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Newsletter
of the
Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

TWENTY-SEVENTH Sunday Ord. Time
Year A
4th /5th October 2014

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Week beginning 4th October :		Mass Intention
Saturday 4th Oct. 6.00pm	First Mass of the Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sunday 5th Oct. 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME**	People of the Parish
Monday 6th Oct.	—	—
Tuesday 7th Oct. 9.30am 10.00am - 12.00	**Our Lady of the Rosary**, *memorial* Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	For all the faithful departed
Wed. 8th Oct. 10.30am *Ordinariate Mass*	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Thurs. 9th Oct. 9.30am	**Blessed John Henry Newman,** optional memorial	For all the faithful departed
Friday 10th Oct. 9.30am ***October Devotions 7.00pm***	Feria	For all the parish faithful departed
Sat. 5.15 – 5 .45pm 11th Oct 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation First Mass of the Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sunday 9.30am 12th Oct *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME	Mary and Dick Mullins, RIP

*Collection of **HARVEST FAST DAY Envelopes** this weekend*



THE BROTHER LIONEL ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK:

Jo will be doing the sponsored walk around Poole Park

this Sunday 5th October.

MASS COUNTS

The diocese require that the number of people who attend the weekend Masses be counted during the month of October - so you will notice the people doing the collection doing an extra job this weekend and the remaining weekends in October!

Twenty-Seventh Sunday Ord. Time Yr A

Isaiah 5: 1-7 Philippians 4: 6-9 Matthew 21: 33-43

Is 5:1-7. Israel is the vineyard which God has most carefully tended. When it bore no fruit he threatens to punish it with a storm.

Phil 4:6-9. Paul says: "pray with confidence." He exhorts to a good and virtuous life with the marvellous summary, "whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pleasing.."

Mt 21:33-43. As in the first reading, God is master of the vineyard. Since the first tenants proved themselves unworthy, that vineyard was to be taken from them and given to others.

The church is the choice vineyard of the Lord. Here we can grow to maturity in the sunshine of God's grace. We pray that our lives may never be soured by bitterness or disillusionment.

Are We To Judge? www.biblical.ie/lections

Both the first reading and gospel present us with the parable of love rejected - both parables are linked by the common image of the vineyard and its owner, both are designed to bring audience reaction in favour of the disappointed owner/lover. We are asked whose side are you on?" We are prompted to reply "We're for the owner, against the vineyard, and even more against the tenants."

But what's the point of that for us? Do we discover that God is the "owner" and we the "tenants?" Do we end up judging ourselves? Some commentators say that parable is meant to be subversive: perhaps there is nothing more subversive than being called to judge yourself. than being led to a revolution in yourself against yourself. Does all this mean that the parable is about being continually self critical. continually examining ones conscience to see if one is producing the gifts of Gods love? Many people today don't go for this kind of talk.

It looks too much like being for God means being against self. It seems to produce an image of God as our rival, one whom we cannot really trust, even an oppressive God; God is seen too much in terms of the "owner" and not enough in terms of the "lover."

The challenge of the parable is to discover that the God who seeks fruit is the God who gives the vine; the God who is against selfishness is the God who is always "for us."

All we have and are is gift, gift not to be selfishly guarded, nor fought for as if we could ever claim it as our own property. Our existence and our promised life will always be gift: we can never claim it as our own. Neither can we ever cease to return its fruits. For the "tenant" who really appreciates the gift and the giver, this "bearing fruit" is not oppression but grateful appreciation.

Would you like your child to make their First Holy Communion in 2015?

If so, please contact Kathy (c/o parish office) and pass on your details.
Closing date for the programme is **26th October 2014**.

Would you like to join the First Holy Communion Catechist team?

Why not come along to one of the sessions to see what's involved – dates are in the back of the church. Or contact Kathy for further information.

St Thomas More Sunday Singers

We would like to launch a new singing group for Sunday morning Mass. There will not be any complicated singing, just sing as you would normally sing in church. The singing group would sing the settings, Kyrie, Gloria etc along with Psalms, Responses and Hymns.
We need four or five people of any age who can commit to a maximum of one to two hours per week if rehearsals are required. Just sing as you do when you are in your normal seat but sing in a group.
Come and give it a try, just give your name and contact details to either Fr Darryl, Paul (Music Director), Barry (Organist) or contact Linda in the office, 01202 485588

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE 2014 (Valid up to September 30)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Income	4592.03	3644.20	4058.14	6050.35	5020.34	2683.45	4008.79	3681.25	5746.96
Expenditure	3205.42	5363.92	6577.07	3569.18	6496.83	3021.54	4985.47	2526.46	1948.33
Balance	1386.61	(1719.72)	(2518.93)	2481.17	(1476.49)	(329.09)	(976.68)	1154.79	3798.57
Acc. Balance	1386.61	(333.11)	(2852.04)	(370.87)	(1847.36)	(2176.45)	(3153.13)	(1998.34)	2800.23
WEEKLY OFFERINGS									
Average	442.31	407.47	454.32	444.88	463.26	397.12	371.66	346.59	398.74
Standing orders (included)	144.92	144.92	144.92	150.69	144.92	144.92	142.62	142.62	148.38

BANK ACCOUNTS

Total:	**£14,036.41**	
Loan A/C	**-£8,261.98**	(Amount owed for presbytery refurbishment).

LIVING OUR FAITH UP-DATE

Original Goal:	**£65,000**	
Amount pledged:	**£59,978**	
Parish entitlement:	**£14,995**	(25% of above)
Amount spent:	**£4,860**	(Used for new windows in hall)
Final entitlement:	**£10,135**	(Available at the end of the campaign)

The campaign is now in its final year. Some people have completed their pledges. Others will not finish until later next year, five years after their initial signing up date.

Parish Pastoral Council. The next PPC meeting will be on Wednesday 22 October at 7.00pm.

Avon Stour Pastoral Area News: Following the departure of Fr John Lee, Bishop Philip has asked Fr Tony Pennicott (Pastor for the parishes of Ringwood & Fordingbridge) to stand in as Co-ordinating Pastor for AS Pastoral Area until Fr Tom Grufferty arrives at Christchurch in early December.

Summary of APC meeting held at Ringwood on 27 September 2014

At this first meeting after the summer, Fr Paul Obada, newly-appointed pastor at Highcliffe, was welcomed to the APC by Fr Tony Pennicott, (Coordinating Pastor pro tem)**.** Parish representatives gave updates on progress within their communities, including a number of planned liturgies and activities, which will be advertised in due course. (See note on PA website, below.) It was agreed that a Pastoral Area Penitential Service for Advent would be held at Highcliffe, to be planned by Fr Tony and Fr Paul. The question of how parish communities might celebrate liturgies in the absence of a priest was discussed and a 'model' approved liturgy for use on Sundays ('in the absence of a priest') was disseminated for consideration & discussion. Finally, following publication of new Guidelines for PAs from the Bishop, the APC agreed to devote the next meeting to considering the implications of this document.

NB THE AVON STOUR PASTORAL AREA HAS ITS OWN WEBSITE! It contains information from all the parishes which comprise the pastoral area, and is regularly updated, thanks to our super secretary, Beryl Rice. Have you ever looked at it? Type 'Avon Stour Pastoral Area' into your search engine and you should find it quite easily. The actual web address is: www.avonstourpastoralarea.org



BIBLE A little boy opened the big family bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. "Mum, look what I found", the boy called out." What have you got there, dear?" With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear."

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 Visit, 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: **Thursday 9th Oct. 2014** 6pm at St Peter's School (Iford Site), Holdenhurst Avenue. This meeting is 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, 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 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.

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 Contact parish office for further information.

IGNATIAN DAYS: 'Pilgrims in the Lord Together' will begin again on Saturday 18th October. The topic on 18th October will be 'What do we mean by Prayer?' Contact Chris c/o parish office St Joseph's.

MASS IN EXTRAORDINARY FORM: The 'Tridentine Mass' is celebrated at Our Lady Immaculate, Westbourne, on the third Sunday of each month at 6.00 (please note new time), preceded by confessions from 5 pm. All are welcome.

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.

Keep in touch with the latest news! The Diocese of Portsmouth now issues a weekly e-news with photos, news, and information from around the Diocese. Go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and add your email address to receive these updates. Are you on Facebook? Like 'Diocese of Portsmouth' to get all the latest info as it happens. You can also follow @BishopEgan and @PortsmouthRC on Twitter.

THANK YOU for the offerings Sept.

Envelopes :	£ 177.95	Cash :	£ 105.88
Standing Orders :	£ 148.38		**Total : £ 432.21**
Home Mission Sunday :	£ 73.40	*Thank you!*	

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