

# Newsletter of the Catholic Parish of St Thomas More



## THIRTIETH SUNDAY Ordinary Time Year C 26th/27th October 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 26th October :		Mass Intention
Sat. 26th Oct. 6.00pm	First Mass Thirtieth Sunday Ord. Time	Wellbeing of Desmond Hadden
Sunday 27th Oct. 9.30am 4.00pm	<b>THIRTIETH SUNDAY</b> Ord Time Rosary and Benediction	People of the Parish (Missa pro populo)
Monday 28th Oct.	–	–
Tuesday 29th Oct. 9.30am	Feria	Gerry King, RIP
Wed. 30th Oct. 9.30am 10.00am - 12.00	Feria Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	For the family of Boniface Kondo
Thurs. 31st Oct. 9.30am	Feria	Votive Mass for the new Superior General and Council of the MSP
Friday 1st Nov. 9.30am & 7.00pm	<b>ALL SAINTS, solemnity</b> (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)	People of the Parish Mariusz Gibas, RIP
Saturday: 5.15 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Masses Sat. 6pm & Sun. 9.30am Thirty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time		

You and all members of the pastoral area plus their friends & families are invited to St Joseph's Church ,Purewell, Christchurch on Friday 1st November ALL SAINTS DAY for a Celebratory Mass followed by a Shared Supper in the Parish Centre.

Those wishing to take part are asked to bring a plate of food for sharing into the Parish Centre before Mass which will be at 7.30 p.m but everyone is invited to come early as the music ministry will lead the congregation in Praise and Worship music before Mass begins. There will be a few additions to the Mass to make it even more special. One is that anyone with a particular petition is invited to put it in a basket before Mass and it will be taken up at the Offertory and burnt afterwards read only by God. *Claire Riche Gallet*

**World Mission Sunday:** Thank you very much for your generous contribution to last week's World Mission Sunday collection. Your prayers and kindness will help missionaries across the world continue their work at the service of the poor and vulnerable. Please pray for all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that they may remain strong in their witness to Christ's love for all peoples.

***There will be a collection next weekend for Bamenda***

<b>THANK YOU</b>	<b>for your weekly</b>	<b>offerings;</b>	<b>19th / 20th Oct.</b>
Envelopes & Cash :	£ 291.65		
Standing Orders :	£ 148.38		<b>Total : £ 440.03</b>
Aid to the Church in need :	£ 39.01	<i>Thank you!</i>	

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

# Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

Luke 18: 9 - 14

## The Secret of Good Worship

Today's gospel is one to which every believer needs to pay close attention. It is the story of two believers, a Pharisee and a tax collector. It is important to underline the facts that both men were believers in the same God, both belonged to the same religion and both worshipped in the same temple. Both men were active believers who participated in temple worship and said their daily prayers. But what do we see? At the end of the worship one of them goes home at peace with God but the other did not. We all, believers in God, need to pay attention to this story not only to learn the secret of offering a worship acceptable to God but also of leading a life of faith that leads to justification and not disappointment at the end of the day.

It will help us to appreciate the point of this parable if we try to understand a little bit more of who the Pharisees were. It often comes to us as a surprise to hear that the Pharisees were, in fact, disciplined and devout men of religion. Pharisees were serious-minded believers who had committed themselves to a life of regular prayer and observance of God's Law. In fact, they went beyond the requirements of the law. They fasted twice a week, Mondays and Thursdays, even though the law only required people to fast once a year, on the Day of Atonement. They gave tithes of all their income and not just of the required parts. When the Pharisee in the parable said, "I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income" (vv. 11-12) he wasn't kidding. Few Christians today can measure up to the high moral standards of the Pharisees.

Tax collectors, on the other hand, were generally regarded as people of low moral standards. Because tax collectors worked for the pagan Romans, mixed up with them and constantly handled their unclean money they were said to be in a state of ritual uncleanness. As far as the religion of the day was concerned, tax collectors were public sinners on the highway to hell. But the tax collectors knew that the voice of people is not always the

voice of God. They still hoped for salvation not on the merit of any religious or moral achievements of theirs but on the gracious mercy of God.

Believing in God does not really save anybody. James tells us that the devil himself believes in God and trembles with fear (James 2:19). Rather, what really matters is what people believe about God and how their faith in God affects their view of themselves and of others. The Pharisees believed in a discriminating God who loves good people and hates bad people. People behave like the God they believe in. So the Pharisees quickly learn to love only good people like themselves and look down with contempt on bad people and sinners like the tax collectors. Jesus told this parable against the Pharisees because they "trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt" (Luke 18:9). The tax collector, on the other hand, trusted not in himself or in anything he had done but only in God's mercy. Standing far off, he would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and prayed, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" (v. 13). This is the man who went home at peace with God and not the self righteous Pharisee.

