# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Iford Parish ✠ Bournemouth ADMA ✠ Bournemouth LMS ✠ Bournemouth OLW ✠ Bournemouth SPUC

## WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY 12 JULY 2026 ✠ SUNDAY CYCLE A ✠ WEEKDAY CYCLE II

*§ EVENT DATE TIME § TYPE Legend VOE:Vetus Ordo English (Anglican Use/Ordinariate) | VOL: Vetus Ordo Latin (Traditional Latin)*

*Sat 11 Jul '26 18.00:* Sunday Mass Vigil ✠ ORDINARY TIME XV ✠ MI Francis m Katherine Nolan (FM)
*Sun 12 Jul '26 09.30:* Sunday Mass ✠ ORDINARY TIME XV ✠ Hymns:C745,C217; Setting:Clavinova ✠ MI Pro populo
*11.00:* VOE Sunday Mass ✠ TRINITY VI ≡ ORDINARY TIME XV ✠ MI Ken m Sue Mangold (RIP)
*12.30:* VOL Sunday Mass ✠ PENTECOST VII ≡ Dominica VII Post Pentecosten
*Tue 14 Jul '26 19.00: Parochial Meeting ✠ Fabric & Finance ✠ → Meeting Link*
*Fri 17 Jul '26 19.30:* Meeting ✠ Bournemouth SPUC Branch
*Sat 18 Jul '26 18.00:* Sunday Mass Vigil ✠ ORDINARY TIME XVI ✠ MI Pro populo
*Sun 19 Jul '26 09.30:* Sunday Mass ✠ ORDINARY TIME XVI ✠ Hymns:C285,C288; Setting:Clavinova ✠ MI Rosie Farrow (d 19 Jul 2025)
*11.00:* VOE Requiem Mass ✠ Barry Sherwin (d 25 Jun 2026) ✠ Hymns:C528
*12.30:* VOL Sunday Mass ✠ PENTECOST VIII ≡ Dominica VIII Post Pentecosten
*Tue 21 Jul '26 19.30: Parochial Meeting ✠ Pastoral Council ✠ → Meeting Link*
*Fri 24 Jul '26 17.30:* Meeting ✠ Bournemouth ADMA Chapter with Rosary & Litany of Loreto
*Sat 25 Jul '26 18.00:* Sunday Mass Vigil ✠ ORDINARY TIME XVII ✠ MI Charles Frith (FM d d 4 Aug 1978)
*Sun 26 Jul '26 09.30:* Sunday Mass ✠ ORDINARY TIME XVII ✠ MI Pro populo
*11.00:* VOE Sunday Mass ✠ TRINITY VIII ≡ ORDINARY TIME XVII ✠ MI Reg m Kath Gillam (RIP 1980/2010)
*12.30:* VOL Sunday Mass ✠ PENTECOST IX ≡ Dominica IX Post Pentecosten
*Sat 1 Aug '26 17.00:* Devotion ✠ Bournemouth ADMA Chapter First Saturday Reparation
*18.00:* Sunday Mass Vigil ✠ ORDINARY TIME XVIII ✠ MI Ray Gallet (RIP d 4 Aug 2021)
*Sun 2 Aug '26 09.30:* Sunday Mass ✠ ORDINARY TIME XVIII ✠ MI Frank m Magdalen Andrews (FM)
*11.00:* VOE Sunday Mass ✠ TRINITY IX
*12.30:* VOL Sunday Mass ✠ PENTECOST X ≡ ORDINARY TIME XVIII

