

Newsletter of the Catholic Parish of St Thomas More



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY Ordinary Time Year C 21st/22nd September 2013

Weekday Masses Tues.– Fri. 9.30am, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Tues.- Fri. 8.30am – 9.25am and Morning prayer at 9.10am.

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Week beginning 21st September :		Mass Intention
Sat. 21st 6.00pm	First Mass Twenty - Fifth Sunday Ord. Time	
Sunday 22nd Sept. 9.30am	TWENTY – FIFTH SUNDAY Ord. Time	
Monday 23rd Sept.	–	–
Tues 24th Sept. 9.30am	Our Lady of Walsingham, <i>memorial</i>	
Wed. 25th Sept. 9.30am 10.00am - 12.00	Feria Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thurs. 26th Sept. 9.30am	Feria	
Friday 27th Sept. 9.30am	St Vincent de Paul, <i>memorial</i>	
Saturday: 5.15 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Masses Sat. 6pm & Sun. 9.30am Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time		

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Thanks to Claire Riche-Gallet for coming to talk to us at this weekend's masses. Fast Day donation envelopes will be available next weekend - Harvest Fast Day is on **Friday 4 October**.

'I would like to thank everyone most sincerely for all the prayers, kind thoughts and Masses said for my son Neil. He has come through a successful operation and the pathologists report couldn't be better. Although he faces another operation in a few weeks and six months of chemotherapy he is doing very well. I appreciate all the help that he has been given.'

Adina Pankhurst

*If anyone has any items for inclusion in the newsletter, please leave
a note in the black post box by the office door*

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Luke 16: 1 - 13

Filthy Lucre

I never knew what the expression "filthy lucre" really meant until recently. I always thought it was only a metaphor for money. When I was a curate in a Dublin parish, one of my jobs was to supervise Bingo on a Friday night. Bingo provided half the parish revenue. It fell to me and a few loyal helpers to count the takings at the end of each session. When the count was completed our fingers were black with grime. It always amazes me, in this hygiene-conscious age, how eagerly we grab hold of whatever money we are offered, without the slightest fear of contamination. Yet we have not the faintest idea where it has come from. It doesn't seem to bother us what contagious disease its previous owner had. Yet, more often than not, it shares the same pocket with some dirty handkerchiefs.

When I was at school, there was an essay in my English reader entitled, "The adventures of a shilling." God be with the days when a shilling was a lot of moneys I've always thought since what an interesting series of short stories or TV episodes could be made tracing the history of a ten-pound note or a ten-dollar bill. I think the average banknote has a life-span of about twelve months. After that they are recalled and incinerated. It would be fascinating to follow its history from the moment the fresh crisp note comes off the mint to its extermination in the incinerator, some twelve months later. Every well-worn crease on it, every stain on it, has its own story to tell. God only knows where it has been and what it has done, for good or for bad. It has its joyful mysteries and its sorrowful mysteries. It may even have had its glorious mysteries. Its last owner could have used it to buy a fix of heroin or cocaine, or bribe a government minister to secure a contract, or buy an official's silence. It could have been picked

from a poor pensioner's pocket. It may have paid a prostitute for her favours. It may even be blood-stained. And if it feels crisper and cleaner than usual, it may well be that it has just been "laundered" by drug-barons and arms-traffickers. Such are the sorrowful mysteries of a ten-pound note.

It could also have bought medicine for a sick child or education for a gifted one from a deprived background. And all the countless presents it might have bought to bring a little joy into otherwise bleak lives. It could have been an anonymous donation to any of our world's countless worthy causes. It could have been a poor person's contribution to someone more needy than themselves.

There is a lot of talk in modern times about devaluation. People complain all the time about the shrinking purchasing power of the money in their pockets and they reminisce ruefully about what their ten-pound note could have bought, even as little as five years ago. But in a real sense money is only devalued by the use we make of it. "Use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends," Christ told his disciples, "and so make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity." We may well be depressed at how little it can buy on High Street, but in the poor back streets of this world, its value never fluctuates.

Oscar Wilde once described a cynic as "one who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing." A Christian should be the exact reverse. One who has no interest in the price of anything but knows the value of everything.

www.biblical.ie/lections

We require new members for the First Holy Communion Catechist Team.

