

Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg'd. Charity No. 246871

Newsletter
of the
Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY Ord. Time
Year A
5th /6th July 2014

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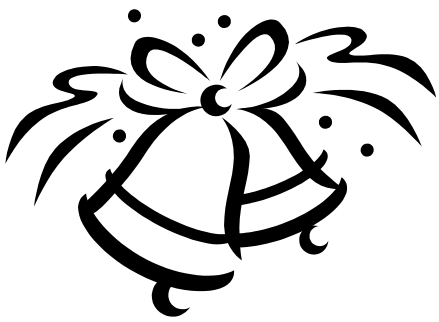
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Week beginning 5th July :		Mass Intention
Saturday 5th July 6.00pm	First Mass of Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sunday 6th July 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish
Monday 7th July	—	—
Tuesday 8th July 9.30am	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Wed. 9th July 10.30am 11.00am - 12.00 noon	Feria (14th week Ordinary Time) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	For all the faithful departed
Thurs. 10th July 9.30am	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Friday 11th July 9.30am	St Benedict, *feast*	For all the parish faithful departed
Sat.12th July 5.15 – 5.45pm 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation First Mass of 15th Sun. Ord. Time	Marek Weyers, RIP
Sunday 13th July 6.00pm *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME	Repose of the soul of Francesco Di Fiore (Anniversary)

A note from Adina: I want to let you all know that my son Neil, having spent the last fifteen months having two operations and treatment is now doing well, with his recent final test showing negative.
I am sure that the prayers that have been said for him during his difficult time have helped him in his recovery. I thank you all so much. In appreciation, Adina.

Congratulations to Kerrie Head and Darren Read
who were married here on Saturday 5th July.

May they have a long and happy life together.



Fourteenth Sunday Ordinary Time Yr A

Zechariah 9:9-10, Ps 145:1ff, Romans 8:9ff,

Matthew 11:25-30

Mere Children

A refrain of a song goes, "Put your hand in the hand of the man from Galilee. A child gives its hand to its parents unquestioningly, it implies complete trust. Once outside the familiarity of the home, a child confronted with a big and frightening world becomes acutely aware of its own smallness and helplessness. Without father's hand it wouldn't dare venture out. Holding his hand there is nowhere it will not venture. The child is not only willing to be led, it positively wants to be led. The sad thing about growing up is that we lose our fathers or they lose us. In any event, we outgrow our need of them. And having lost the need for parents, God becomes remote for us. Only children instinctively understand God-language. Every child's father is God to him. And God to every child is his Father. So is God revealed to "mere children."

Growing up means becoming more independent. Or rather ceasing to be dependent. We exchange a child's dependence on people for an adult's dependence on things like money, alcohol and drugs. And things are notoriously fickle. The world of an adult is stress-ridden and anxiety-plagued. There is no escape from tension. Drugs may provide temporary relief but can never reach the underlying cause. Contentment is a quality of the soul. A state of harmony between a creature and his creator, a child and his father. Adam and Eve unfortunately grew up. They lost their innocence. The original sin was Adam's pride, his ambition to "go it alone." It has tainted our nature ever since.

It has left us all "labouring and over-burdened." Labouring under illusions of grandeur and burdened with conceit. The heaviest load we have to carry is the load of our own unfulfilled ambitions, the burden of our own ego. Only humility can restore our lost innocence and our lost paradise. The humility to accept our creature-status, our child-status. We must learn to want to be led. We must trade childish pride for child-like humility. We must "put our hand in the hand of the man from Galilee', if we ever hope to find our way home. Jesus invites us to do just that:

Come to me , all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.

www.biblical.ie/lections



Youth Mass & Concert with Saviour Soul

who are coming all the way from Birmingham to play for us!

THIS SUNDAY 6th July at Corpus Christi.

5pm Youth Mass!

6pm Concert !

6:45-8pm

Pizza and refreshments for all in the Guildhall!

For more information contact Will Hince on 07810827606 whince@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or check out www.facebook.com/bournemouthandavonstourcatholicyouth

DEEPENING OUR AWARENESS OF GOD WITHIN US

Following the guidelines of St Ignatius of Loyola

There will be a course at Corpus Christi on Monday evenings, starting September 15th.

For details please see poster on noticeboard.

Applications need to be in by 29th July.

Heavens Road fm Catholic Radio

www.heavensroadfm.com

is making a series of programmes on **Vocations** and also on **Confession/Reconciliation.**

If you have a story to share, they'd love to hear from you at admin@heavensroadfm.com. Tune in and enjoy this new catholic radio. They are also looking for enthusiastic people to help make programmes, techies to operate the Radio and administrators to hold it all together. Much can be done over the internet – they have people in 10 different dioceses contributing. Further info at http://www.heavensroadfm.com/vols/. Follow on Facebook (Heavens Roadfm) or twitter (@HeavensRoadFM).

WHAT COMES OUT OF YOUR RED MISSION BOX?