*§ NOTICE ITEM § DESCRIPTION*

*STM Iford Parish* •WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES ON WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS ARE CANCELLED IN JUNE AND JULY.
•New Mass Books: Please consider sponsoring one or more at £6 each. Donation cards are on the Font Table.
•Small Group: "How To Pray" (Sycamore Series). Mon 19.00 (monthly). RSVP: Claire Riche-Gallet 01202 423431
•Confessions: Sat 17.30; Masses in Modern English: Sat 18.00 & Sun 09.30; Fri 09.30; Holydays 18.30
•Housekeeping & Pet Care by parishioner Alana Morris. Details: 07907 066 989|domestic-goddess.co.uk/
•FIRE EXITS: In case of a fire/drill, the assembly point is on the pavement on the corner over the road.
*Prayers for Exams:* St Peter's Schools initiative. The Chaplaincy Team send their thanks to parishioners who are praying for pupils have taken or are taking their examinations. Keep them going for receiving the results as well!
*Bournemouth ADMA* •Chapter Prayer Meeting & Mass: 4th Fri 17.30 & 18.30. Reparations to Our Lady of Fatima: 1st Sat 17.00
*B'mouth LMS* •Masses in Traditional Latin (Extraordinary/Tridentine Form): Sun 12.30; Holydays 17.00
*B'mouth OLW* •Masses in Traditional English (Anglican/Ordinariate Use): Sun 11.00, Wed 09.30, Holydays 09.30
•POOLW YouTube Channel (usually) with weekly podcasts on the Sunday Propers: youtube.com/@OLWOrdinariate
*B'mouth SPUC* •Branch Meeting: 3rd Fri 19.30. SPUC defends our created human nature against Moral Nihilism. |spuc.tv/
*B'mouth Xchurch PA* •YOUTH MASS @ Corpus Christi Boscombe: First Sundays at 17.00 followed by refreshments. All welcome.

*§ FINANCE ITEM § DESCRIPTION*

*Parish Bank Account:* CDP Bournemouth St. Thomas More; sort code 30-93-04; a/c 00875415
*28 Jun 2nd Collection:* Peter's Pence: £43.00. Many thanks!
*12 Jul 2nd Collection:* Stella Maris - the Apostleship of the Sea: Amount TBD.
*June Offering:* StOrders ✢ Envelopes ✢ Cash ✢ Total ✢ WeeklyAverage
£1,160.60 ✢ £273.00 ✢ £269.98 ✢ £1,703.58 ✢ £426.00

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*Pastoral Area:* BCPA (comprising Bournemouth & Christchurch) website: bccatholics.uk

**Winning Isn't Everything: A Catholic View of Sports**

*COMMENTARY: While play, properly ordered, is a good in and of itself, it can also be a useful aid in the growth of holiness.*
*Msgr. Stuart Swetland, July 29, 2025 – National Catholic Register*

**... A Catholic Vision of Sports**
While play, properly ordered, is a good in and of itself, it can also be a useful aid in the growth of holiness. Despite all that was going on in Europe at the end of World War II, Venerable Pius XII took time to address this aspect of sport and the growth in virtue:

"Sport, properly directed, develops character, makes a man courageous, a generous loser, and a gracious victor; it refines the senses, gives intellectual penetration, and steels the will to endurance. It is not merely a physical development then. Sport, rightly understood, is an occupation of the whole man, and while perfecting the body as an instrument of the mind, it also makes the mind itself a more refined instrument for the search and communication of truth and helps man to achieve that end to which all others must be subservient, the service and praise of his Creator" ("Sport at the Service of the Spirit," July 29, 1945).

Thus, sports should never compete but rather serve our life and our full and active participation in the Sunday celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Of course, the Scriptures, especially the letters of St. Paul, make frequent use of sports as a metaphor for the spiritual life. For example, 1 Corinthians 9:27 says, "Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it!"

Here is how St. John Paul II, himself an accomplished athlete, interprets this Pauline teaching: "In Corinth, where Paul had brought the message of the Gospel, there was a very important stadium where the 'Isthmian Games' were held. It was appropriate, then, for Paul to refer to athletic contests in order to spur the Christians of that city to push themselves to the utmost in the 'race' of life. In the stadium races, he says, everyone runs, even if only one is the winner: [Y]ou too run. ... With this metaphor of healthy athletic competition, he highlights the value of life, comparing it to a race not only for an earthly, passing goal, but for an eternal one. A race in which not just one person, but everyone can be a winner" ("Jubilee of Sports People: Homily of John Paul II," Oct. 29, 2000).

