Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg'd. Charity No. 246871



Newsletter
of the
Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY

Ordinary Time Yr B
22nd / 23rd August 2015

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Week beginning 22nd August:		Mass Intention
Saturday 22nd August 6.00pm	First Mass of 21st Sun. of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sunday 23rd August 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	**TWENTY- FIRST SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME**	Repose of the soul of Polly Stedmon
Monday 24th August	_	_
Tuesday 25th August 9.30am	No Mass today	_
Wed. 26th August 10.30am *Ordinariate Mass*	Feria	David Francis Cassidy (Foundation Mass)
Thurs. 27th August 9.30am	No Mass today	_
Friday 28th August 9.30am	No Mass today	_
Sat. 29th August 5.15 – 5.45pm 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation First Mass of 22nd Sun. of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sunday 30th August 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	**TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME**	People of the Parish

<u>WELCOME TO MONSIGNOR BARNES</u> ,
celebrating the Masses this weekend.

<u>MGR. RON HISHON</u> will be our Celebrant
next weekend.

21st Sunday Ordinary Time Yr B

Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18.
When the people reach the Promised Land they have a vital decision to make - whether to continuing serving the one true God or to "go native" and serve the gods of Canaan.

Ephesians 5: 25-32.
Paul's image of a marriage relationship expresses the faithful love that exists between Christ and the Church.

John 6: 60-69.
When many turn away because they cannot accept his teaching, Jesus' apostles face the same choice: " Will you also leave me?" Peter answers, "Lord, to whom can we go?"

Some parts of the Bible message are consoling; others are less palatable. We tend to tailor the gospel to fit our lifestyle. Jesus was prepared to lose disciples rather than compromise.

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

Interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith?

In our Pastoral Area, St. Joseph's at Christchurch and Christchurch Priory are once again hosting an **Alpha Course**
This is a non-denominational basic course in Christianity aimed at non-Christians, but open to Christians seeking a refresher of faith roots. It will be held Septemberto the New Year.
This will be followed by **Catholic Alpha**
which will add topics on the Sacraments and other Catholic topics – New Year to Easter.
Open to the whole Pastoral Area.

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 the Parish Office.

The first meeting is for parents and candidates and will be held at St Joseph's Church, Purewell, Christchurch on **Tuesday 15th September at 7.30pm**.
Candidates need to bring a copy of their First Holy Communion certificate.

SAVE THE DATES! Have you ever wondered "*What does God want of me?*" or "*What is God calling me to do in life – and how on earth am I supposed to do it?*"
Well that's what our forthcoming Pastoral Area ***Called & Gifted*** Process is all about.
More details in September, but meanwhile, PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES NOW:

Called & Gifted TASTER SESSION (a chance to find out what it's all about and decide if you'd like to come to come to the Main Event in November):
Choose EITHER Tue 13 Oct 2015 7.30-9.00pm at Christchurch
OR Thu 15 Oct 2015 11.00am-12.30pm at Ringwood

Called & Gifted MAIN EVENT: (most likely in Southbourne)
BOTH Fri 6 Nov 2015 evening AND Sat 7 Nov 2015 daytime

Catechists' Retreat at Sway. Saturday 26th September.
A retreat day for Catechists at St Dominic's Priory, in the New Forest, to start the new school year with the Lord. This retreat day will take place from 10 am to 4 pm and will include Mass, a talk and times of quiet prayer. It is open to anyone involved in passing on the faith to adults and children, in catechesis or children's liturgy. You can register online on the diocesan website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation or by calling the Dominican Sisters: 01590 681 874. Attendance is free. Bring a packed lunch.

'THE LINK' PASTORAL AREA NEWSLETTER
Please email contributions for the next newsletter
by 30th September to
olqp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Share your news and photos!





A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!
The *Harvest Supper* will be on **October 17th**
- in the church hall after the Saturday vigil Mass.
As in previous years, this will be followed by an auction of harvest produce, with any monies raised going to charity.
Further details nearer the time.

Migrant Slavery Conference 26th September, 9.30am – 3.30pm. The diocesan Justice, Peace and Social Responsibility Team is hosting this conference on at St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX. 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

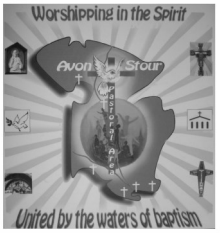
ST PETER'S OPEN EVENINGS There will be two sessions. Parents/carers and children are welcome to attend on either **Thursday 17th September 2015** Time: 6.00pm to 8.30pm Head Teacher's talk: 7.00pm Venue: De La Salle Theatre, St Peter's School, Southbourne, St Catherine's Rd.,
or on **Tuesday 22nd September 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 Oct. 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.

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.

Pastoral Area No. 20: AVON STOUR.

Co-ordinating Pastor – Fr Tom Grufferty.



HOSPITAL VISITS: Royal Bournemouth & Christchurch Hospitals For non-urgent requests contact the Chaplaincy Office on 01202 704221. They have an answerphone. For more urgent requests/ out of hours, the duty RC chaplain may be contacted via the switchboard on 01202 303626

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

CAFOD : Portsmouth Supporters' Meeting - 12 September. Join us at our next meeting on Saturday 12 Sept. 10am - 1.30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School (Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX) where we will explore our new Laudato Si' study guide for parishes and hear more about CAFOD's work in Niger. To book a place please ring 01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk <mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND: 26th & 27th September. Full details can be found on www.celebrateconference.org and booking forms can be downloaded.

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 15th/16th August

Envelopes :	£ 161.40	Cash :	£ 91.52
Standing Orders :	£ 213.38		**Total : £ 466.30**

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