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Newsletter
of the
Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

ELEVENTH SUNDAY Yr C

11th/12th June 2016

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Week beginning 11th/12th June		Mass Intention
Saturday 11th June Confessions 5.15–5.45pm First Mass 6.00pm	**ELEVENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**	Thanksgiving for the 50 years of Priestly Ministry of Mgr Ron Hishon
Sunday 12th June Sunday Mass 9.30am Ordinariate Mass 11.15am		For the repose of the soul of Marian Brennenstuhl (Anniversary) ----------
Tuesday 14th June Weekday Mass 9.30am Weekly Devotions 10.00am	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Wednesday 15th June Ordinariate Mass 10.30am	Feria	----------
Thursday 16th June Weekday Mass 9.30am	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Friday 17th June Weekday Mass 9.30am	Feria	Repose of the soul of Margaret McMahon
Saturday 18th June Confessions 5.15–5.45pm First Mass 6.00pm	**TWELFTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**	Repose of the souls of Lawrence and Lesley Edwards
Sunday 19th June Sunday Mass 9.30am Ordinariate Mass 11.15am		People of the Parish

PARISH CENSUS If you are a St Thomas More parishioner and have not yet filled in a Census form then please take one from the back of church, complete and return to the parish office. Many thanks.

There will be a retiring collection after this weekend Masses for Medecins Sans Frontieres
(as Fr Ron has asked for people to donate to this charity, should they so wish, instead of giving him personal gifts on the happy occasion of his 50th Anniversary)

WELCOME **to Father Paul Obada, here this Sunday on a 'Pulpit Swap' with Father Darryl**

Eleventh Sunday Ordinary Time Yr C

Forgiveness at work

We can't help wondering sometimes why was Jesus so forgiving towards the wayward and the sinners, and yet so seemingly harsh towards the upright Pharisees, pillars of the Jewish religion. It must be because Pharisees saw moral goodness as their own achievement, based on will-power and integrity, without need for divine help or forgiveness. God, they felt, was a Law-enforcer, who rewarded those who observed the Law, while punishing those who broke it. This explains their attitude towards sinners, whom they shunned and despised. They were blind to the fact that we do not, and cannot, create our own goodness.

St Paul faces this point, and indeed puts into words what most of us feel, on occasion, about our own conduct. "I cannot understand my own behaviour," he says. "I fail to carry out my good intentions, " Our rescue from this dilemma is by a loving trust and faith in Jesus Christ. Be guided by the Holy Spirit, he advises, not by the Law, and you will not yield to self-indulgence (Gal 5:17). The core of his message is not about law, but about the grace of God, the love and forgiveness which Christ alone can give. For St John too, the essential sin is to lack this faith and trust in Jesus. Faith is admitting our need for Jesus, accepting his claims, and coming to Jesus relying on his mercy. This is the point of today's gospel. Love wells up in our hearts from the experience of being forgiven by God.

Julian of Norwich, a 14th century English mystic who lived most of her life as a recluse in a cell attached to a church, saw the life of faithful discipleship as a succession of failures, of falling down, picking ourselves up and falling flat again. "We need to fall," she wrote, "and we need to see that we have done so. If we never fell, we should not know how weak and pitiable we are in ourselves. Nor should we fully know the wonderful love of our maker." And indeed no one, no matter what they have done, is barred from forgiveness. The first reading describes the repentance of king David, and the gospel that of a despised public sinner. No matter how terrible the sin, God is ready to blot it out, if we repent.

"It is the one who is forgiven little who has little love," was our Lord's rebuke to the Pharisee. King David did not offer excuses for having brought about the death of Uriah after committing adultery with his wife. "I have sinned against God," he openly admitted, and God forgave him. Let us too sincerely admit the need we have for forgiveness from such a forgiving and compassionate God.

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Eternal God,
please bless our priests,
who represent you on this earth.
Make them more greatly aware of the grace
that you pour out through them
when they minister the sacraments,
and help them to fall more deeply in love with
You after each and every Mass that they celebrate.
Please strengthen our priests,
who shepherd your flock,
when they are in doubt of their faith,
that they may be examples of your Truth
and guide us always on the path to you.
We ask these things of You our Eternal Priest.
Amen.

SILVER JUBILEE

PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Fr Gerry Onyejuluwa, MSP, celebrates his Silver Jubilee on **Saturday 18th June** 2016 with 11:00am Mass. The Parish and Fr Gerry in particular cordially invite you to please come along and pray for and celebrate with Fr Gerry this milestone in his priestly ministry.

Come and join us in thanking God for the life of Fr Gerry! Everyone is welcome!

Peter Lucas of the Liturgy Group writes: 'Please join us on Tuesdays at 10.00am for a time of prayer and devotion. There will be the usual Monthly Exposition and Adoration on the first Tuesday of each month. Please see Peter if you have any questions or suggestions.

Day of Recollection for Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers

St Dominic's Priory, Shirley Holms, Sway, Lymington SO41 8NH

July 2nd, 10.00am - 4.00 pm (Please bring a packed lunch.)

If you wish to attend, could you please put your name on the list on the Eucharistic Minister's table (by the double doors between the church and sacristy) by Friday 24th June. Thank you.

Crisis in Ethiopia

There is a serious food crisis in Ethiopia. Extreme weather shifts, part of the El Niño effect, mean severe drought has left millions of people in need of emergency food aid. 400,000 children are already suffering from malnutrition and we need to act now to prevent a far more terrible crisis.

