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Newsletter
of the
Catholic Parish of
**St Thomas More**

# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY Ord. Time Yr B

## 11th/12th July 2015

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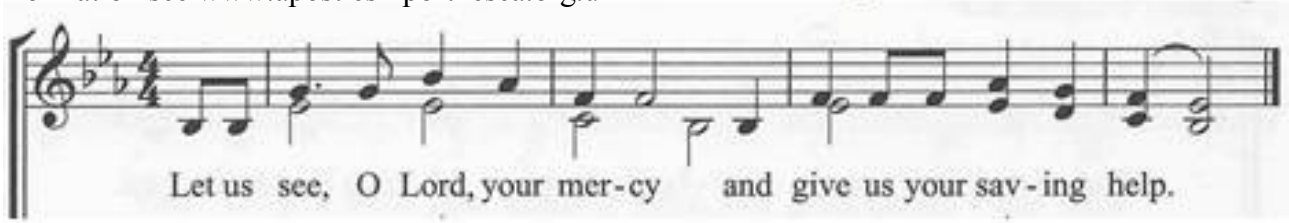
| Week beginning 11th July: | | Mass Intention |
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| Saturday 11th July 6.00pm | First Mass of 15th Sun. of Ordinary Time | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 12th July 9.30am<br>*Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am | **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME** | Repose of soul of Francesco Difiore (8th Anniversary) |
| Monday 13th July | _ | _ |
| Tuesday 14th July 9.30am<br>10.00am - 12.00 | Feria<br>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | Repose of soul Charles Frith (Foundation Mass) |
| Wed. 15th July 10.30am<br>*Ordinariate Mass* | Feria | For all the faithful departed |
| Thurs. 16th July 9.30am | Feria | Repose of soul of Mrs C. Nethercott |
| Friday 17th July 9.30am | Feria | For all the Parish faithful departed |
| Saturday 18th July 5.15–5.45pm<br>6.00pm | Sacrament of Reconciliation<br>First Mass of 16th Sun. of Ordinary Time | Repose of soul of Catherine Nethercott |
| Sunday 19th July 9.30am<br>*Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am | **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME** | People of the Parish |

There will be a **SECOND COLLECTION**
this weekend for the
**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA**

Apostleship of the Sea
Supporting Seafarers Worldwide

Today is Sea Sunday when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items that we buy in the shops today. The Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) is the church's official maritime welfare agency which supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is absolutely vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. For more information see www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

**Psalm Refrain**



**Fifteenth Sunday Ordinary Time Yr B**

**Sharing the Job**

In today's gospel, Jesus passes on the baton of spreading the news to his apostles.

At the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles, we are told that "Jesus came to do and to teach." In other words, he himself did the thing first, before asking anybody else to do it. For example, it was after washing the disciples" feet that he told them they should wash each other's feet. Today's gospel begins with Jesus going from village to village, teaching. He then calls his apostles, and commissions them to continue his work.

It is his work, but he will provide the power. "The kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours forever and ever." If I supply the power, I'll be tempted to steal some of the glory. He sent them out in twos, by way of mutual support for each other. Later on, both Judas and Peter found themselves alone, away from all the others, and we know what happened to them. This mission was to be a school of experience for them. They were to trust him, and take nothing with them. "The labourer is worthy of his hire," Jesus remarked in another part of the gospel. He sent them to teach others what he had taught them. They were not to take responsibility for whether others accepted or rejected them. Their task was to teach, to call, to offer, and the listeners would be responsible for their response. It was a good experience for the apostles. Imagine how they felt when they discovered they had the power to Cast out demons, and to place their hands on the sick and heal them. It was Jesus working through them, of course, but it must have done wonders for their faith. They had seen Jesus work miracles, and now they were experiencing that same power working in and through them. That is the intended experience of every Christian.