Fr Frank Thompson MHM invites APF-Mill Hill members, and anyone interested, to attend our Diocesan Mission Mass which will be offered for your intentions followed by a 20 minute film about "Missio SPA" and its support for the growing number of Vocations to the priesthood and the religious life worldwide.
Here is the chance to find out how your contributions are transformed into deeds and to celebrate your "missionary vocation".
The nearest Masses locally are at St Joseph & St Walburga, Bournemouth Road, on 18th July, and at Christ the King, Bitterne Road, Southampton, on15th July. Please see poster on noticeboard. Everybody welcome!



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.



LOST PROPERTY

The lost property items are mounting up again ! Could you please check and see if anything belongs to you? Any items which are currently in the lost property box underneath the 'free table' and not collected by Sunday 3rd August will be taken to a charity shop.

UMBRELLAS

There are currently seven umbrellas in the umbrella stand!
Please check to see if one belongs to you. Many thanks. Linda

St Thomas More's Summer Drama Club

Who can come? – Children aged between 4 and 11(School yrs R-6)
When? - Monday 28th July until Friday 1st August inclusive, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and a **Performance** 10:30 – 11:15 on Sunday 3rd August
Please note; all participants must be available for the performance on Sunday 3rd August
Where? – St. Thomas More's Church, Exton Road, Iford BH6 5QG
What? – drama, art, music, craft, games, and sports
How much will it cost? - £10 per child, maximum of £15 for a family group.
There are booking forms available in the church porch.

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENING: **Thursday 9th October 2014** 6pm at St Peter's School (Iford Site), Holdenhurst Avenue, Bournemouth. The Open Evening is designed to give parents/ carers an opportunity to visit St Peter's Primary, look around the classrooms, meet staff and discover what the "St Peter's Experience" will hold for their children. This meeting is for parent/carers who have children who will be five years old between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 and are looking for a place in Reception in September 2015.

ST PETER'S SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR 2015: Two meetings are being held at St Peter's School for Parents/Carers and Students.
Open Evening for Parents/Carers and Students attending Catholic Primary Schools only: Thursday 18th September 2014.
Open Evening for Parents/Carers and Students attending other non-Catholic Primary Schools only: Thursday 23rd September 2014.
FOR FURTHER DETAILS, PLEASE SEE NOTICE BOARD.

From the Diocese:
Assisted Dying Bill - Please write to a member of the House of Lords. *The Bill to legalise "assisted dying" - meaning assisted suicide - will be debated in the House of Lords on 18th July 2014. There will be a free vote because it is not government legislation. If passed, this Bill would place vulnerable people at serious risk. Especially if you have direct experience of caring for a dying person, either as a family member or as a health or social care professional, please write before 18th July to a Peer to tell them your views. For more information, including details of how to write to a Peer, please visit www.catholicchurch.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO WRITE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND CERTAINLY BEFORE 18TH JULY*

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 or the Annunciation Church

CADENZA CHOIR CONCERT: (In aid of Zoe's Wish ; easing the burden of illness) Wednesday 9th July 7.30pm St Joseph's Church. Tickets: £6.00 to include glass of wine or soft drink.
Available from the Zoe's wish website.

OLD SPECTACLES REQUIRED! The Lay members of the ACI family of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart are collecting unwanted spectacles for the Sister's mission in the Cameroon. We meet at 11am every last Monday of the month at the convent at 6 Parkwood Road, Boscombe. All are welcome. Please your old specs in the box on the 'free table'. Thanks.

THE BLESSED JOHN PAUL II PILGRIMAGE: 7th -10th August. 50 mile walk from Bury St Edmunds to Walsingham, led by the Dominican Sisters from Sway. The cost is £55 each - £45 a head for families. It includes everything (food and lodging) from Bury St Edmunds to Walsingham. For more information, contact Sr Hyacinthe, OP

MEDJUGORJE 2014 : An Avon Stour/Bournemouth area pilgrimage. 15-22 September 2014. From Gatwick. £529 (twin room), £649 (single room) + insurance. See poster in porch. Contact: Barry and Jo c/o Corpus Christi church.

CAFOD 'Tough Mudder' : We ask for your prayers and support for Father Paul Leonard from Leigh Park who's undertaking the gruelling 12 mile 'Tough Mudder' obstacle course on behalf of CAFOD this autumn & training hard for it at the moment. Good luck Father Paul! www.justgiving.com/Paul-Leonard11

CAFOD - Your Catholic Legacy : The charities involved in this scheme save and change lives every single day. Whether helping people who are homeless, seafarers, prisoners, children with disabilities and low income families here in the UK or providing practical survival solutions and sharing God's love with communities around the world. Find out more via 020 7095 5367 or yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk

THANK YOU for the offerings 28th / 29th June

Envelopes :	£ 142.70	Cash :	£ 59.68
Standing Orders :	£ 144.93		**Total : £ 347.31**
CAFOD (June) :	£ 32.50	*Thank you!*	

There will be a collection next weekend for the

Apostleship of the Sea.