This will require a minimum commitment of one Saturday morning per month November to June. In addition, there will be evening training sessions provided to help us deliver the programme. These will be held at Corpus Christi. **Please contact Kathy Ede on 01202 434494, kathy.ede@ntlworld.com**

Would you like your child to make their First Holy Communion in 2014?

If so, please contact Kathy Ede 01202 434494,
kathy.ede@ntlworld.com
and pass on your details.



WHO'S WHO ON THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL?

Father Vitalis

Neil Dawson (Chair)

Sue Morris (Secretary)

Peter McGargle

David Broom

Sue Lester

Anne VanBuiten

Kevin Burnham



Fabric & Finance : Next meeting is to be held on Sept.24th, 7.00pm. **PPC** : Next meeting on 9th Oct. 7.30pm.

If anyone has any items they wish to be added to the agendas, please contact Steve Ferris, F&F chair (01202 426648),

A note for your diary! HARVEST SUPPER : SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER

This will be in the church hall at 7pm, after the Saturday Vigil Mass.

There will be a food list on the 'free table' for you to select your choice of food and **tickets (£4) will be on sale next weekend.**

Auction: As in previous years, there will be an auction of donated Harvest produce during the evening with proceeds going to charity. Could parishioners please bring their



donations of fruit, vegetables, groceries etc and leave in the church on the Saturday (there will be baskets placed on the altar where the produce can be left). Thanks.

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL EXAM SUCCESS

St Peter's achieved some outstanding GCSE results this year, with some notable improvements in overall standards, making many of our measures our best ever.

The threshold score for the year group (the percentage of students achieving five or more GCSEs/BTec results above a Grade C) has risen from 73% in 2012 to 82% this year. These are the best KS4 results achieved by the school and a huge testament to the hard work and determination of staff and students.

St Peter's Year 13 achieved another excellent set of results. Staff and students worked hard to ensure that targets were met and career plans realised. The vast majority of students seeking university places were accepted into their first choice. Over three-quarters of results were at grades A* to C and around 50% at grades A* to B.

Our gratitude goes to the students and their families, the staff and all those who supported these young people during their education at St Peter's.

Mr D J Todd, Headteacher

'THE LINK' PASTORAL AREA NEWSLETTER

Please share your news with other Parishioners in our Pastoral Area. Articles for the Winter 2013 newsletter needed by **TUESDAY 1st OCTOBER** Please e-mail articles to Maureen Gage at mike.gage@tiscali.co.uk

AREA YOUTH MASS! Sunday 6th October 5-8pm at **Corpus Christi** (757 Christchurch Road, Boscombe, Bournemouth. BH7 6AN) This Mass is especially for all the young people of our area and will be followed by a movie, tuck shop and free popcorn & coke!

SWELL@BOURNEMOUTH 1st-3rd November at **Saint Peter's School** (St Catherine's Road, Southbourne, Bournemouth. BH6 4AH) Come and join us for the first ever Youth 2000 retreat in Bournemouth! Join with other young Catholics (16-30) from around the UK to celebrate our faith! Live worship, powerful services, engaging talks, creative workshops, in-depth discussion groups, friendship. For more info contact Will Hince 07810827606 & Youth 2000 National Office 02072212124 www.youth2000.org Check out www.facebook.com/bournemouthandavonstourcatholicityouth

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK SERVICE
2.00 PM ON SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER.

CORPUS CHRISTI, BOSCOMBE
ALL WELCOME.

CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL (FORMERLY HOLY CROSS) IS PROUDLY CELEBRATING ITS 125th ANNIVERSARY IN 2014. Did you attend, teach, work, support or govern at the school? Do you have any memories of our school? Can you help us update the school's History, or perhaps fill in some of the gaps? **If you can help in any way, or just share your memories & experiences** please contact us either by regular mail addressed to '125th Celebration Corpus Christi School' or by email: 125yearscorpusthischool@mail.com or Via Facebook (Corpus Christi Primary, Bournemouth). Our website: www.corpuschrstiprimary.co.uk

CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE NATIONAL TOUR

There will be a series of meetings arranged by the Christian Institute which will focus on three main areas; Same-sex marriage, Religious liberty, GM babies. The nearest venue is Southampton - this meeting will be held on 6th November at the Novotel Southampton, 1 West Quay Road, S015 1RA. There are leaflets on the 'free table' with further details.

