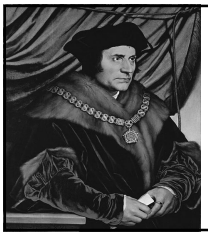
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Newsletter
of the
Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY Ord. Time Yr C

20th/21st August 2016

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Week beginning 20th/21st August		Mass Intention
Saturday 20th August Confessions 5.15–5.45pm Vigil Mass 6.00pm	**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**	People of the Parish
Sunday 21st August Sunday Mass 9.30am		For the repose of the soul of Alice Scibberas
Tuesday 23rd August (No Mass today)	–	–
Wednesday 24th August Ordinariate Mass 10.30am	**ST BARTHOLOMEW,** *feast*	Barbara Mary Anthony (Foundation Mass)
Thursday 25th August (No Mass today)	–	–
Friday 26th August (No Mass today)	–	–
Saturday 27th August Confessions 5.15–5.45pm First Mass 6.00pm	**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**	David & Jo Cassidy (Foundation Mass)
Sunday 28th August Sunday Mass 9.30am		People of the Parish

Antonino ('Tony') Fiore, RIP: The funeral service for Mr Antonio Fiore, to be conducted by Fr Ron, will take place at Bournemouth Crematorium on Thursday 1st September at 1.30pm.
Antonino Fiore was father-in-law to Marianne Fiore (nee Challis). Our condolences to all the family.

Twenty-first Sunday Ord. Time Year C

Very Near To Us Responding to the beauty of a spring morning, Robert Browning wrote, "The lark's on the wing, the snail's on the thorn; God's in his heaven, all's right with the world." While the thought is beautiful, the poem suggests a misleading concept of God, which maybe most of us entertain from time to time . "God's in his heaven, all's right with the world." How often we imagine God as "away up there, somewhere," while the world goes its separate way, with the events of every day independent of God. If the Gospel shows God in the person of Jesus Christ intervening in human affairs, combating the evil forces at work in mankind, at the back of our minds we suspect that the battle against evil is not going God's way.

This kind of Deism seldom bothered his chosen people, Israel, in the Old Testament. For them God was not remote, away up there. They felt a divine presence in the events, good or evil, of everyday existence. Everything in history was somehow God's doing. Even when the cream of the nation were exiled to Babylon and their monarchy was utterly destroyed, they continued to search for the hand of God in this tragedy. Out of their shattered hopes there emerged a purer, more spiritual vision of what God meant them to be. Eventually they saw their exile as the means God used to bring salvation to the pagans. They saw their destiny as still being glorious, but now from a more spiritual perspective. As stated in Isaiah, all nations would come to worship the true God in Jerusalem. God would bring good out of the catastrophe they had endured, and this would have an effect as well on nations apart from their own.

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Constantly at the back of our minds we carry on, as it were, a conversation with ourselves, talking to ourselves, processing our hopes and fears, making plans. Relating to God means not leaving him on the fringe of all this consciousness, but making him part of it, discussing it with him, asking his guidance, his assistance, expressing to him our gratitude. All day long he is with you, and you can walk with God, you can talk with God, you can discern his loving purpose for you in every passing moment, you can rest in his presence, even while you go about your business. God, however, will not possess your soul unless you sincerely want him to.

So many of us remain "unconverted Christians," without a vision of the meaning of our lives. We remain on a material plane, like the people in the gospel who ate and drank with Jesus and heard him preaching in their streets, but with never a change in their lives. The Gospel warns that people will come from the east and west, from the north and south, and take the places at the feast in God's kingdom meant for those who were called originally. So we go on asking God to help us to enter by that narrow door, to win the inheritance set aside for us from the beginning, and not to be found wanting but rather persevere to the end.

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Dear Parishioner

Please find detailed below a statement of your offertory contributions for the financial year 2015/16. This includes the Christmas and Easter offerings as well as any Mass offerings. All special collections are returned direct to the Diocese. These are not included in the statement.

We have also listed the amount received from the Inland Revenue for gift aid which is calculated at 25% of all listed contributions. This figure includes the tax reclaimed from any gift aided Mass dedication envelopes.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you no longer pay income tax. If the parish claims gift aid on your behalf incorrectly you will be liable to repay it not the parish.

OFFERTORY:

GIFT AID:

Thank you for your generosity over the past financial year.

S. Ferris

Stephen Ferris

(Chair of Fabric & Finance Committee)

PLANNED GIVING LETTERS

Individual offertory contribution statement letters for each parishioner involved in planned giving are now available. The letters detail your contributions for the last financial year.
Thanks everyone for your generosity!
Please pick up your letter from the table by the church front doors.

KEEP THE DATE FREE!

We will be holding our
HARVEST SUPPER and AUCTION
on Saturday, 17th September.
There will be a **MEETING** in the church hall after the 9.30am Mass next Sunday, 28th August, for those who can help in any way.



THANK YOU

for the offerings 13th/14th August

Envelopes : £ 141.10 Cash : £ 121.68

Standing Orders : £ 192.23

Total : £ 455.01

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.