Do you really have a sense of being called? If you don't, then you certainly will not have any sense of being sent! With evangelisation however it is not always a question of standing on a box in Hyde Park - it can be a simple chat over a cup of coffee, of giving witness through my actions, of speaking the word when the opportunity arises. It is not unusual to be with one or two others when the question of religion comes up.

Being out there in the world, giving Christian witness can make a difference.

http://www.biblical.ie/lections/SC3.asp




**CONFIRMATIONS 2016**

- On Saturday 16th April 2016 for our Avon Stour Pastoral Area.

Applications are invited from anyone who will be twelve years old or over on 1st September 2015.

Please complete an application form (on the 'free table' in the church porch) and return it to either Father Darryl or the Parish Office.

DAY OF PRAYER SATURDAY 18TH JULY - PRAYING WITH AND THROUGH ART

Please join us for an exciting day of exploring prayer through looking at art and by using our own art! We meet in St Joseph's parish centre at 10.30 for 11.00am and finish at 4.15pm, don't forget to bring a packed lunch.

**Safeguarding : Refresher Training Course.**

Saturday 3rd October, 10.00am - 12.30pm.

St Joseph's Church, Purewell, Christchurch, BH23 1EH

This refresher course is suitable for those whose initial training was more than three years ago.

The course combines both Child Protection and Vulnerable Adult safeguarding.

http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/safeguarding/events-and-training.php

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

GARDENING



Thank you to the kind parishioners who supplied and planted the geraniums in the big stone tubs and also the marigolds in our front border!

Is there anyone who would like to help with the gardening? There is a particular job that needs doing at the moment; path clearing and tidying. So ... if anyone could spare an hour or so to help with that, then please have a word with Steve or leave a message in the parish office.



**HELP IN PARISH OFFICE**

Could ***you*** help in the Parish Office for a few hours each week? If so, perhaps you like to join our team of volunteers! If you could help in any way - with office administration, producing the newsletter or helping with the accounts - then please let us know. Experience not essential, just a willingness to help! Please contact the Parish Office (stmiford@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/ 01202 485588) or have a word with Linda, Steve or Peter in the office.

USED STAMPS We have been collecting used postage stamps for a good long while now, but circumstances change … apparently the stamps now have to be taken all the way to a shop in Lyndhurst, and the person who is currently responsible for this is finding this difficult. Consequently, we will no longer ask you to save your used stamps for Brother Lionel. If anyone has any other ideas on how the used stamps can be used, then please do contact the parish office. Thank you.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR OF 'PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE'

Assistance in distributing the PP is always appreciated and receives heartfelt thanks.
To ensure the most effective distribution of PP across our diocese it is suggested that
*the magazine be cascaded by: copies being delivered, as local demand dictates, to hospitals / hospital chaplaincies, hospices, Christian bookshops, schools, colleges, universities, community centres, libraries, civic information centres, other places of worship...*
Portsmouth People, apart from being distributed in hard copy free of charge, is also freely available online at www.portsmouthpeople.org.uk where it can be readily downloaded in full colour and/or greyscales.

***SAVE THE DATES!***

Have you ever wondered "*What does God want of me?*" or "*What is God calling me to do in life – and how on earth am I supposed to do it?*"
Well that's what our forthcoming Pastoral Area ***Called & Gifted*** Process is all about.
More details in September, but meanwhile

- ***Called & Gifted*** **TASTER SESSION** (a chance to find out what it's all about and decide if you'd like to come to come to the Main Event in November):
  Choose EITHER Tuesday 13th October 2015 7.30-9.00pm at Christchurch
  OR Thursday 15th October 2015 11.00am-12.30pm at Ringwood
- ***Called & Gifted*** **MAIN EVENT**:
  BOTH Friday 6th November 2015 evening AND Saturday 7th November 2015 daytime

