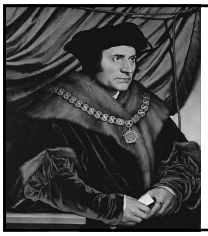
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Newsletter
of the
Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

TWELFTH SUNDAY Yr C

18th/19th June 2016

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Week beginning 18th/19th June		Mass Intention
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 ----------
Tuesday 21st June Weekday Mass 9.30am Weekday Devotions 10.00am	**St Aloysius Gonzaga,** *memorial*	For all the faithful departed
Wednesday 22nd June Ordinariate Mass 10.30am	**SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE,** *feast*	Repose of the soul of Margaret McMahon
Thursday 23rd June Weekday Mass 9.30am	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Friday 24th June Weekday Mass 9.30am Novena St Alphonsa 5.30pm Mary Help of Christians Devotion 6.00pm	**THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST,** *solemnity*	For all the Parish faithful departed
Saturday 25th June Confessions 5.15–5.45pm Novena St Alphonsa 3.00pm First Mass 6.00pm	**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**	Repose of the soul of Margaret McMahon
Sunday 26th June Sunday Mass 9.30am Ordinariate Mass 11.15am Novena St Alphonsa 3.00pm Ordinariate Choral Evensong & Benediction 4.30pm		People of the Parish ----------

MEETING - In the hall after the 9.30am Mass **this Sunday** (19th) for all those who can help at the Cream Tea on Saturday 9th July.

CRISIS IN ETHIOPIA

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

CAFOD
Just one world

Twelfth Sunday Ordinary Time Yr C

What would YOU have said?

Today's gospel poses the central question of our faith: "Who do you say that I am?" If we reply that Jesus is someone we are prepared to follow, he makes very clear what that will imply. Imagine, if you can, Jesus posing that same question to a group of intellectual theologians. The answer would go something like this: "You are the eschatological manifestation of the ground of our being; the kerygma in which we find the ultimate meaning of our interpersonal relationships." I could well imagine that Jesus' reply would be: "WHAT?'!

"And you, who do you say that I am?" Jesus is a personal God, who asks personal questions. "Will you also go away?" "Do you love me more than these?" The question is addressed to each of us personally, and the answer must come from us personally too. We will not find that answer in a book, but in the heart. If we are to follow him, we must join in his journey, as Peter did. We must take up the cross of daily living, faithful to his call, so that he can lead us to the fullness of life. If we follow him, we need not expect much in the way of earthly glory for our pains. Just as he was rejected and marginalised for refusing to conform to the standards of this world, whoever takes him seriously may expect a similar response.

The complete answer to the question is "You are my Saviour, my Lord and my God." "You are Saviour in the room of my past; the Lord of the room of my future, and you are God in the room of today." God is totally a God of now. "I am who am." If he is Saviour, then I don't have to be back in the past, with regret, guilt, or self-condemnation. If he is Lord, then I don't have to live in the future, with worries, anxieties, and fear. I need have no fear of the future, if I believe that he holds the future. If he is God today, then "there is nothing impossible with God."

www.biblical.ie/lections/SC3.asp

YOUTH MASS

Sunday 26th June at 5.00pm Mass at Corpus Christi.

Local band playing! Social afterwards in the Parish Centre. **All welcome.**

WEEKDAY DEVOTIONS : Peter 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.

St Alphonsa and St Thomas Feast Day Celebration

Sunday 3rd July at 3.00pm. All are welcome!

The Kerala Catholic Community would like to invite you to join us in celebrating the St Thomas and the St Alphonsa feast day on 3rd July. Syro Malabar Mass will start at 3:30pm; followed by a procession, at around 5 pm. Refreshments will be provided in the church hall after Mass.

Prior to the Feast Day there will be a Novena held in the church every day from Friday 24th June to Saturday 2nd July inclusive (Weekdays – 5:30pm and weekends – 3pm).

The Syro-Malabar Catholic Church traces its origins to the evangelistic activity of Thomas the Apostle in the first century and St Alphonsa is the first canonised saint from the church.



The *Mar Thoma Sliva* or **Saint Thomas Cross** (also known as the *Nasrani Menorah*), the symbol of the Syro-Malabar Church



St Alphonsa

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").

Singers for Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass
If you would like to sing in the choir, please contact Chris Olding (colding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk), giving your name and voice, and the music will be sent to you. Singers should be able to read music. Rehearsal will be on the day of the Mass itself at 9.30am and will be finished at 12.30pm.

Fr Ron Hishon writes:
A very sincere thank you to all; priests and people, who attended the Mass of Thanksgiving last Saturday evening at St. Thomas More Church Iford, on the occasion of the golden anniversary of my ordination to the Priesthood.
Thanks too, to all those who took the trouble to send so many lovely cards and gifts. It has given me great pleasure in the days since, to read your warm words and reflect on all your good wishes.
I had asked that those who wished to give a gift might do so in the form of a donation in support of Medecins Sans Frontieres, who tend to the sick and wounded in places of violence or injustice. As a result of your great generosity I am pleased to say that nearly £2,000 was raised – a truly magnificent sum!
Thanks finally to all who helped in organising things behind the scenes in particular, Mary and Tim.

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 and complete **before leaving the church.** Please leave in box by forms or hand in to the parish office. Many thanks.

MEETINGS: There will be a **Fabric & Finance meeting** this Tuesday 21st June at 7.00pm.
There will be a **Local Pastoral Council (LPC or 'PPC') meeting** this Thursday 23rd June at 7.00 pm.

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 – 2 chances left to participate!***

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 either **ONE** of the following (sign-up forms and reply boxes available in churches):
THIS TUESDAY 21st June, 10.30 am -12.30 pm
Our Lady Queen of Peace, Southbourne
Friday 8th July, 11 am - 1 pm
Holy Redeemer, Highcliffe

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"*** **Wednesday 22nd June, 7.00-8.30pm**

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

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.		

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.

ST JOSEPH'S SUMMER FETE: Saturday 9th July, 11.00am -2.00pm. Free entry. Draw with a first prize of £100 cash. Lots of stalls including some craft, Traidcraft, books, BBQ, refreshments, cakes, tombola etc

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**

FANNING THE FLAME SUMMER CAMP: Starts 3.00pm, August 15th. An exciting week of Faith, Fun and Fellowship! For young people aged 10 - 25. A week full of: good food, fun games, discovering more about your faith, horse riding, creative workshops, sports, lively worship, Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and of course camping under amazing night skies. Please visit www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/web/events/

THANK YOU

for the offerings 11th/12th June

Envelopes :	£ 137.50	Cash :	£ 405.34
Standing Orders :	£ 182.23		**Total : £ 725.07**

There will be a collection next weekend for Peter's Pence.