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Newsletter
of the
Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

NINETEENTH SUNDAY Ord. Time Yr B

8th / 9th August 2015

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Week beginning 8th August:		Mass Intention
Saturday 8th August 6.00pm	First Mass of 19th Sun. of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sunday 9th August 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	**NINETEENTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME**	Repose of the soul of Gerald King
Monday 10th August	_	_
Tuesday 11th August 9.30am	**St Clare,** *memorial*	For all the faithful departed
Wed. 12th August 10.30am *Ordinariate Mass* **12.30pm**	Feria **Nuptial Mass**	For all the faithful departed **Jade Woodall & Loren Tharme**
Thurs. 13th August 9.30am	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Friday 14th August 9.30am	**St Maximilian Maria Kolbe,** *memorial*	For all the Parish faithful departed
Sat. 15th August 5.15 – 5.45pm 6.00pm	Vigil Mass of the Assumption of Our Lady	People of the Parish
Sunday 16th August 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	**THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY**	People of the Parish



On Wednesday, 12th August,
Jade Charmaine Woodall will marry Loren Daniel Tharme,
here at St Thomas More's at 12.30pm.

We offer them our warmest congratulations.

Love and best wishes for a lifetime of happiness.

Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time Yr B

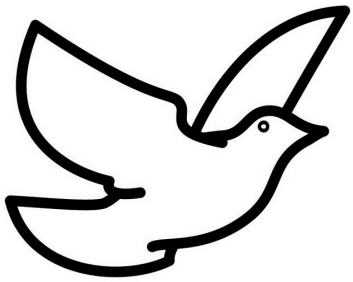
The Presence of Christ in the Word of God.

The Gospel passage makes a contrast between eating manna which gave only transitory life and eating the bread of heaven which gives eternal life. This too is applied to belief, since "everybody who believes has eternal life" and "to hear the teaching of the Father and to learn from it is to come to me." This gives rise to two thoughts, that Jesus, contrasted with manna which stands for imperfect revelation, is the fullness of revelation, and that the healthy notion of God recognises that he is almost entirely unknowable. We cannot picture God, say after the manner of a bearded old man, without reducing him to our own level, and almost the most we can do is say that he is utterly beyond anything which we do know, even the whole created universe with its incredibly remote beginnings and its unlimited and continuing expansion. So the need for the incarnation by means of which we might come to understand God in so far as he can be understood, by means of his translation into human form. Christ is the mediator not only sacrificial but also in understanding.

Secondly, the way we approach revelation is a sort of judgement on ourselves. This makes it fitting that we should examine and purge ourselves at the beginning of Mass, not only before communion but also before listening to God's word. If we are to be open to God's word we must first purge ourselves of the obstacles which impede a real encounter with Christ in the word. Only if we have this unlimited openness are we prepared to receive him and his message, to learn from him even though his demands may be awkward, and to believe that he and no other is the source of life. If we are not prepared to do this, we are listening only for our own judgement and condemnation by refusing him.

Finally, one must say that it is fitting that the Bread of Life which is revelation should be received in the same life-situation as the Bread of Life which is the Eucharist. For both are the mediation of something living. The life of the Church is founded on belief, without which nothing else is meaningful, and this belief is passed on not simply by the book of the Bible but by the living voice of the Church. It is then expressed in the action of the Eucharist.

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



CONFIRMATIONS

for the **Avon Stour Pastoral Area** will be on Saturday 16th April next year.
Applications are invited from anyone who will be twelve years old or over on 1st September 2015. Adult candidates are welcome to register also.
Please complete an application form (on the 'free table' in the church porch) and return it to either Father Darryl or the Parish Office.

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.
All happening in Christchurch but open to the whole Pastoral Area.
Contact Father Darryl for more details.

LEGALISATION OF ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

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.



A Message from the Flower Arrangers -

Did you know that it is possible to **sponsor a special flower arrangement** in our church for a special occasion? For example, the birthday of a loved one - or maybe a special Anniversary?

Just have a word with any member of the flower arranging team - they are usually here arranging the flowers on a Thursday morning after the 9.30am Mass.

Alternatively, just drop a note into the parish office.

From the diocese: **Formation for Mission News and Events**

Portsmouth diocese Catholic Youth are planning a youth pilgrimage coach from our diocese to Walsingham for Youth 2000's summer prayer festival. Register your interest for this great event through the online application form. 27th - 31st of August 2015. A 5 day Prayer Festival, packed with dynamic talks, live band worship, powerful prayer times, fun social activities, creative workshops, in-depth discussions, evening entertainment and loads more. With top speakers from the USA and all over the UK. Look out for the programme coming soon! To be held at the Roman Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham, Norfolk, NR22 6AL. Youth 2000 events are primarily for 16-35 year olds. www.youth2000.org/#!the-promised-land/c13gp

If you are a **catechist**, you'll be interested to see Formation for Mission's new webpage on the diocesan website: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation.
All upcoming events are listed, including:

- Come Follow Me Training Day - 25th July
- Retreat Day for Catechists - 26th September
- Day for Catechists - 17th October
- Conference by Matthew Pinto (Founder of Ascension Press) - 9th November

Suggested resources are also listed - for adults, for young people and for children.

The Catholic Church in England and Wales launches Safeguarding E-learning
If you have a role working with children, young people or adults who may be vulnerable, or if you are a parent who wants to understand on-line safety, you are encouraged to read the e-learning safeguarding brochure. This explains what programmes are available via e-learning and how to access the programmes that interest you. This e-learning package is part of the Church's commitment to safeguarding, recognising we all have a role to play in creating a safe environment.
Go to: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/safeguarding.

Called & Gifted: 'Taster Session'- Either Tuesday 13th October, 7.30-9.00pm, at Christchurch or Thursday 15th October, 11.00am-12.30pm at Ringwood.
Called & Gifted Main Event - Friday, 6th Nov. in the evening and Saturday,7th Nov. in the daytime.

Migrant Slavery Conference – 26th September 2015
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

Keep in touch with the latest news! The Diocese of Portsmouth now issues a weekly e-news with photos, news, and information from around the Diocese. Go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and add your email address to receive these updates. Are you on Facebook? Like 'Diocese of Portsmouth' to get all the latest info as it happens. You can also follow @BishopEgan and @PortsmouthRC on Twitter.

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.		

HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH, SUMMER FAIR: Kilmington Way, Highcliffe. Saturday, 15th August, 2.30pm. All welcome.

FANNING THE FLAME: Catholic Youth Camp 2015 St.Dominic's Priory, Sway 17th – 21st August. Age range: 10-25. £90 per person. Details and booking forms from the sisters at Dominican.sisters@talk21.com or on 01590 681874.

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 on **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.

SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND: 26th & 27th September. Full details can be found on www.celebrateconference.org and booking forms can be downloaded. Last year we unfortunately had to turn away a few families who wanted to book on at the last minute because the children's streams were full. We cannot emphasize enough the need for early booking.

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS WEEKEND AT AYLESFORD 2015: Saturday 31st October to Sunday 1st November. For more details and to book, please see www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk

THANK YOU

for the offerings 1st/2nd August

Envelopes :	£ 155.94	Cash :	£ 141.39
Standing Orders :	£ 213.38		**Total : £ 510.71**
Day for Life :	£ 37.22		

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