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* call the chaplain or his substitute ***directly,*** using, ***in order,*** the following nos: Fr John Lee: 01202 483340 Emergency mob: 07850 365897 If these fail, ring St Thomas More's / the Annunciation Church		

THE JOURNEY (diocesan youth ministry pilgrimage) : Pilgrimage to Walsingham 21st-25th August for those aged 16-25. Costs £100. Bring your own tent to camp or sleep in marquees provided. Sign up on the Portsmouth Diocese website. 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 : Meeting for all supporters Sat.13th Sept., 10am - 1.30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School (Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG249DX). 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.

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN : With the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph in the New Forest. 5th to 7th Sept. "We wish to invite you to a weekend retreat for young women (18-35yrs) desiring to grow in their faith and love of Jesus Christ through our Dominican spirituality. Come encounter Jesus Christ in our life of prayer, liturgy, study, community life and mission." Costs £60 (full board). Contact 01590 681874, dominicansisters@talk21.com, website: www.dominicansistersofstjoseph.org

YCA (YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS) NATIONAL WEEKEND AT DOUAI ABBEY: 19th - 21st September. For more details, please see www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm

SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND: 27th & 28th September. For full details please visit www.celebrateconference.org.



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St Thomas More

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY Ord. Time

Year A 2nd /3rd August 2014

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Week beginning 2nd August :		Mass Intention
Saturday 2nd Aug. 6.00pm	First Mass of 18th Sun. Ordinary Time	Repose of the soul of Patrick Doyle
Sunday 3rd Aug. 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	EIGHTEENTH SUN. ORD. TIME	People of the Parish
Monday 4th August	—	—
Tuesday 5th Aug. 9.30am	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Wed. 6th Aug. 10.30am	**TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**, *feast*	For all the faithful departed
Thurs. 7th Aug. 9.30am	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Friday 8th Aug. 9.30am	**St Dominic**, *memorial*	For all the parish faithful departed
Sat. 9th Aug 5.15 – 5 45pm 6.00pm	Reconciliation First Mass of 19th Sun. Ord. Time	People of the Parish
Sunday 10th Aug. 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	NINETEENTH SUN. ORD. TIME	People of the Parish

YOUTH MASS AT CORPUS CHRISTI : **This Sunday** 3rd August at 5pm (arranged by 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.

THANK YOU for the offerings 26th/27th July

Envelopes :	£ 162.00	Cash :	£ 63.24
Standing Orders :	£ 142.62	**Total : £ 367.86**	
Day for Life :	£ 61.90		

Eighteenth Sunday Ord. Time Yr A

Isaiah 55: 1-3; Romans 8: 35; Matthew 14: 13-21, 37-39

The experience of wilderness is common to all of the three readings today. The Gospel incident is set within the context of a "lonely place," far from the towns. In the first reading, the prophet addresses a people who experienced the wilderness of exile. Paul suffered his own wilderness, as is clear from the second reading where he speaks of his experience of being troubled, worried, persecuted, threatened, attacked, lacking at times the basic necessities of food and clothing. Such a wilderness experience will have been experienced by most of us at various times. Yet, all three readings also speak of a God whose love has the power to sustain, even in the heart of the wilderness. The word of God spoken by Isaiah, the personal confession of Paul, the actions of Jesus all proclaim this encouraging and sustaining message.

The wilderness experience can be a salutary one. When trials come, our perspectives can radically change, our sense of values can be upturned, what once seemed so important may no longer seem so, and vice-versa. Such an experience can shatter many of our illusions, e.g. the illusion that we are completely in control of our lives, that our own resources are sufficient to enable us to cope with life. A crisis situation can bring home to us how small, in fact, our resources are. Like the crowd in today's gospel, we are forced to acknowledge how inadequate are our few loaves and fish, when faced with the task of the moment. The shattering of the illusion of independence can be the occasion for grasping anew the profound truth of our dependence on God, and the good news that "with God nothing will be impossible" (Luke 1:37.) To be able to feed ourselves is a sign that we have left behind the dependence of childhood. Yet, even as adults, there is a sense in which we need to become again like little children, acknowledging our dependence on God, our need to be fed by him. There is a hunger in our lives which only God can satisfy. We can so easily waste our resources on what fails to satisfy (First Reading.) In Jesus, God gives himself as the Bread of life and promises that those who come to him will never go hungry (John 6:35.)

The Lord not only calls us to himself to be fed, he also sends us out to feed, to give as we have received, to forgive as we have been forgiven, to love as we have been loved. In the gospel reading it was by means of his disciples that Jesus fed the multitude. There is a relationship between the Eucharist and a life of service. The language which describes Jesus taking, blessing, breaking and giving the bread is Eucharistic. The Eucharist, where we celebrate the presence among us of one who can satisfy our deepest hunger, commits us to the feeding of the hungry, the care of those in the wilderness of life. The Eucharist calls us to become the bread of God in the world, taken by him and blessed and, at times, broken so as to be given for the service of others.

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FAREWELL to FR JOHN LEE and FR DAVID QUARMBY

On 3rd September at 7.00 pm there will be a Celebration Mass here at St Thomas More's 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.

Would anyone like to join our team of Welcomers?



Welcomers are needed, particularly on a Sunday. This Ministry is especially suited to families.

If you are interested in helping our parish in this way, please drop a note in to the parish office or have a chat with Father Darryl. Many thanks.

PLANNED GIVING LETTERS

Please take your letter from the table at the entrance to the church.
Many thanks!

Steve Ferris, Fabric & Finance Chair.

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.