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 Visits: For urgent requests for poorly patients, please call Fr Darryl Jordan on 01202 470722 Mobile: 07845 983712		

IRISH SET DANCING: In the church hall every 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Thursday, 8pm to 10.30pm. Contact St Thomas More parish office for more information

THE DON BOSCO YOUTH CLUB: Parish Centre, Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Douglas Rd., Southbourne. Every Friday in term time 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Children age 7 and above are all welcome. For further details, please contact Romy c/o Our Lady Queen of Peace Church.

SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND: 27th & 28th September. www.celebrateconference.org.

HOME GROUP: Open to everyone. Discussion of Pope Francis's Encyclical "Joy of the Gospel" Thursday evenings 7.30 p.m from 30th October. Suggested by Fr John as preparation for Advent. Venue Petersfield Rd Iford .Contact Claire c/o St Thomas More parish office reserve a place and to facilitate ordering of course materials.

IGNATIAN DAYS: 'Pilgrims in the Lord Together' will begin again on Saturday 18th October. Contact Chris c/o St Joseph's

MONTHLY DEVOTION IN HONOUR OF MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS:
Wednesday 24th September at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Southbourne. Mass will be said at 7pm, followed by prayer and refreshments after. For more information, please contact Romy c/o Our Lady Queen of Peace Church.

THANK YOU for the offerings 13th/14th Sept.

Envelopes	£ 162.65	Cash:	£ 84.40
Standing Orders :	£ 148.38	**Total :**	**£ 395.43**

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St Thomas More

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY Ord. Time
Year A 20th /21st September 2014

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Week beginning 20th September :		Mass Intention
Saturday20th Sept. 6.00pm	First Mass of 25th Sun. Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sunday 21st Sept. 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	**TWENTY– FIFTH SUNDAY ORD.TIME**	People of the Parish
Monday 22nd Sept.	—	—
Tuesday 23rd Sept. 9.30am 10.00am - 12.00	**St Pio of Pietrelcina**, *memorial* Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	For all the faithful departed
Wed. 24th Sept. 10.30am *Ordinariate Mass*	**Our Lady of Walsingham,** *memorial*	For all the faithful departed
Thurs. 25th Sept. 9.30am	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Friday 26th Sept. **11.00am**	**Requiem Mass**	**Philomena Power**
Sat27th Sept. 5.15 – 5.45pm 6.00pm	Reconciliation First Mass of 26th Sun. Ord. Time	People of the Parish
Sunday 28th Sept. 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY ORD.TIME	Gerald King, RIP

Solemnity of Our Lady of Walsingham Please join the Bournemouth Ordinariate to celebrate on Wednesday 24th September at the 10.30 Mass, with Procession of Our Lady and Benediction, followed by refreshments.

The second collection this weekend is for **HOME MISSION SUNDAY**

Twenty-fifth Sunday Ord. Time Yr

Isaiah 55:6-9 **Philippians 1:20-24,27** **Matthew 20:1-16.**

God's Thoughts

The basic thought of the Gospel reading is well expressed by the Isaiah passage: "My thoughts are not your thoughts." Try as one will, it is impossible to find a way in which the payment of the workers in the vineyard could be said to be fair. The owner is generous to the last comers, but why is he not generous to the others as well? It is simply that there is no reckoning up deserts when man meets God.

In the time of Christ Judaism had reached a legalistic state, and the mentality was definitely prevalent that salvation could and must be earned. There was a host of commands which must be fulfilled, and men were divided into two classes, the righteous who were on the road to salvation by fulfilling the commands, and the unrighteous, outcasts despised by those who kept the law. It was this slot-machine conception of God that Jesus opposed by his emphasis on love, for in love there is no calculation of duties, rights and obligations; there is only an open-handed giving without counting the cost, and a grateful receiving. We can never say that we have earned our salvation, or anything from God, but can only stand suppliant before him. The latest workers in the vine-yard have not earned what the owner gives them, and the mistake of their envious colleagues is to think that they can deserve well of the owner.

The most devout Christians often secretly find it a little hard to stomach that someone who repents on his death-bed is admitted to the kingdom no less than those who have struggled and suffered all their lives for God's cause.

But this betrays a fundamental misunderstanding. Not only does it presuppose the commercial attitude of reward and punishments from God, but also it neglects the nature of love. The sole relationship of the believer to God must be personal relationship of love, and as such it is its own reward, for it brings happiness also in this life. The greater the struggle and the suffering, the more a Christian turns to God and finds comfort - often the only comfort - in the security of his love and fidelity. But furthermore, fidelity through a long life does bring some advantage over a skimped final conversion, for it may well be - though this is perhaps not invariably so - that the relation-ship of love has so deepened over the years that the Christian, conformed over a long period to the image of Christ, has more capacity for the full enjoyment of God's company than he who comes to know God only at the last moment. Here it is not a matter of God giving a greater reward, but man being more capable of receiving it.

Of this deep and rewarding relationship with God and with Christ Paul shows himself in the second reading to be the perfect example. Writing as he does under persecution he is yet filled with the joy of Christ. His life is already united with Christ's life, and he longs for the fulfilment of final union.

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THE BROTHER LIONEL ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK.

Jo will be doing the sponsored walk this year around Poole Park on Sunday 5th October and will be grateful for your support. She will be collecting any sponsorship money over the next two weeks.

HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 4th October in the Church Hall

Time: 7.00pm - 9.30pm approx.

Tickets £4. Proceeds to church funds/CAFOD

Harvest supper: Bowl homemade soup and a roll, choice of main course, home-made dessert. Soft drinks provided but please feel free to bring a bottle!
Please write your choice of food on the list on the 'free table'.



There will be an **Auction of HARVEST PRODUCE** after the Harvest Supper.
Please bring your items to be auctioned to the Saturday Mass - baskets will be put out in the church for your donated items.

What to bring?
Fruit, vegetables, groceries of all kinds, preserves, bread, cakes etc



ST PETER'S SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR 2015 **Open Evening for Parents/ Carers and Students attending non-Catholic Primary Schools:** Tues. 23rd Sept. 2014. All supporting documentation should be lodged at the Iford site by 31st Oct. **ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENING**: **Thurs.9th Oct. 2014** 6pm at St Peter's School (Iford Site), Holdenhurst Avenue. For parent/ carers who have children who will be **five years old** between 1st Sept. 2015 and 31st Aug. 2016 and are looking for a place in Reception in Sept. 2015.

The **FABRIC & FINANCE COMMITTEE require another member for their team.** No qualifications other than being an interested and committed member of the parish required! For further information, please contact the F & F chair. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd Sept. at 7pm..

The next **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** meeting will be on Wed. 24th Sept.



HONESTY My son, aged 4, came screaming out of the bathroom to tell me he'd dropped his toothbrush in the toilet. I fished it out and threw it in the rubbish bin. He stood there thinking for a moment, then ran to my bathroom and came out with my toothbrush. He held it up and said with a charming little smile, "We better throw this one out too then, 'cause it fell in the toilet a few days ago."