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		

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

IRISH SET DANCING: In the church hall every 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Thursday, 8pm to 10.30pm. Beginners welcome. For further details, please contact parish office St Thomas More church.

CONFRATERNITY OF THE ROSARY: Day trip to Aylesford and Faversham on 10th Oct. Please see notice board for details.

HOME GROUP: Open to everyone. Discussion of Pope Francis's Encyclical "Joy of the Gospel" Thursday evenings 7.30 p.m from 30th October. Venue Petersfield Rd, Iford. For further details, please contact parish office St Thomas More church.

DISCOVERING PRIESTHOOD DAY: For those discerning the priesthood at St John's Seminary, Wonersh, on 1st November, 2014, 10am - 5pm. Lunch will be provided. Contact: Fr. John Chandler: jchandler@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

THANK YOU for the offerings 20th/21st Sept.

Envelopes	£ 131.70	Cash:	£ 106.21
Standing Orders :	£ 148.38	**Total :**	**£ 386.29**
Racial Justice:	£ 50.85	*Thank you*	

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Newsletter of the Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY Ord.Time
Year A 27th /28th September 2014

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Week beginning 27th September :		Mass Intention
Saturday 27th Sept. 6.00pm	First Mass of 26th Sun. Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sunday 28th Sept. 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	**TWENTY– SIXTH SUN. ORD. TIME**	Gerald King, RIP
Monday 29th Sept.	—	—
Tuesday 30th Sept. 9.30am 10.00am - 12.00	**St Jerome,** *memorial* Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Anthony Francis Andrews (Foundation Mass)
Wed. 1st Oct. 10.30am *Ordinariate Mass*	**St Teresa of the child Jesus,** *memorial*	For all the faithful departed
Thurs. 2nd Oct. 9.30am	**The Holy Guardian Angels,** *memorial*	For all the faithful departed
Friday 3rd Oct. 9.30am ***October Devotions 7.00pm***	Feria	Special Intention of Peter & Anne McGargle
Sat 4th Oct. 5.15 – 5.45pm 6.00pm	Reconciliation First Mass of 27th Sun. Ord. Time	People of the Parish
Sunday 5th Oct. 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY ORD.TIME	Patricia Lowe, RIP

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS
October Devotions will be held during the month of October on Fridays at 7.00pm.

There will be a Second Collection this weekend for ***the Cathedral***

Twenty-sixth Sunday Ord. Time Yr

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"Talk is cheap, it's actions that count."
"You have to walk the walk, not just talk the talk."
"Actions speak louder than words."
There are those who will dismiss these thoughts as mere truisms. It is probable that those who dismiss them want to avoid paying attention to how these thoughts apply to their relationships with others.

What was the setting for today's Gospel account about the two sons? Jesus had the day before thrown the moneychangers out of the Temple and the infuriated the chief priests and elders of the people. He was back in the Temple the next day when He addressed the words we heard in today's Gospel to those same chief priests and elders, and thus exposed their insincere hypocrisy.

Jesus had his greatest conflicts with the religious "know-it-alls" that he encountered. That was the main problem Jesus was facing when he encountered the chief priests, scribes, and elders of the people. They thought they knew everything they had to know about the coming Messiah and just what sort of saviour he would be, or should be. Moreover, they had memorized all of the rules and regulations, they knew them in detail, but they didn't apply them to themselves. Oh, they applied them to everyone else, laying heavy burdens on people, but they excused themselves.

Honesty is at the core of our truly religious expressions, particularly being honest with ourselves. In the Gospel account we just heard the younger brother tell his father: "Yes, I'll go and work" while the older brother said: "No, not me." Both used words contrary to their actions. Talk is cheap. The younger brother simply didn't live up to his words; the older brother changed his mind. The older brother had integrity; the younger brother gave cheap, valueless words to his father while having no intention at all of working. How many of us recognize ourselves in that younger brother? The older brother had no intention of working and then had the honesty of saying so. He was wrong, but he was honest. The younger brother was the opposite. He said the expedient thing to his father, but he had no integrity - he was insincere .

How many of us pray that way? We can give God the words of our prayers, words we think he wants to hear from us. We can give God our Father in heaven nice sounding words but never seem to get around to following through on them. God is not fooled but we fool ourselves. We must be fearlessly and courageously honest with God and likewise honest with ourselves.

The older son did the essential thing. Christianity is not simply our intellectual assent to a series of doctrines. It is not just our observance of rules and regulations. No. Christianity is a way of living in the truth. Christianity is a matter of living in our professional lives, in our personal relationships with others, and living with God in the truth, all the while being honest with ourselves, all the while being sincere in what we say to others and in how we treat them.

Christianity is a way of living at home and in our surrounding world; Christianity is a way of relating to those around us, friends and well as strangers, in the way, the truth, and the life of Christ Jesus. If we are honest with others, honest with ourselves, and honest with God then our actions will automatically follow. We will live lives of sincere integrity and act accordingly; we will live lives in happiness. Talk is cheap; intentions are too often little more than wishful thinking; appearances are deceptive. Sincere honesty is one of the hardest and most demanding of things about being a Christian. It is the "narrow way" Jesus told us about, that narrow way that is the road to our eternal salvation, the way of living that Jesus puts in front of us**.** Fr. Charles Irvin

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day will be on Friday 3rd October

Please join us in prayer on Friday 3rd October and make a place at your table for the one in eight across the world who do not have enough to eat. **If you wish to take a Fast Day envelope these are now available in church.**

HARVEST SUPPER - Next weekend!

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 on the 4th October. 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

QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTION.
We are required by the diocese to have an inspection of the church premises every five years so that any needed remedial work or necessary alterations to the church and its surroundings can be undertaken. The inspection is now underway.
We are grateful to the Fabric and Finance team who organise and oversee this.



THE BROTHER LIONEL ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK: Jo will be doing the sponsored walk this year around Poole Park on Sunday 5th Oct. and will be grateful for your support. She will be collecting any sponsorship money over the coming week.

Church Hall Bookings
Preferential rates for parishioners and regular users. Please see notice board or contact the hall bookings secretary, Marysa.



KETCHUP A woman was trying hard to get the tomato ketchup to come out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. "It's Father, Mummy," the child said to her mother. Then she added, "Mummy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle."