

Newsletter
of the
Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY Yr C

9th/10th July 2016

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Week beginning 9th/10th July		Mass Intention
Saturday 9th July Confessions 5.30pm First Mass 6.00pm	**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**	For the repose of the soul of Marek Weyers
Sunday 10th July Sunday Mass 9.30am Ordinariate Mass 11.15am Baptism Maximilian Taranowski		People of the Parish ----------
Tuesday 12th July Weekday Mass 9.30am Tuesday Devotions 10.00am	Feria	For the repose of the soul of Charles Frith (Foundation Mass)
Wednesday 13th July Ordinariate Mass 10.30am	Feria	----------
Thursday 14th July Weekday Mass 9.30am	Feria	Lovegrove Family - Thanksgiving
Friday 15th July Weekday Mass 9.30am	**St Swithun,** *memorial*	For the repose of the soul of Mrs M. Texton (Second anniversary)
Saturday 16th July Confessions 5.15–5.45pm First Mass 6.00pm	**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**	For the repose of the soul of Mrs Sheila Keane
Sunday 17th July Sunday Mass 9.30am Ordinariate Mass 11.15am		People of the Parish ----------



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Fifteenth Sunday Ordinary Time Yr C

Are we that bad?

Our news media often paint a rather depressing picture of human nature, incurably bent on war, destruction, social and political injustice, and on all types and forms of immorality. That, of course, is what is seen as making news. But it should blind none of us from being more aware in our daily lives of the basic goodness of human nature, and of noting the many selfless and quite unnoticed acts of love and charity. And by being positive about our human nature and its capabilities for good, we become more aware of our own potential to love selflessly. This is what Jesus tries to help the lawyer to experience. Instead of giving him a dictionary definition of "neighbour," he presents him with the parable about the Samaritan who acts not out of a sense of duty or of guilt, but out of sheer love and generosity. Though we are not told, we can hope that the lawyer is fired with enthusiasm to live in a similar manner.

We could concentrate on the negative elements of the parable, the brigands, the priest and the levite. But this would be to miss the point, and we end up falling into the trap of the press and the media. The emphasis in the parable is on the positive capabilities of human nature even in people not normally expected to display such characteristics. This too is the overall thrust of Deuteronomy. Quite often, as Christians, we approach this book of the Old Testament with a certain lack of enthusiasm, noting its negative stipulations and its prohibitions. Yet to concentrate on this aspect would again lead to distortion. For Deuteronomy, expressed as a summary of Moses" instructions, is God's teaching to Israel on how to live a life of love and charity. Deuteronomy repeatedly emphasises God's undying and unchanging love for his people, and from this perspective urges its hearers to respond in kind, They are to live a life of love for God and for their neighbour, defined above all by the trio of the stranger, the widow, and the orphan. These were the people most in need of charity in the community of Israel, and the idea is that, if one is charitable to them, then one is charitable to all without exception.

Sometimes we Christians get impatient with ourselves that we are not always living out the life of love, feeling that the priest and the levite are still within us. Our impatience is stoked up by the commercialised society we live in, always demanding quick results. We are conditioned by advertising techniques: we expect that fast foods will not only be fast but nutritious, and so on. Perfection in love is usually not so instant. It's well to remember that the guidance in Deuteronomy was given while still on the way to the Promised Land, and that the parable of the Lord is told while the disciples are still making their way with him to Jerusalem. The "journey" element can remind us that love and charity are part of the journey of faith. And, as with many journeys, there are stops and even wrong turnings. It is when we get bogged down at such stages that we lose our sense of direction and our infinite capacity to love.

www.biblical.ie/lections/SC3.asp

<u>Congratulations to Rev Hugh Parry</u>

… who was ordained on 2nd July by Bishop Philip in the Cathedral, as (permanent and married) deacon.

He will be ministering mainly in St.Joseph's parish, Christchurch, but available to help throughout the pastoral area.

<u>CLERGY MOVES</u>

The bishop has published the diocesan clergy moves for early this September.

Fr. Gerry Onyejuluwa will be leaving Our Lady Queen of Peace church in Southbourne, Bournemouth, to go to Basingstoke as hospital chaplain and assistant priest. His replacement is to be Fr. Kevin Hoiles, currently in Jersey. The new parish priest in Fordingbridge and Ringwood is to be Fr. John Lavers, who, since 2014, has been interim priest-in-charge of the Sacred Heart in Bournemouth, which, as announced in this bulletin a few weeks ago, is to become an Oratory in Formation, with three new priests joining the diocese.

Fr Tony Pennicott will be entering 'active' retirement after 44 years in parish ministry, and will be available for supply and support ministry in the Bournemouth and New Forest Deanery.