**ST PETER'S OPEN EVENINGS** There will be two sessions. Parents/carers and children are welcome to attend on either **Thursday 17th September 2015** Time: 6.00pm to 8.30pm Head Teacher's talk: 7.00pm Venue: De La Salle Theatre, St Peter's School, Southbourne, St Catherine's Rd., or **Tuesday 22nd September 2015** Time: 6.00pm to 8.30pm Head Teacher's talk: 7.00pm Venue: De La Salle Theatre, St Peter's School, Southbourne, St Catherine's Rd.
**ST PETER'S SCHOOL OPEN EVENING (PRIMARY SCHOOL)** Date: 8th October 2015 Time: 6.00pm. Refreshments 6.30pm. Headteacher's talk Venue: St Peter's School (Iford Site), Holdenhurst Avenue, Bournemouth. Please see notice board for more details.

**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** | | |
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| Ordinariate Mass<br>St Thomas More, Exton Rd., Iford | 01590 610133 | Sunday 11.15am |
| The Immaculate Conception and<br>St Joseph's, Purewell, Christchurch | 01202 483340 | Saturday 6.30pm<br>Sunday 9.00am, 10.45am |
| Holy Redeemer<br>Kilmington Way, Highcliffe | 01425 274838 | Sunday 8.00am, 10.00am |
| The Sacred Heart and<br>St Therese of Lisieux, Ringwood | 01425 653131 | Sunday 11.00am |
| Our Lady of Sorrows and<br>St Philip Benizi, Fordingbridge | 01425 653131 | Saturday 6.00pm<br>Sunday 9.00am |
| Our Lady Queen of Peace,<br>Southbourne | 01202 424960 | Sunday 8.00am, 11.00am<br>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. | | |

**BAND & FIREWORKS:** Saturday 25th July 7.00pm at the Southbourne site of St. Peter's School (St Catherine's Road). Swing Unlimited Big Band and firework display. Entrance £5 on the gate. Raising money for Bournemouth Hospital Jigsaw Appeal, Poole Radiotherapy and Dorset Children's Cancer Trust.

**THE GIFT COURSE:** ***The daytime GIFT course was very successful and enjoyable***. A follow up will commence 2nd Monday of each month as from September 14th. Format will be Bread & Soup Lunch, Prayer & praise, DVD, short discussion Closing prayer & hymn. 12 noon - 2 pm Venue: Petersfield Rd Please contact parish office for details. *EVERYONE WELCOME*

**MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM**: Fr Anthony Glaysher apologises for being unable to get to Westbourne on 21st June to say the EF Mass. He is also unable to come over from the Isle of Wight during July, so the Mass which would normally be offered on 19th July will also not take place. However, he hopes to be in Westbourne again on the third Sunday of August, the 16th.

**CAFOD MEETING:** Portsmouth Supporters' Meeting on 12 September. Join us at our next meeting, Sat 12 Sept.,10am – 1.30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School (Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX) where we will explore our new *Laudato Si'* study guide for parishes and hear more about CAFOD's work in Niger. To book a place please ring 01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk by 4 September.

***From the Diocese:***

**Formation for Mission Events**

The diocesan Formation for Mission team has a number of events lined up, including:

- Come Follow Me training day - 25th July (for catechists of children including children's liturgy)
- Tuesday Faith Formation (catechesis for adults)
- New Catechist Training - begins 31st October

For information on any of these, please go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk, click on 'Evangelisation' in the top bar, and then 'Formation for Mission'.

**Diocesan Youth Events**

There are a number of youth events planned over the summer, including:

- Stand Firm (post-Confirmation summer camp) – 19th – 21st July
- True Survivor Course (spiritual survival course hiking and camping in the New Forest for young men) – 27th – 29th July
- Cherished Course (for young women aged 16-25) – 10th – 12th August
- The Promised Land (diocesan coach travelling to Youth 2000 festival in Walsingham) – 27th – 31st July

To find out about these events and much more, see: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/youth

## THANK YOU **for the offerings 4th/5thJuly**

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| Envelopes : | £ 143.10 | Cash : | £ 94.77 |
| Standing Orders : | £ 213.38 | | **Total : £ 451.25** |