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



Newsletter
of the
Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY Ord. Time
Year A
26th /27th July 2014

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Week beginning 26th July :		Mass Intention
Saturday 26thJuly 6.00pm	First Mass of Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sunday 27th July 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish
Monday 28th July	—	—
Tuesday 29th July 9.30am 10.00am - 12.00	**St Martha**, *memorial* Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Ross Lovegrove Intentions
Wed. 30th July 10.30am	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Thurs. 31st July 9.30am	**St Ignatius of Loyola**, *memorial*	For all the faithful departed
Friday 1st August 9.30am	**St Alphonsus Liguori**, *feast*	Frank Eric & Magdalen Mary Andrews (Foundation Mass)
Sat.2nd Aug. 5.15 – 5 .45pm 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation First Mass of 18th Sun. Ord. Time	Repose of the soul of Patrick Doyle
Sunday 3rd Aug. 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish

Holy Mary, Mother of Love,
holding in your arms, the fruit of your womb,
graciously look upon our earth and remove from it
all that hardens our hearts and dims our eyes
to the preciousness of human life,
from the moment of conception to natural death.

Through the example of your tenderness
teach us the ways of compassion and love
that we may build up the civilisation of love among us
and a society that is truly worthy of the human person.

Help us to reject all that contributes to a culture of death,
and to work with others of goodwill
in promoting the culture of life.

Bring us ever closer to your Son,
so that we may know the fullness of life that he offers us
and come to know that life more perfectly,
with you, and all the angels and saints,
in the eternal life of Heaven. *Amen*

http://www.dayforlife.org/Home/2014-Materials/Prayer

Second Collection this weekend for
Day for Life

This is the day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life. There will be a mandatory second collection in parishes to support Day for Life. Proceeds of the collection will go to The Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other pro-life related activities supported by the Catholic Church in England and Wales.



Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time Yr A

www.biblical.ie/lections

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12.

King Solomon's prayer for wisdom: he prays for a heart that would discern between good and evil.

Romans 8:28-30.

If we simply love God, everything that happens to us will work for our good and bring us closer to Christ.

Matthew 13:44-52.

Three parables: the treasure, the pearl and the net. The kingdom of God, our relationship with our blessed Lord, is to be prized beyond everything else.

Solomon prayed for the gift of discernment, something we all need. All things have value, but if we over-value them, we devalue God. We need the spirit of faith-filled detachment.

- May we have the gift of discernment between good and evil, in the often complex circumstances of life. May we have a spirit of faith-filled detachment, not becoming possessed by material things.

- May addicts be released from their addiction and experience a healthy freedom of spirit.

- May we prize our relationship with our blessed Lord, as the pearl of great price, beyond everything else in life.

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MIRACLES

A man traversed land and sea to check for himself the Master's extraordinary fame.

"What miracles has your Master worked?" he said to a disciple.

"Well, there are miracles and miracles. In your land it is regarded as a miracle if God does someone's will. In our country it is regarded as a miracle if someone does the will of God."

© Anthony de Mello, SJ http://lazarus.trinityjanesville.org/demello.htm

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EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Don't forget that the church is open Tuesdays after Mass until 12.00 noon for quiet prayer and Adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament (but see below), so if you feel in need of some spiritual refreshment come along!
Thank you to all those on the rota who managed to re-schedule to accommodate the change of day from Wednesday to Tuesday.

If *you* could commit to 'watching' on a regular basis, have a word with Jo, the rota co-ordinator. We need at least three people in the church at any one time. It would be useful to have more people on the rota as watchers sometimes have appointments, holiday commitments etc.

There will be no Exposition during the month of August.

FAREWELL to FR JOHN LEE and FR DAVID QUARMBY

On 3rd September there will be a Celebration Mass at 7.00pm at St. Thomas More's Iford for the service the Pastoral Area has received from Fr. John and Fr. David.

The APC hope that as many people as possible will try to attend.

Summer Drama Club at St Thomas More's

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.

LOST PROPERTY A reminder that any items which have been in the lost property box underneath the 'free table' for a long time and which are not collected by Sunday 3rd August will be taken to a charity shop. Could you please check and see if anything belongs to you?
Many thanks.

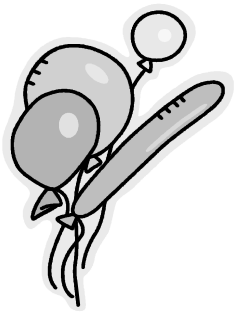
COPIES OF THE SUMMER EDITION OF 'THE LINK' , OUR PASTORAL AREA NEWSLETTER, ARE AVAILABLE - HAVE YOU TAKEN YOUR COPY?

Please send contributions (photos of events etc.) for the Autumn edition of 'The Link' to mike.gage@tiscali.co.uk by 1st August. Please share your good news with fellow parishioners in our Pastoral Area. We would love to hear from you!

ALSO, THERE ARE COPIES OF 'PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE' LEFT - PLEASE HELP YOURSELVES!

Hall Hire

A reminder that our church hall is available for hire for birthday parties etc.
To check availability and for further details, please contact Marysa, the hall bookings secretary.



Details of the charges applicable may be found on the noticeboard in the church foyer and on the church hall notice-board.
(- Special rate for St Thomas More parishioners!)

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 Sept. 2014.
Open Evening for Parents/Carers and Students attending other non-Catholic Primary Schools only:
Tuesday 23rd Sept. 2014. Please see notice board.

ENTRY INTO YEAR 7 - SEPTEMBER 2015

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION SHOULD BE LODGED WITH ST PETER'S SCHOOL, IFORD SITE, BY **31st OCTOBER 2014.** e.g. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORM (Confirmation of Religious Practice) BAPTISM CERTIFICATE (if applicable) FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (if applicable)

UNFORTUNATELY ST PETER'S ARE UNABLE TO CHASE THESE DOCUMENTS AS THEY HAVE IN THE PAST.

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 2015*** and ***31st August 2016*** and are looking for a place in Reception in September 2015.

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

YOUTH MASS

at Corpus Christi on **Sunday 3rd August at 5pm** (arranged by the Youth Council.)

This is an invitation to all young people to join together to celebrate Mass followed by refreshments and socialising afterwards in the Parish Centre.

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.

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT: St John's Cathedral 11.00am - 4.00pm, Saturday 16th August.
Please see the 2014 'Dates for the Diary' from the Confraternity of the Rosary on the notice board.

THE JOURNEY (diocesan youth ministry pilgrimage) : Pilgrimage to Walsingham 21st-25th August for those aged 16-25. Costs £100 - this covers coach travel to Walsingham, a donation towards the festival and all food is provided. Bring your own tent to camp or sleep in marquees provided. Sign up on the Portsmouth Diocese website and please indicate whether you would like to be picked up from Portsmouth, Winchester or Reading. Any queries - email edchap@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION: St Dominic's Priory, Sway **Saturday 11th October** 10:00am to 4pm. For Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and Musicians. Bring a packed lunch. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the list in the church porch. There will be a charge of around £8 which will be payable on the day.

CAFOD Portsmouth : will be holding a meeting for all supporters on Saturday 13 September from 10am until 1.30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School (Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX). To book a place please ring 01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk Speakers include Sarah Smith-Pearse (Communications Officer for Latin America and the Caribbean) who will be talking about the agency's work in Peru and Sophie Dodgeon (Head of Campaigns) who will outline the new climate change campaign.

THANK YOU **for the offerings 12th/ 13th July**

Envelopes & Cash :	£ 238.05	
Standing Orders :	£ 142.62	**Total : £ 380.65**
Apostleship of the Sea :	£ 124.65	*Thank you!*