Elsewhere, St. Paul urges St. Timothy to "fight the good fight of faith" (1 Timothy 6:12).

Sports are also an important aspect of building community. For example, in the Olympic year of 2024, Pope Francis emphasized the importance of sports in building solidarity and fraternal relations among peoples: "Sport is a means to express one's talents, but also to build society. Sport teaches us the value of fraternity. We are not islands: [O]n the pitch, it does not matter where a person comes from, what language or culture they speak. What counts is the commitment and the common goal. This unity in sport is a powerful metaphor for our lives. It reminds us that despite our differences, we are all members of the same human family. Sport has the power to unite people, regardless of their physical, economic or social abilities. It is an instrument of inclusion that breaks down barriers and celebrates diversity. Even the Second Vatican Council emphasized that can help 'to establish fraternal relations among men of all conditions, nations and races'" (Audience with the "Athletica Vaticana" Sports Association, Jan. 13, 2024).

Pope Francis also quoted Venerable Pius XII when he reminded us, "Sport is a school of loyalty, courage, endurance, resolve, universal brotherhood, all the natural virtues, but which provide a solid foundation to the supernatural virtues" ("To Italian Sportspeople," May 25, 1945).

**Pope Leo XIV on Sports**
In his short time as pope, Leo XIV, an avid tennis player himself, made front-page news around the world in May when he met with the world's most famous Sinner, Italian Jannik Sinner, the world's No. 1-ranked tennis player. Sinner went on to win his first Wimbledon title in July.

Between these events, Pope Leo XIV celebrated the Jubilee of Sport on Trinity Sunday at the Vatican on June 15. Speaking straightforwardly of what some may think of as a contradiction — the celebration of the Most Holy Trinity and sports — Leo XIV taught: "While we are celebrating today the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are also marking the Jubilee of Sport. This combination of Trinity and Sport is somewhat unusual, yet the juxtaposition is not inappropriate. Every good and worthwhile human activity is in some way a reflection of God's infinite beauty, and sport is certainly one of these. For God is not immobile and closed in on himself, but activity, communion, a dynamic relationship between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, which opens up to humanity and to the world."

The Pope went on to speak, like the Church Fathers, of a God who "dances" and "plays": "Theologians speak of perichoresis: the life of God is a kind of 'dance': a dance of mutual love. "This dynamism of God's inner life gives birth to life. We were created by a God who finds joy in giving existence to his creatures, who 'delights' in our world, as ... we heard in the first reading (Proverbs 8:30-31). Some Fathers of the Church go so far as to speak of a Deus ludens, a God who 'plays' (cf. St. Salonius of Geneva, In Parabolas Salomonis Expositio Mystica; St. Gregory Nazianzen, Carmina, I, 2, 589). Sport can thus help us to encounter the Triune God, because it challenges us to relate to others and with others, not only outwardly but also, and above all, interiorly. Otherwise, sport becomes nothing more than an empty competition of inflated egos."

Leo XIV concluded his homily by referring to the way that sport had helped form many of the saints, including Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, one of the patron saints of sports, whom Leo will canonize on Sept. 7.

**The Athlete as Model**
In the Jubilee of 2000, Pope St. John Paul II also celebrated a Jubilee for Sports. During this celebration, he prayed for athletes to be friends with Christ and witnesses to God's love for all:

"Even the greatest champion finds himself defenseless before the fundamental questions of life and needs your light to overcome the demanding challenges that a human being is called to face.

"Lord Jesus Christ, help these athletes to be your friends and witnesses to your love. Help them to put the same effort into personal asceticism that they do into sports; help them to achieve a harmonious and cohesive unity of body and soul.

"May they be sound models to imitate for all who admire them. Help them always to be athletes of the spirit, to win your inestimable prize: an imperishable crown that lasts forever. Amen!"

We hope and pray with Pope St. John Paul II that athletes everywhere may win the prize of heaven and be outstanding models of holiness and faith.

Msgr. Stuart Swetland, president of Donnelly College, is a 1981 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy who served six years as a line officer in the U.S. Navy.

