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Newsletter
of the
Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY Ord. Time Yr B

18th/19th July 2015

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Week beginning 18th July:		Mass Intention
Saturday 18th July 6.00pm	First Mass of 16th Sun. of Ordinary Time	Repose of the soul of Catherine Nethercott
Sunday 19th July 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME**	People of the Parish
Monday 20th July	–	–
Tuesday 21st July 9.30am	Feria (No Exposition this week.)	For all the faithful departed
Wed. 22nd July 10.30am *Ordinariate Mass*	**St Mary Magdalen,** *memorial*	For all the faithful departed
Thurs. 23rd July 9.30am	**ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN,** *feast*	For all the faithful departed
Friday 24th July 9.30am	Feria	For all the Parish faithful departed
Saturday 25th July 5.15–5.45pm 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation First Mass of 17th Sun. of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sunday 26th July 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME**	Repose of the soul of Marian Brennenstuhl

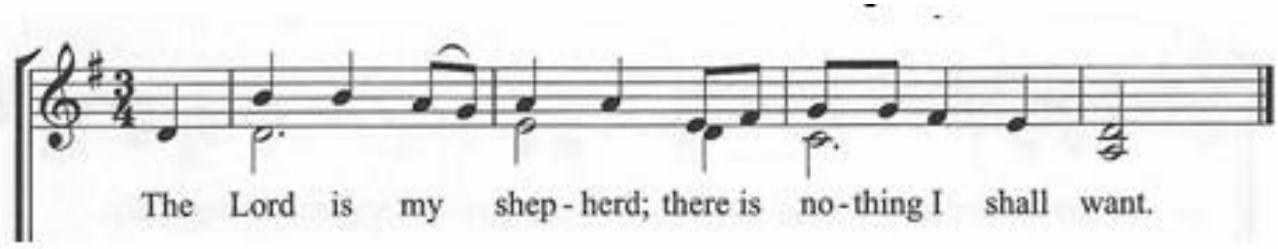


CONFIRMATIONS 2016

- 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.

Psalm Refrain



Sixteenth Sunday Ordinary Time Yr B

First and Least

The theme of the shepherd links together today's first reading, responsorial psalm and gospel reading, and it is implicit in the second reading. In the wake of the failure of the leaders of Israel, the false shepherds, God promises, through the prophet Jeremiah, to raise up a true shepherd who would gather together his scattered people. In the Gospel, Jesus functions as such a true shepherd. He gives himself to God's leaderless people, gathering them together by his word of teaching. The second reading highlights how this work of shepherding reached its climax on the cross. It was, above all, from the cross that he began to draw all people to himself, and, through himself, to his Father. The good shepherd, in laying down his life on the cross for his flock, brought them together by the power of his love, breaking down walls of hostility, creating unity and peace, reconciling all to each other and to God. The promise of God in the first reading to raise up a true shepherd is fulfilled as Jesus is raised up on the cross.

The Good Shepherd is the one who lays down his life for his flock. The true leader is the one who empties himself or herself in loving service. Later on in Mark's gospel, Jesus was to teach his own disciples: "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the last and the servant of all" (Mk 9:35.) In response to the request of James and John to sit at his right and left, Jesus said: "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all" (Mk 10:44.) These are words which are addressed to all disciples.

To be a disciple of the Good Shepherd is to travel the way of the Good Shepherd, the way of self-emptying and self-giving, the way of placing the needs of others before our own, as Jesus did in today's Gospel.

In baptism, we are each given a share in the kingly office of Christ, we are called to share in the work of Christ the king, the shepherd. From baptism we are called to be leaders, shepherds after the heart of Christ. Do we take seriously enough our own baptismal calling to leadership and shepherding? As disciples of the Good Shepherd, we are ourselves called to be shepherds, called to serve as he served, to give as he gave. This will involve our sharing in Christ's work of making peace, breaking down barriers, destroying hostility, creating unity, working for reconciliation between all who are divided. The scope for such leadership and shepherding is endless. For many, such work will begin in their own homes and families. Peace in the home, based on mutual service and self-giving, enables the members of the home to be effective peace-makers in the wider society, in the world of industry, commerce, business, education and church relations.

