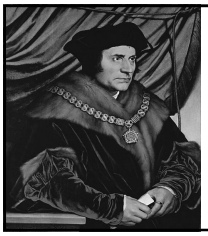
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Newsletter
of the
Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY Yr C

25th/26th June 2016

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Week beginning 25th/26th June		Mass Intention
Saturday 25th June Novena St Alphonsa 3.00pm Confessions 5.30pm 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 Choral Evensong/Benediction 4.30pm		People of the Parish Vocations
Tuesday 28th June Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion 9.30am Weekday Devotions 10.00am Novena St Alphonsa 5.30pm **6.30pm**	**St Irenaeus**, *memorial* **Vigil Mass SS Peter & Paul**	Private Intention
Wednesday 29th June Ordinariate Mass **10.30am** Novena St Alphonsa 5.30pm ***Please note: No evening Mass***	**SS PETER & PAUL,** solemnity (Holy Day of Obligation)	----------
Thursday 30th June Weekday Mass 9.30am Novena St Alphonsa 5.30pm	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Friday 1st July Weekday Mass 9.30am Novena St Alphonsa 5.30pm	Feria	For all the Parish faithful departed
Saturday 2nd July Confessions 5.15–5.45pm Novena St Alphonsa 3.00pm First Mass 6.00pm	**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**	For the repose of the souls of Francis and Katherine Nolan (Foundation Mass)
Sunday 3rd July Sunday Mass 9.30am Ordinariate Mass 11.15am Syro-Malabar Procession and Feast Day Mass 3.30pm		People of the Parish ----------

The Bournemouth Ordinariate Mission celebrate Choral Evensong and Benediction, Sunday, 26th June. Please join us for open choir rehearsal at 3.30 pm followed by Choral Evensong at 4.30 pm. Light refreshments follow in the Parish Hall.



There will be a Second Collection this weekend for <u>PETER'S PENCE</u>

Let's help the Holy Father to help others! Your contribution, however small, is important.

PETER'S PENCE

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has called each of us to be a **witness of charity** for our suffering brothers and sisters living on the margins. He encourages us to "open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help!" (*Misericordiae Vultus* [MV], no. 15).

Through the Peter's Pence Collection, we unite with the Holy Father as he reaches out to our brothers and suffering the effects of war and violence, natural disasters, and religious persecution. We stand in solidarity with Catholics all over the world to support the charitable works and outreach of the Holy See.
In Pope Francis, we have a joyful witness of charity. By supporting this collection, we can experience more fully how "mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope" (MV, no. 10).

Join Pope Francis and be a **witness of charity** throughout the world.
Thank you for supporting the Peter's Pence Collection.

Thirteenth Sunday Ordinary Time Yr C

Hands to the plough

Today's Gospel could make us wonder whether Jesus was trying to attract or to discourage followers, he was so blunt and forthright in spelling out the hardships it would involve. Jesus has called each one of us to follow him. 'Follow me' is a frequently repeated invitation. He calls us into a personal relationship with himself. We are invited to share in his life and in his interests. Discipleship and mission go hand in hand. Precisely because it is his mission it has to be carried out in his way. James and John were zealous but they wanted to do things their way. Jesus rebuked them. A fire and brimstone approach even towards opponents, was unacceptable to him. He had come as a saviour not as the leader of a punishment squad. 'The anger of man docs not work the righteousness of God' (James 1:20). We can be forgetful. Sometimes followers of Christ appear to be more like followers of the 'sons of thunder'. We need the guidance of the Spirit to help us to clarify and to refine our understanding of discipleship.

Disciples do not have to sleep rough, but they must try to break free from false forms of security. The apostles abandoned the security of an established lifestyle in order to be with Jesus. At an earlier time, Elisha had to set aside his security as a well-off farmer in order to serve with Elijah the prophet. 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me, '.Have the words a familiar ring about them? How often could his first response be our own? *I will follow you but on my own terms. I will follow you, if the cost is not too high* . We can hardly criticise those would-be followers mentioned in the Gospel. But Jesus does convey a sense of urgency. There is no time to haggle over terms and conditions. Consent must be unconditional. We have to say a total 'Yes,' like Mary, our Blessed Mother. If we do that we can experience the fierce, inner joy of the Spirit which St Paul calls a "pledge," a first instalment of heavenly joy.

www.biblical.ie/lections/SC3.asp

PERMANENT DEACON

Hugh Parry will be ordained as a Permanent Deacon for our Avon Stour Pastoral Area on 2nd July 2016 in Portsmouth Cathedral. He has been in training for several years and working in Corpus Christi Parish, Boscombe, to gain experience in Pastoral Ministry. Your prayers for him and his wife, Margaret, would be much appreciated.