Like the Pharisee and the tax collector we too have come to God's house to offer worship and prayers. Like them we too hope to go home at the end of this service reconciled and at peace with God. Then let us learn from the tax collector the secret of worshipping in a manner that is acceptable to God. First, we should not listen to other people or even to our own consciences when they tell us that God is so angry with us that He cannot possibly forgive us. Secondly, we must acknowledge our sinfulness and entrust ourselves to the generous mercy of God which is bigger than any sins we might have committed. Finally, we promise God to never to look down on our fellow sinners but to help them in their search for God, just as the tax collector is helping us today in our search for God. Remember, God always opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

[www.biblical.ie/lections](http://www.biblical.ie/lections)



The Parish are invited to  
**Deacon Darryl Jordan's  
Ordination to the Priesthood**  
at Portsmouth Cathedral  
on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm.



*If you would like to travel on the coach being hired by the Bournemouth Ordinariate Mission, please contact Mrs Madeline Hemsley, tel. 01258 480778, as soon as possible.  
Families welcome : Adults £17 maximum, children free.*

# AMDG

*During this month of October, the following article by Margaret Broom is of particular interest -*

## ROSARY GROUP.

*Ad majorem  
gloriam Dei*



The rosary group began in 1988, the 'Marian' year. At first we took a statue of Our Blessed Lady to each house that was hosting each week. Later we all had our own statues and put a candle and flower on a table or mantelpiece alongside Our Blessed Lady and said the Rosary. We always met on a Friday evening but that changed in the last few years as most of us preferred the afternoon at 3pm. At our most attended weeks, we had up to 23 people to pray the sorrowful mysteries, always for various intentions. We are unfortunately down to approximately 3-5 people now. We used to collect £1 each week from each person and in so doing, supported an Indian seminarian right through to his ordination. Since the loss of Gerry King, who saw to all the finance and correspondence with Father George in India,

we have put our money into the orange buckets after Mass. We don't want this worthwhile group to end so we are asking for more people to support the Friday meetings and to continue what so many started, many of which are sadly no longer with us. Incidentally, we have a cuppa' and a biscuit afterwards! For more information, please contact any of the present members or Father Vitalis.

### ***Past and present members of the Rosary Group:***

**Present:** Margaret Broom, Jo Cassidy, Jim and Rosemary Farrow, Mary King, Pat Kowaleska, Frank and Teresa Lobo, Sheila Philpot, Merville Pidgeon

**Past:** Kathleen and David Aggesberg (RIP), Barbara (RIP) and Ralph Anthony, Margaret Emmitt, Ted and Doris Ferris (RIP), Gerry King (RIP), Betty Lees (RIP), Pat McNally (RIP), Joan Philpot (RIP), Monica Pilling (RIP), Margaret Robinson (RIP), Charles and Rene Sheath (RIP), Jennie Spetch.

***Our Lady Queen of Peace pray for us.***

***Are you involved in Parish Catechesis? Information Meeting.*** The Department for New Evangelisation Formation for Mission invites you to an information evening to meet the Formation for Mission team and to discuss resources and upcoming events. There are several dates and venues (see poster on notice board) but the nearest is at St Dominic's Priory, Lymington on Tuesday 12th November, 7.30pm – 9.00pm.

**(Most) Weekly Youth Holy Hour! 30<sup>th</sup> October, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> November... 6-7pm at Corpus Christi** (757 Christchurch Road, Boscombe, Bournemouth, BH7 6AN) "The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life... For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself" CCC1324 All young people are invited to join us for this time of quiet prayer & adoration. **Free rosary!**

### **AVON STOUR PASTORAL AREA – 'Open doors and open windows – Vatican II and the Year of Faith'**

Two talks by Dr Bridie Stringer: *The first talk, at Ringwood, took place last Tuesday, 22 October and was well-attended. The second, and final, talk is on: **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30 pm:** 'We are the Church' at St Joseph's Centre, Christchurch. The talk will further explore some of the key teaching documents from the Second Vatican Council and their implications for us today. The session will be interactive. Refreshments will be available. [Dr Stringer is an active catechist in our diocese and a visiting lecturer in Pastoral Theology at St Mary's University College, Twickenham.]*