We will be effective shepherds, wherever we find ourselves, to the extent that we allow ourselves to be led by the Good Shepherd, listening to his voice, following his way. Only true disciples can be true shepherds; only if we have learned to become a disciple can we be faithful to our baptismal calling to leadership.

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

INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

In our Pastoral Area, St. Joseph's Christchurch and Christchurch Priory (Cof E) are once again hosting an **Alpha Course** (non-denominational basic course in Christianity aimed at non-Christians, but open to Christians seeking a refresher of faith roots) September – New Year. This will be followed by **Catholic Alpha**, which will add topics on the Sacraments and other Catholic topics – New Year to Easter.
Any non-Catholics hoping to become Catholic, must attend both courses – all happening in Christchurch but open to the whole Pastoral Area. For more information about the Alpha courses, speak to Fr Darryl.

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



GARDENING

Is there anyone who could help with the gardening for our church?

There is a particular job that needs doing at the moment; path clearing and tidying.

If anyone could spare an hour or so to help with that, then please have a word with Steve Ferris or leave a message in the parish office.

A message has been received in the Parish Office from Dominica Roberts (St. Joseph's parish, Bracknell) about **Peace and Justice Groups.**

'The Peace and Justice team of the Diocesan Framework for Evangelisation is very keen to have a representative from each parish , through whom information about such issues, including pro-life matters, could be channelled both ways.'

Is there anyone who would give their contact details to the Diocese just for that purpose? If so, please let the Parish Office know.

The message also states 'We also want at least one person from each parish to go to the conference on migrant slavery in Basingstoke on September 26th, and we want further members on the team: you can volunteer through the diocesan website.'

BISHOP PHILIP REQUESTS … On Friday 11th September the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. This will put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please contact your MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. You can send an e-mail to your MP via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website (www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide) or send a letter by post, a draft of which can be found at the back of church.

DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS TRUE SURVIVOR Video Course and Event

Organised by Fordingbridge parishioner, Will Hince.

Watch the trailer on YouTube **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bRBasxf2T5M**

- ***True Survivor – Beyond the Wild*** *A youth event with a difference… Are you 16-25? Want to spend some time in the great outdoors this summer? Over 3 days hiking and camping in the New Forest, we will learn how to survive in the wilderness whilst learning how our Catholic faith can survive and flourish in our world. We will learn how to find and purify water, how to make a fire by friction, how to build shelter, and we will discover how prayer, God's mercy, the Eucharist and the Church allow our faith to burn brightly in a cold world.* ***True Survivor Course (for young men):*** *Monday 27th – Wednesday 29th July 2015*

Cherished Course (for young women): Monday 10th – Wednesday 12th August 2015

The cost of each course is £60.

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.

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 Sept. 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 Ave., 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**		
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, 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.		

COME FOLLOW ME (Training Day for Catechists of Children) : 25 July, 9.30am – 5pm. Are you involved with children's catechesis? The Formation for Mission are planning an event you don't want to miss! Come and find out about Come Follow Me. Introduce children to the Word of God and to prayer - this training is for those involved in catechesis and children's liturgy. The day is taking place in St Dominic's Priory, Shirley Holms, Lymington, SO418NH. Bring a packed lunch. For more details about Come Follow Me catechesis: www.comefollowme.info To book a place, email ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

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 *EVERYONE WELCOME* Please contact Parish Office for further details.

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. 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.

MIGRANT SLAVERY CONFERENCE: 26th September. The diocesan Justice, Peace and Social Responsibility Team is hosting this conference on at St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX, 9.30am – 3.30pm. There is an excellent line-up of speakers including Kevin Hyland, Independent Anti Slavery Commissioner, Fiona Cunningham, Centre for Social Justice, Jess Gealer, Medaille Trust and Laura Franklin, Assistant Commissioner, Police and Crime Commissioner, Isle of Wight. Booking is essential: the day will cost £10. Priority booking for members of diocesan parishes until the end of June when booking will be open to all. The day is likely to become fully booked very quickly so please book now. Bookings at www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/bookings or cvirgo@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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

THANK YOU **for the offerings 11th/12thJuly**

Envelopes :	£ 156.25	Cash :	£ 133.15
Standing Orders :	£ 213.38		**Total : £ 502.78**