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Newsletter
of the
Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

NINETEENTH SUNDAY Yr C

6th/7th August 2016

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Week beginning 6th/7th August		Mass Intention
Saturday 6th August Confessions 5.15–5.45pm First Mass 6.00pm	**NINETEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**	Repose of the soul of Stephen Peate
Sunday 7th August Sunday Mass 9.30am Ordinariate Mass 11.15am Syro-Malabar Mass 4.00pm		People of the Parish ----------
Tuesday 9th August (No Mass today)	–	–
Wednesday 10th August Ordinariate Mass 10.30am	**ST LAURENCE,** *feast*	----------
Thursday 11th August (No Mass today)	–	–
Friday 12th August (No 9.30amMass today) **Wedding, at 12.00 noon, of Rebecca Challis and Shaun Weedon**	–	–
Saturday 13th August Confessions 5.15–5.45pm Vigil Mass 6.00pm	**THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY**	People of the Parish
Sunday 14th August Sunday Mass 9.30am		People of the Parish

We welcome Father Ron Hishon, who will be celebrating the weekend Masses 13th/14th August, 20th/21st August and 27th/28th August.

Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time Yr C

Obedient Faith The story of Abraham proposes that faith in God can give our life serenity, security and deep joy. The great patriarch had such trust in God's promise that it kept him going through life. We are impressed at how Abraham obeyed when God asked him to leave the past behind and launch out into an unknown future.

The Gospel reaffirms that a whoever belongs to Jesus need have no fear. People who makes God their treasure, and commit to Christ as our guide to living, see life as a journey leading to our true home where a loving Father is there to welcome us. If we can keep our eyes fixed on the vision that God has promised and attune our ears to the voice of God in the scriptures and in the events of daily life, we can live with confidence in his presence.

The same Gospel suggests that God also makes demands of us. If the saints in Scripture had many proofs of God's love, they also experienced suffering both as individuals and as a race. Often their faith was seriously put to the test, like that of Abraham and his wife Sarah, when it seemed that the promise of children could never be realized. The spirituality of Abraham ruggedly trying out to follow God's call in the obscurity of faith remains a template for Christian faith.

We don't know in advance how God's demanding love may make demands will clash with our selfish plans. We cannot know when personal illness, bereavement or some other trying experience will put us to the test. But we do know that our life will be a success if we set our hearts on values that go beyond all the transitory goods of this world. Our faith, like Abraham's, is leading us onward, always pointing to something still to come, and at the end of our pilgrimage, like his, all God's promises will be fulfilled.

www.biblical.ie/lections/SC3.asp

'**THE LINK'**, your Pastoral Area newsletter, would welcome contributions of news and photos from around our Pastoral Area for the Autumn 2016 edition. Please send them to olqp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by Thursday 1st September. Thank you!

HELP NEEDED PLEASE!

Is there anyone who could give up an hour or so of their time to help with the cleaning of the church? We have a small dedicated group who would very much welcome any assistance you could give!
The church is cleaned on a Friday morning after the morning Mass.



Please either have a word with any of the church cleaners or contact the parish office.





DID YOU KNOW?
There is a crate underneath the 'free table', near the church front doors, where you can put your donations to the local Charminster foodbank. Sealed packets, jars and tins most welcome.
Thank you.

CAFOD Year of Mercy and Pilgrimage Resources can be found at http://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Year-of-Mercy.
World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, *1st September* - http://cafod.org.uk/content/download/29948/340910/version/7/Prayer%20vigil%20for%20the%20care%20of%20creation.pdf

SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND: The 9th Southampton Celebrate Weekend takes place 4th/25th Sept. at an exciting new venue, St. George Catholic College. The speakers will be Michelle Moran, Emily Leakey, Ros Powell and Russ Parker. There will be drama and mimes with Steve Murray, great Praise & Worship, a variety of seminars/workshops and daily Mass. Booking forms are available at www.celebrateconference.org. Please remember this event is not just for Southampton, but for anyone who would like to attend.

THANK YOU

for the offerings 30th/31st July

Envelopes :	£ 140.61	Cash :	£ 118.11
Standing Orders :	£ 192.23		**Total : £ 450.95**

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 and Blessed Margaret Pole, 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.		