**ALL WELCOME. This is a further opportunity to deepen our knowledge and love of our faith in the Year of Faith.**

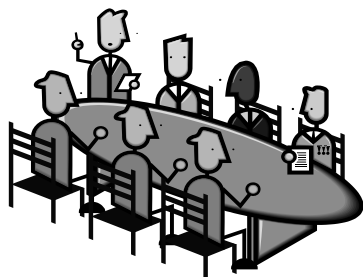
**Child Protection/Vulnerable Adults Awareness Courses** *All adults working with Liturgy for the Word with Children or are Eucharistic Ministers who take Holy Communion to the sick, must attend either the Child Protection or Vulnerable Adults Awareness courses. If you have not already attended such a course, there is an opportunity to attend this within our pastoral area on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Christchurch. The Child Protection session is from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm and the Vulnerable Adult session is from 1.30 to 4 pm. Please contact Soraya Ciccarone in the Diocesan Safeguarding Office to book a place.*

## **FABRIC & FINANCE COMMITTEE - AN APPEAL**

The present committee comprises six members plus the Parish Priest. We really need a further **TWO** members.

*No special skills required - just a desire to help and give your opinions. Meetings are held about every two months.*

If you feel able to join us please contact Steve Ferris, 01202 426648,



## 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 Kilminster Way, Highcliff	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
<b>Hospital Visit, Urgent requests</b> (usually for poorly patients who have not been visited in the last 48 hours) please call the chaplain or his substitute <i>directly</i> , using, <i>in order</i> , 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		

**ADVENT TAIZE SERVICE AT OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH:** A date for your diary! - A candlelit Advent Taizé Service will take place on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** at 7.30pm in Our Lady Queen of Peace church, Douglas Road, Southbourne, with refreshments served afterwards in the church hall. Everyone is welcome.

**SWELL@BOURNEMOUTH : 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. at St Peter's School** (St Catherine's Road, Southbourne, Bournemouth. BH6 4AH) We are now expecting around 150 young people from all over the UK at our diocesan retreat! It's going to be a brilliant event! Come and be a part of it! The suggested donation is £45. For more info contact Will Hince 07810827606 whince@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk For more information on Catholic youth events in our area, check out [www.facebook.com/bournemouthandavonstourcatholicityouth](http://www.facebook.com/bournemouthandavonstourcatholicityouth)

**THE LIGHT PARTY 2013: St Saviour's Church October 31st.** The Light Party is a positive alternative for Halloween run by St Saviour's Church, Iford. Call 01202 430 078 for more information or see [www.stsaviours.net](http://www.stsaviours.net) The Light Party is aimed at children in infant & junior school, and their families. Tickets: £2.50 or £6.00 per family.

**PRAYER GROUP:** 8 p.m every Wed. in the Sacristy of Annunciation Church, Charminster Rd. Everyone welcome. It is preceded at 7p.m with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary for the sick. If you would like prayer for healing for yourself or anyone you know please come along. For further information & details of way into the Sacristy, please phone Claire Riche-Gallet 01202 423431 or Mareea Gray 01202 395522

**CATENIAN BURSARY FUND:** Are you volunteering for a community-based project at home or abroad? If you are a Catholic and aged between 16 and 24, you may be eligible for an award from the Catenian Bursary Fund. This fund is maintained by donations from the membership of the Catenian Association. It is used to provide grants to young Catholics to help them with the costs incurred in volunteering to work on community-based projects at home and abroad. Each project must have a clear benefit for others as well as widening the life experience of the volunteer. To find out more visit the Catenian website at <http://www.thecatenians.com> and click on Bursary Fund or contact **Roger Spencer on 01425 274761.**

**CAFOD Mass of Remembrance -** The 11am Sunday Mass on 17 November at **Our Lady Immaculate**, Seamoor Road, **Westbourne** BH4 9AE will remember and hold in prayer all deceased CAFOD supporters from our diocese and celebrate their lives, faith and compassion. Everybody is welcome to attend. If you would like to remember a loved one (even if you cannot attend the Mass), please send their names to [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or phone the CAFOD office on 01252 329385 by 5<sup>th</sup> November and they will be included in our Book of Remembrance.

**CATHOLIC BIBLE TOUR: 'A Prodigal Returns to the Catholic Church' 7pm, Thursday 14th November at St John's Cathedral.** You're invited to be part of a life-changing Catholic Bible tour that will rekindle your love for the faith. Catholic speaker, author, and theologian Jeff Cavins will be visiting from the United States and embarking on a six city Bible and Evangelisation Tour delivering four of his most powerful and popular talks for the first time in England. On Thursday 14 November, he will be speaking in Portsmouth Cathedral. This event is open to anyone and is free. To find out more and register online, go to: [www.catholicbibletour.com](http://www.catholicbibletour.com). Jeff's talk will touch on key aspects of our beautiful and rich Catholic faith leaving you with a greater understanding of the Scriptures and a deeper relationship with Christ. You will be empowered to both share and live your faith more fully.