Message for Sea Sunday 2016

Seated comfortably on the sofa in our living room, we find it difficult to understand how much our daily life is depending on the maritime industry and the sea. If we look around in the places where we live and work, we realize that most of the furniture and IT equipment we are using have been transported by ships, our clothes were shipped in containers from the other side of the world and the fruits we eat were delivered by refrigerated ships from another country while tankers are transporting oil and petrol for our cars. Without seaborne trade the import and export of goods and finished products would not be possible.

Even when we decide to enjoy and relax by going in a cruise we do not think that thousands of seafarers are working hard to make sure that everything will run smoothly and we will have a comfortable vacation.

Furthermore in the recent humanitarian emergency in the Mediterranean Sea the crews of merchant vessels have been in the front line to intervene and rescuing thousands of people trying to sail to Europe on board of overcrowded and unseaworthy vessels, inflatable rafts.

Almost 1.200.000 seafarers of every nationality (many of them from developing countries) on board of 50,000 merchant ships are transporting almost 90% of every kind of cargo. The unforgiving forces of the open sea and of the oceans expose ships to significant risk, and the seafarers are "risking their life" more than one way.

The physical life of the seafarers is at risk because aside from the hazards of the forces of the nature, piracy and armed robbery, shifting from one area to another and constantly evolving and adapting to new situations, continue to be a major threat to the security of the crew. Their psychological well-being is at risk when after having been at sea for days or weeks they are denied shore leave and prevented to leave the vessel.

The human and working dignity of the seafarers is at risk when they are exploited with long working hours and their wages are delayed for months or in cases of abandonments not paid at all. Criminalization of seafarers is a serious concern especially considering that in recent years a number of previously considered lawful seafaring activities have been criminalized particularly in relation to incidents such as shipwrecks, pollution, etc. Encouraged by Pope Francis who called the chaplains and volunteers of the Apostleship of the Sea to *"be the voice of those workers who live far from their loved ones and face dangerous and difficult situations", as Apostleship of the Sea we stand at the side of seafarers to reiterate that their human and labor rights must be respected and protected.*

We would like also to call on Governments and competent maritime authorities to strengthening the implementation of the ILO Maritime Labor Convention (MLC) 2006, especially the Regulation 4.4 whose purpose is: *To ensure that seafarers working on board a ship have access to shore-based facilities and services to secure their health and well-being.*

Finally, on this occasion of the annual celebration of Sea Sunday we would like to remind to all Christian communities and to each individual how important and essential are the seafarer profession and the shipping industry for our daily life. We would like to call on the bishops, especially the ones of maritime Dioceses to establish and support the Maritime Apostolate as *"a visible sign of your affectionate attention to those who cannot receive ordinary pastoral care."2*

While expressing our gratitude to the seafarers for their work, we entrust them and their families to the maternal protection of Mary*, Stella Maris.*

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Cardinal Antonio Maria Vegliò President Joseph Kalathiparambil Secretary

St Thomas More Parish, Iford, Bournemouth - Census

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FIRST ADULT
Title Mr Mrs Ms Other (eg. Dr)
Surname .....
First Name(s) .....
SECOND ADULT
Title Mr Mrs Ms Other (eg. Dr)
Surname .....
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OTHER ADULTS IN HOUSEHOLD .....
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Telephone : Landline ..... Mobile .....
E-Mail : .....
If you are a visitor to St Thomas More today or if you attend more than one parish - please indicate your 'home' parish or the parish you attend most
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All information is treated in confidence. We comply with the Data Protection Act and no information will be passed to third parties without prior permission. By completing this form, you agree that the information can be entered into the Parish records. It will be used only to help with pastoral care and the appropriate administration 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 and complete **before leaving the church.**

Please leave in box by forms or hand in to the parish office.

Many thanks.

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.		

A DAY WITH MARY: Saturday 16th July St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, 10.00am 5.30pm See poster for details.

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.

ST THOMAS GARNET'S SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB: Monday 25th July - Friday 26th August. Cost £28 or £14. Booking form email: enquiries@stthomasgarnets.co.uk or call office on 01202 420172. We welcome children aged from 3-11 years.

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 2nd/3rd July

Envelopes :	£ 111.10	Cash :	£ 97.39
Standing Orders :	£ 182.23		**Total : £390.72**

Could you help CAFOD?

We're currently looking for people to volunteer for CAFOD and help them thank parishioners here at St Thomas More for their support and assist with Fast Day appeals (twice a year).
If you could spare any time to help fight poverty and injustice please contact Lynda Mussell or Jo Lewry for more information on 01252329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

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