delighted to present Deacon Stephen with the Papal Award *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* in recognition of his outstanding service in our diocese over these past years. The medal was established by Leo XIII on July 17, 1888, to commemorate his golden sacerdotal jubilee and was originally bestowed on those men and women who had aided and promoted the jubilee, and by other means assisted in making the jubilee and the Vatican Exposition successful. In 1898 it became a permanent papal distinction. The current version of the medal depicts the Apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul. *Bishop Philip*

**Fr Vincent** wishes to be remembered to all who have sent him cards and good wishes, unfortunately he doesn't have contact details for everyone to reply personally. Thank you