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		

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. Please be aware that all supporting documentation should be lodged at the Iford site by 31st October.

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.

CONFRATERNITY OF THE ROSARY: Day to the Isle of Wight, Thursday 11th September. Includes a visit to Quarr Abbey, Holy Mass at St Mary's Church, Ryde, a talk by Peter Clarke and lunch at the Trouville Hotel, Sandown. Return ferry 6.00pm.Cost of all coach travel, the two sailings and the lunch is £40.

THANK YOU for the offerings 9th/10thAugust

Envelopes :	£ 108.35	Cash :	£ 47.12
Standing Orders :	£ 142.62	**Total : £ 298.09**	



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TWENTIETH SUNDAY Ord. Time
Year A 16th /17th August 2014

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Week beginning 16th August :		Mass Intention
Saturday16th Aug. 6.00pm	First Mass of 20th Sun. Ordinary Time	Mrs Joan Smith; that she receives good care.
Sunday 17th Aug. 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	TWENTIETH SUN. ORD. TIME	Eddie Scuffle, RIP
Monday 18th August	—	—
Tuesday 19th August	*No Mass Today*	—
Wed. 20th Aug. 10.30am	St Bernard, *memorial*	For all the faithful departed
Thurs. 21st August	*No Mass Today*	—
Friday 22nd August	*No Mass Today*	—
Sat23rd Aug 5.15 – 5.45pm 6.00pm	Reconciliation First Mass of 21st Sun. Ord. Time	Polly Stedmon, RIP
Sunday 24th Aug. 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	TWENTIETH SUN. ORD. TIME	Barbara Mary Anthony (Foundation Mass)

Please note: Fr Darryl will be on summer holiday for two weeks, starting Monday 18th August. Mgr Ron Hishon and Mgr Edwin Barnes will be covering the weekend Masses during this time. There will still be the Ordinariate Mass on the Wednesdays at 10.30am.

A WARM WELCOME TO THE FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF
EMILY HELEN AND **MAYA JANE JANCA** ('JAN-sy')
- BAPTISM AT OUR 9.30am MASS

Twentieth Sunday Ord. Time Yr A

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7, Romans 11: 13-15, Matthew 15: 21-28.

Inclusive Love *www.biblical.ie/lections*

At the centre of last Sunday's gospel was Peter, a man of little faith. At the heart of today's gospel is a woman of great faith. It is often the case that faith is not found where we might have expected it and is found in abundance where we would least expect it. Many of the prophet's contemporaries would have been surprised and even offended at his vision of the godless foreigners streaming into the house of God. Paul was surprised and disappointed that his own race, the people of God, rejected the gospel of God's Son, whereas the blind and foolish Gentiles embraced it. Today's readings implicitly warn us of the danger of pre-judging, categorizing, and compartmentalizing others, and alert us to the possibility of being surprised at the workings of God among men and women. Perhaps what is often our own attitude is best reflected in the behaviour of the disciples in today's gospel. They wanted Jesus to send away as quickly as possible this annoying pagan woman. Far from complying with the disciples request, today's gospel reading mentions, no less than three times, that Jesus "answered" the woman.

One might contrast the inclusive attitude of Jesus with our own exclusive attitudes. We can suffer from a religious snobbery, a boastfulness which excludes others from the possibility of a relationship with God which we consider ourselves to enjoy. We can be blind to the movements of the Spirit in the lives of those who belong to a different church from ours. We may be slow to acknowledge an openness to God among those who are of a different race, colour. background or social class to ourselves. The readings remind us that we cannot possess God for ourselves, that he can never be the exclusive property of any one group. God is always greater than our idea of him and he refuses to be contained by our often narrow view of him. "I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy" (Exod 33:19.)

We are called to show forth in our lives the inclusiveness of God. Are we unjustly excluding people from our lives? It is easy and natural to love those who love us, to be good to those who are good to us, to pray for those who pray for us, to include only those who include us. More is required of those who have received in abundance God's merciful love.

CALLED TO BE ONE

The Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham are hosting an open day on Saturday 5th September, starting in the nave with an organ recital by Peter Cook, Ordinariate organist, followed by a display of 'Beautiful Things', and ending with Solemn Evensong and Benediction. All are warmly invited!

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

St Dominic's Priory, Sway, Saturday 11th October, 10am to 4pm for Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and Musicians. Please see sign-up list on 'free table.'

FAREWELL to FR JOHN LEE and FR DAVID QUARMBY

On 3rd September at 7.00 pm there will be a Celebration Mass here at Saint 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.

If you haven't already done so, please don't forget to pick up your planned giving letter from the table at the entrance to the church. Many thanks!

Please Help Our Christian Brethren In Iraq!

Coffee Morning with Stalls

Bring & Buy…..Books…..Cakes…..Plants…..Raffle
Aid to Church in Need
Goods & Xmas Cards!





St. Thomas More Hall
Saturday 23rd August
10.30 am—12.30 pm
Donations and Offers of Help Gratefully Received

All Proceeds to Aid to the Church in Need

From **CAFOD**: We encourage Catholics across England and Wales to follow Cardinal Vincent Nichols' call for the 'protection of all communities', 'long term security', and to pray for peace. We will be keeping our website cafod.org.uk updated with information as we receive it from our partners on the ground over the next few days. You will understand how difficult it is for our partners to share news with us given the situations they are working in. Prayers for peace in Iraq and more in depth stories can be found on our website.

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