

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

Newsletter of the Catholic Parish of St Thomas More

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY Ord. Time Yr C 3rd/4th Sept. 2016

Week beginning 3rd/4th September		Mass Intention
Saturday 3rd September Confessions 5.15–5.45pm First Mass 6.00pm	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish
Sunday 4th September Sunday Mass 9.30am Baptism (Cookman) Ordinariate Mass 11.15am Syro-Malabar Mass 4.00pm		People of the Parish ----------
Tuesday 6th September Weekday Mass 9.30am Exp. Blessed Sacrament 10.00am	Feria	People of the Parish
Wednesday 7th September Ordinariate Mass 10.30am	Feria	----------
Thursday 8th September Weekday Mass 9.30am	THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, *feast*	For all the faithful departed
Friday 9th September Weekday Mass 9.30am Toddler Group 10.00am	Feria	For all the Parish faithful departed
Saturday 10th September Confessions 5.15–5.45pm First Mass 6.00pm	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	Frederick Rising (Foundation Mass)
Sunday 11th September Sunday Mass 9.30am Ordinariate Mass 11.15am		People of the Parish ----------

PLANNED GIVING LETTERS If you haven't yet picked up your letter from the table by the church front doors, could you please do so. Thank you!

HARVEST SUPPER and AUCTION (Saturday, 17th September) ***Tickets on sale this weekend and the next.***
After the supper (cheese or ham Ploughmans and a dessert), there will be an auction of harvest produce and the proceeds of this will be sent to CAFOD.
Could you please bring your items for the auction to the Saturday Mass on Sat.17th? They can be placed on the sacristy before Mass - baskets will be provided.
So, please bring along your harvest produce - your vegetables, fruit, bread, cakes, groceries, preserves etc. Many thanks!



'THE LINK': Fr Tom Grufferty has asked that the Autumn edition of our Pastoral Area newsletter be postponed.

REFLECTIONS ON CJM VISIT TO PASTORAL AREA 'She who sings prays twice' (Attributed to St Augustine of Hippo 354 - 430 AD) Often, especially during the summer months, I awake with the early rays of sun and I am greeted with the 'dawn chorus' of birds cooing, chirping, cheeping, shrilling and even seagulls squawking as creation greets the new day. In the Gospels Jesus is said to have got up 'before dawn' and gone to a 'lonely place' to pray. Perhaps he, like the birds, was simply sharing nature's praise of The Creator and acknowledging 'God's re-creation of the new day'.
Saint Francis of Assisi saw the divine in all created things and nature in a constant reel of divine celebration. 'I danced in the morning when the world was begun and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun'
Why not join us for a day of liturgical music at Holy Redeemer (FAITH FEST) **on Saturday 15th October 2016 led by internationally renowned Catholic composers and songwriters, Jo Boyce and Andrew Moss.** The day will start at 10am (Registration 9.30), culminate with Vigil Mass at 5pm (led musically by Jo, Andrew and participants) and will be followed by a short concert by Jo and Andrew. There is no cost but a donation will be collected on the day.
To help the organising committee cater for numbers please register your intention to participate by contacting John Murphy by email: celticmurphy4@aol.com

THANK YOU for the offerings 27th/28th Aug.
Envelopes: £188.10 Cash : £126.45 Standing Orders : £ 192.23 **Total : £ 506.78**

Details of the times of Weekend Masses in other Parishes in the AVON STOUR PASTORAL AREA are on the noticeboard.

Hospital Visits Royal Bournemouth & Christchurch Hospitals For non-urgent requests contact the Chaplaincy Office on 01202 704221. Outside the normal hours, ring the switchboard on 01202 303626. For Poole Hospital, phone the chaplaincy office number, 01202 442167.