TIMES OF WEEKEND MASSES in other Parishes in the AVON STOUR PASTORAL AREA



The Immaculate Conception and St Joseph's, Purewell, Christchurch	01202 483340	Saturday 6.30pm Sunday 9.00am, 10.45am
Holy Redeemer Kilmington Way, Highcliffe	01425 274838	Sunday 8.00am, 10.00am
The Sacred Heart and St Therese of Lisieux, Ringwood	01425 653131	Sunday 11.00am
Our Lady of Sorrows and St Philip Benizi, Fordingbridge	01425 653131	Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 9.00am
Our Lady Queen of Peace, Southbourne	01202 424960	Sunday 8.00am, 11.00am 6.00 pm
Hospital Visit, Urgent requests (usually for poorly patients who have not been visited in the last 48 hours) please call the chaplain or his substitute directly , using, in order , the following numbers: Fr John: Lee 01202 483340 Emergency Mobile: 07850 365897 If these fail, ring St Thomas More's 01202 485588 or the Annunciation Church 01202 513369		

DON BOSCO YOUTH CLUB: Children from the age of seven upwards meet every Friday in term time at Our Lady Queen of Peace church hall after school until 5.30pm. Any newcomers would be made most welcome; this is an opportunity to meet, socialise, play and pray with other members of your Catholic family. For further details, please contact Romy Powles on 01202 425365

MEET THE COPTS: The Coptic Orthodox Church is an ancient part of the Christian family and is the majority Church in Egypt. It is very much in the news at the moment because of the increased persecution it is suffering from Islamist militants in the present turmoil in Egypt. The local Coptic community bought a former Evangelical chapel in Winton which they have transformed into a beautiful Orthodox church complete with icon screen. Their priest, Father Botros (a monk from the Muharraq monastery, central Egypt), has kindly invited the people from the local Catholic parishes to visit his church at **2.30pm on Saturday 5th October**. This will be a wonderful opportunity to see the church, have the icons and symbols explained (why is there an ostrich egg hanging from the icon screen ?) and also to learn about the history, spirituality and present situation of the Coptic Orthodox people in Egypt. Moreover, it will be a chance to express solidarity with our Coptic brothers & sisters in their present sufferings. St. Peter and St. Paul Coptic Orthodox Church is in Calvin Road, Winton (BH9 1LN) (parking behind Wilkinsons/Iceland.) Everyone welcome.

RISE TO THE CHALLENGE FOR CABRINI CHILDREN'S SOCIETY:

London2Paris Bike Ride 2013/14, Skydives all year round, Brighton Marathon Sunday 6th April 2014. Please contact simon.taylor@cabrini.org.uk or 020 8668 2181.

CURRY and QUIZ NIGHT: 28th September. 7.00 for 7.30pm Trinity Hall Christchurch Rd Ringwood BH24 1DH . This promises to be another one of our fun parish events with quizzes for all ages and abilities - and prizes! Delicious chicken curry included in ticket price (veggie option; request in advance). Drinks will be available. So get a team of 4-6 together or just come along and join others. See poster for details. All proceeds to CAFOD's 'Hungry for Change' Campaign. Tickets are £5 per Adult / £12 Family ticket. and to reserve yours ring Helen 01425 475088

CAFOD NEEDS YOU: CAFOD Portsmouth is urgently looking for volunteers to help them visit secondary schools in Bournemouth. They believe it is vital to reach as many young people as possible to talk to them about global issues and to empower them to make a difference in today's world. Full training is given and the degree of time required is up to the volunteer. If you are interested, please contact Lynda Mussell on 01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

THANK YOU	for your weekly offerings;	14th / 15th Sept.
Envelopes :	£ 233.20	Cash : £ 125.37
Standing Orders :	£ 138.38	<u>Total : £ 496.95</u>