Please give to the collection we will be holding next weekend for CAFOD's emergency humanitarian response (or via cafod.org.uk for CAFOD's emergency humanitarian response)

And please pray for those who are suffering.

Prayer for the people of Ethiopia

Lord Jesus you fed the hungry,
you shared your bread with all.
Your people in Ethiopia hunger now,
and we are called to share your bread.

May rains fall upon the dry and broken earth
and quench your people's thirst,
so seeds grow tall and flourish,
producing a bountiful harvest.

May we share the blessings you give us
and bring comfort to those in need.
May we show love through our actions
so all have enough to eat.

Amen.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

There will be a **Fabric & Finance meeting** on Tuesday 21st June at 7.00pm.

There will be a **Local Pastoral Council (LPC or 'PPC') meeting** on Thursday 23rd June at 7.00 pm.

Social: There will be a Meeting in the hall after the 9.30am Mass on 19th June for all those who can help at the Cream Tea on Saturday 9th July.

HALL HIRE

A reminder that our church hall is available for hire for birthday parties etc - for further details and to check availability, please contact Marysa, the hall booking secretary. The charges are listed on the notice board in the church and in the church hall.

PASTORAL AREA "FORMATION FOR MISSION" EVENTS

For more information on any of the following, please contact Richard Martin on 07990 826934 or e-mail rmartin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

"WE ARE FAMILY"

PLEASE SIGN UP NOW – begins this week!
Please sign up today to meet with others across our Pastoral Area to share ideas on how we can best reach out to, support and encourage the families who live in our area.

Choose any **ONE** of the following (sign-up forms and reply boxes available in church):

THIS WEDNESDAY 15th June, 7.15 - 9.15 pm
Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge
THIS THURSDAY 16th June, 7.15 - 9.15 pm
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Christchurch
Tuesday next week 21st June, 10.30 am -12.30 pm
Our Lady Queen of Peace, Southbourne
Friday 8th July, 11 am - 1 pm
Holy Redeemer, Highcliffe

HELP NEEDED, PLEASE! If you can help with refreshments, set-up and welcoming at any of our "We Are Family" conferences, please contact Richard Martin (see above)

THIS WEEK: THE SACRAMENTS – Transforming Everyday Life
Pastoral Area DVD learning event held at Our Lady of Sorrows church hall, 15 Salisbury Road, **FORDINGBRIDGE** SP6 1EG: Session 4 ***"The Eucharist"***

Pastoral Area No. 20: AVON STOUR. Co-ordinating Pastor – Fr. Tom Grufferty.

TIMES OF WEEKEND MASSES in other Parishes/Bournemouth Ordinariate Mission in the **AVON STOUR PASTORAL AREA**		
Ordinariate Mass St Thomas More, Exton Rd., Iford	01590 610133	Sunday 11.15am
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 and Blessed Margaret Pole, Southbourne	01202 424960	Sunday 8.00am, 11.00am 6.00 pm
Hospital Visits: Royal Bournemouth & Christchurch Hospitals: For non-urgent requests please contact the Chaplaincy Office on 01202 704221. They also have an answerphone. For more urgent requests/ out of hours, the duty RC chaplain may be contacted via the switchboard on 01202 303626 **For Poole Hospital**, please contact Deacon McConville on 01202 442167.		

THE LAND GIRLS : 7.00pm*, this* Friday 17th June. The Land Girls (- as seen on 'The Voice') will be in concert in Corpus Christi Parish Centre, Parkwood Road, Boscombe. A ploughmans supper is included in ticket price of £12.50. BYO drink. Tickets available from Aidan - call 07775868253

CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR & BBQ : Friday 1st July, 3.00pm - 5.00pm. Entertainment arena with dance and gymnastics displays, plant stall, tombolas, refreshments, raffle with spectacular prizes, cake sale, silent auction, fire engine, soak the teacher and so much more. **Free Entrance – Fun for all the Family. Come and join us!**

ST THOMAS GARNET'S SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB: Monday 25th July - Friday 26th August. Cost is £28 per full day or £14 per half day. For more information and booking form please either telephone school office on 01202 420172 or email enquiries@stthomasgarnets.co.uk. We welcome children aged from 3-11 years.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS: Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or a 60+ anniversary? If so then you are invited to a Mass of celebration at St Bede's church, Basingstoke, Saturday 9th July. Please email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. or visit the diocesan website and complete the online form. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a COPY of your Wedding photograph, either by email to the above email address or by post and send to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. (Please mark the envelope, "Significant Anniversaries Mass").

DIOCESAN CHARITIES & OUTREACH GROUP CONFERENCE: Saturday 2nd July 2016, 10am-2pm at St Bede's Parish Hall, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. Join us in celebration of this Extraordinary Jubilee Holy Year of Mercy as we hear from the many charitable organisations within the Catholic Church. Speakers will be drawn from The Medaille Trust, SVP, Apostleship of the Sea, Poitiers Care, and Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth. Please book your place via **caritasdioceseofportsmouth.org.uk**

THANK YOU

for the offerings 4th/5th June

Envelopes :	£ 141.10	Cash : 74.60
Standing Orders :	£ 186.85	**Total : £ 402.55**
CAFOD (May) :	£ 45.90	*Thank you!*

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please e-mail the parish office at stmiford@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or leave a note in the post box by the office door