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.

THANK YOU for the offerings 16th/17thAugust

Envelopes & Cash: £ 269.40 Standing Orders : £ 142.62

Total : £ 412.02



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St Thomas More

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY Ord. Time
Year A 23rd /24th August 2014

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Week beginning 23rdAugust :		Mass Intention
Saturday23rd Aug. 6.00pm	First Mass of 21st Sun. Ordinary Time	Polly Stedmon, RIP
Sunday 24th Aug. 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY ORD.TIME	Barbara Mary Anthony (Foundation Mass)
Monday 25th August	—	—
Tuesday 26th August	*No Mass Today*	—
Wed. 27thAug. 10.30am	**St Monica,** *memorial*	For all the faithful departed
Thurs. 28th August	*No Mass Today*	—
Friday 29th August	*No Mass Today*	—
Sat30th Aug 5.15 – 5.45pm 6.00pm	Reconciliation First Mass of 22nd Sun. Ord. Time	David Francis Cassidy (Foundation Mass transferred from 25/8/14)
Sunday 31st Aug. 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY ORD.TIME	For Amber Cook and all the altar servers.

Please note: Fr Darryl is on summer holiday - he will be back after next weekend.

We welcome **Mgr Ron Hishon** and **Mgr Edwin Barnes** who are covering the weekend Masses.

Twenty-first Sunday Ord. Time Yr

The Answer is Within You *www.biblical.ie/lections*

"Who do you say that I am?" is probably one of the most important questions in the gospel. In today's gospel we are told that the apostles were asked that question. Today, that question is being put to us. Jesus puts some personal questions to his apostles. "Who do you say that I am? Will you also go away? Do you love me more than these?"

Notice in today's gospel that he begins with a general question: "Who do people say that! am?" They give him several answers and then he comes with the vital question: "But you, who do you say that I am?" Every place he went he taught the people, but they were different people each time. The apostles, however, were present to hear all of his teaching. Surely they should have a much clearer idea than the general public.

Peter steps into the breach with the correct answer: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." It is interesting that Peter could give this answer with such conviction while, later on, he would deny him and desert him. Most of us can identify with Peter, who shows more of humanity than any of the other apostles. Perhaps he knew this up in his head, but it had not yet arrived down in his heart. Knowing who Jesus is, is not faith, because even Satan knows who Jesus is. Knowing it in the head is nothing more than mental assent. It is when I begin to act on that knowledge that it becomes faith.

Jesus commends Peter, however, for his answer, and he says that it is the Father who has revealed this truth to him. He then goes on to confirm Peter as the one on which he would build his enterprise. There follows a real outpouring of trust and of promise. The church will be built on Peter, and it will remain safe from all the attacks of the evil one. It will continue to live with his promises, and he will accept whatever the church does in his name. Later on, when Jesus ascended into heaven, he brought the body he had with him. He then sent the Spirit to complete his work. Our roles, and the role of the church, is to provide the body, so that the Spirit can work through us.

"Who do you say that l am?" The answer to that question will not be found in a book. Rather will I find it in my heart? There are three parts to the answer. The first has to do with the past. If Jesus is my Saviour, then I can safely entrust to him the room of my past, with all its sins, brokenness, and hurts. If Jesus is Saviour in that room of my past, there is no place for guilt, self-condemnation, or regret. St Thérèse of Lisieux had such confidence in God's love and mercy, that she said if she committed every sin that has ever been committed, she would die, trusting totally in his mercy and forgiveness.

The second part of the answer has to do with the future. If Jesus is Lord, then I have no reason to fear the future, because he is in charge. Just as I should not be in that room of my past with guilt, neither should I be in the room of my future with worry. "If you follow me, you will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Each day brings its own daily bread, and I am asked to live my life, one day at a time.

The third part of the answer has to do with now. God is totally a God of now. "I am who am." Just as he is Saviour in that room of my past, and Lord in that room of my future, so he must be God in the room of today.

It is easy for us to slip into the trap of trying to play God. Accepting the things I cannot change means that I am powerless over persons, places, or things. Allowing God be God in my life makes all things possible.

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.



MISSION TODAY

The latest, August 2014, editions are now available. Please take your copy from the 'free table'.



THE LINK

Please send in your summer articles by

10th September

for inclusion into the next edition.



Hall Hire

A reminder that our church hall is available for hire for birthday parties etc.
For details, please see noticeboard in church.

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. There is a 'sign-up sheet on the 'free table'.

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.