Singers for Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass The annual diocesan Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass is being held at St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX on Saturday 9 July. 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



The Saint Thomas Cross

St Alphonsa and St Thomas Feast Day Celebration

Sunday 3rd July at 3.30pm. 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. The procession will start at 3:30pm; followed by a Syro Malabar Mass. Refreshments will be provided in the church hall after Mass.



St Alphonsa

Please note:
These details are different to those in the newsletter last week

Prior to the Feast Day there will be a Novena held in the church every day.
This started on Friday 24th June and ends on Saturday 2nd July. (Weekdays – 5:30pm and weekends – 3.00pm).

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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

First of all, a thank you to those who participate in Planned Giving - it is a great help to financial planning!

Secondly, a word of explanation as to why there are no longer any separate envelopes for second collections such as the one today for Peter's Pence. The diocese advise us of the second collections we are obliged to hold; Peter's Pence, Day for Life, Clergy Training and so on. As someone always stands near the church doors with a collection basket after Mass there is no actual need to have the special envelopes for the second collection - the only purpose they serve is as a reminder that there is a collection on a certain date. If the absence of these envelopes is problematic then it can be reviewed for next year.

STRAWBERRY CREAM TEA Saturday 9th July



St Thomas More Church Hall , 2.00 - 4.00 pm

Tickets (£3.00) on sale after the weekend Masses on **25th/26th June and 2nd/3rd July**, or at the door.

Hot dogs (£1.00) will also be available. Tombola etc.



Items needed for tombola: Please leave in box in entrance to church. Thank you.

Calling all grandparents!

The next meeting of the Avon Stour Catholic Grandparents group will be held after morning Mass in St Joseph's Christchurch on Tuesday 28th June. The meeting will start at 10.00 am prompt.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME!

Would anyone like a large, framed, map of the Bournemouth Area? This is free to a good home as it is no longer required at St Thomas More's. The framed print is a large one - approximately 4 foot by 3 foot. If you would like this then please contact the parish office.

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.		

ST PETER'S SCHOOL PRESENTATION: Parents/Carers are invited to a special presentation at **St Peter's School, Southbourne site, St Catherine's Road, on Tuesday 28th June, starting at 7p.m.** This will provide a chance to learn more about St Peter's School, its strong Catholic faith and excellent academic record. The evening offers a chance to meet personally with David Todd, Headteacher and with other senior staff members.

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 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

KNIGHTS OF ST.COLUMBA WALK PRESENTATION: The Knights would like to thank everyone who supported our recent sponsored walk. We have raised in excess of £1500. All are invited to the Corpus Christi Parish Centre Coffee Lounge next Wednesday(29th) at 7.30, where cheques will be presented to this year's two nominated charities, Reach the Unreached and MacMillan Local. Refreshments will be available including a slice of cake to celebrate our Council's 90th Anniversary.

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/

SWING UNLIMITED BIG BAND ANNUAL FIREWORK SPECTACULAR: Saturday 16th July, 7.00 pm to 10.00pm at St Peter's School Playing Field, entrance via Broadway, Southbourne, BH6 4EE. Profits to the Mayor's charities: Men's Health/Cancer at Bournemouth Hospital, The Stable Family Trust (disabilities) and The Bournemouth Parks Foundation. Hog roast, bar available or bring a picnic. Tickets £10 on the gate. Under 10's free. (No site parking available). Visit www.subb.co.uk for more information.

THANK YOU

for the offerings 18th/19th June

Envelopes :	£ 139.90	Cash :	£ 103.84
Standing Orders :	£ 182.23		**Total : £ 425.97**
CAFOD (Ethiopia) :	**£ 218.35**		***Thank you***