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Newsletter of the Catholic Parish of **St Thomas More**

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY

Ordinary Time Yr B
3rd / 4th October 2015

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Week beginning 3rd October:		Mass Intention
Saturday 3rd Oct. 6.00pm	First Mass of 27th Sun. of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sunday 4th Oct. 9.30am Ordinariate Mass 11.15am	**TWENTY– SEVENTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME**	Repose of the soul of Lance Kerr
Monday 5th Oct.	–	–
Tuesday 6th Oct. 9.30am	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Wed. 7th Oct. 10.30am *Ordinariate Mass*	**Our Lady of the Rosary,** *memorial*	For all the faithful departed
Thurs. 8th Oct. 9.30am	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Friday 9th Oct. 9.30am Oct.Devotions/Benediction 7 pm	Feria	For all the Parish faithful departed
Sat. 10th Oct. 5.15– 5.45pm 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) First Mass of 28th Sun. of Ordinary Time	For the repose of the soul of Mrs Anne Roughan
Sunday 11th Oct. 9.30am	**TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME**	People of the Parish

MASS COUNTS: During the month of October, a Mass count will be taken for the Saturday Vigil and Sunday 9.30am Masses.

Harvest Fast Day Envelopes

These will be collected today, but if you have forgotten to bring yours back, don't worry - they can be handed in next week.

CAFOD Just one world

27th Sunday Ordinary Time Yr B

Genesis 2: 18-24. God made man and woman for each other, to form a bond of mutual support and fidelity. "they become one flesh."

Hebrews 2: 9-11. Entering fully into human life, and experiencing the bitterness of death, Jesus became fully our brother and a saviour for all.

Mark 10: 2-16. Jesus teaches that "what God has joined together, let no one separate" and "whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

Christian marriage

This communion of faithful love is to be an image and symbol of the communion of love between God and his people. The prophet Hosea, in particular, understood the relationship between God and his people as that between husband and wife. "In that day, declares the Lord, you will call me "My husband."... I will betroth you to me forever" (Hos 2:16-20.) The eternal "Yes" which God speaks to his people is to be incarnated in the daily "Yes" which a husband and wife makes to one another. The perfect incarnation of the faithfulness of God is the person of Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom who gave himself totally and completely for his Bride the Church. Christ revealed the original truth of marriage, God's original purpose for marriage, in the complete sacrifice which he made of himself on the cross for the Church (second reading.) Insofar as couples faithfully belong to one another, they represent, in a real way, the relationship of Christ with the Church. "Spouses are therefore the permanent reminder to the Church of what happened on the cross". Christ is not only the model of the relationship between husband and wife, but it is through him that such a relationship is realised. By his sacrifice, he has poured out his Spirit on married couples, giving them a new heart, making it possible for them to love one another as he has loved them. The gift of the Spirit within them is a stimulating impulse which leads them towards an ever deeper union, one which involves every aspect of their make-up body, character, heart, intelligence, will and soul.

http://www.biblical.ie/lections/SC3.asp

MARRIAGE IN GOD'S PLAN Catechism of the Catholic Church 1602

Sacred Scripture begins with the creation of man and woman in the image and likeness of God and concludes with a vision of "the wedding-feast of the Lamb." Scripture speaks throughout of marriage and its "mystery," its institution and the meaning God has given it, its origin and its end, its various realizations throughout the history of salvation, the difficulties arising from sin and its renewal "in the Lord" in the New Covenant of Christ and the Church

Would you like your child to make their First Holy Communion in 2016?

If so, please contact Peter c/o parish office and pass on your details.

Closing date for programme : **25th October 2015**.



A DAY WITH THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Saturday 10th October

Corpus Christi Parish Centre, St James's Square, Boscombe.

The day will start with Mass at 10am (in church).

The theme of the day is **The Loving Kindness of the Heart of Our God.** Led by Brian Purfield.

Please bring a packed lunch. Entry to the day is free but all donations are welcome.

See poster for timetable.

The Called and Gifted programme

Coming to the Avon Stour Pastoral Area this November.

Have you ever been asked what spiritual gifts the Holy Spirit has blessed you with? Would you know the answer?

If not, come and let the Called and Gifted team help you find out! As baptised Christians we have all been blessed with at least one gift with which to bring God's love to others, and it doesn't have to involve standing on a street corner holding a placard!

A three stage programme, Called and Gifted can help you discover your very own gift and we invite you to take part. Interested? Come along to a taster session on either

Tues 13th Oct 2015, 7.30pm-9.00pm at St Josephs, Christchurch

OR **Thurs 15th Oct 2015, 11.00am-12.30pm** at Sacred Heart, Ringwood

– no need to book, refreshments available.

Or, if you are keen to register for one of the limited places at the November Workshop at St Joseph's parish hall, Christchurch on Friday 6th Nov, 7pm – 9pm, and Saturday 7th Nov, 9am - 4pm please go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and register. Questions? Feel free to ask Father or contact Liz local Co-ordinator, c/o Our Lady Queen of Peace church.

Please note that one of the meetings for the Called and Gifted programme and the Refresher Session for Readers are on the same date, November 7th. If you would like to attend both please liaise with Liz, local Co-ordinator.

REFRESHER SESSION FOR READERS

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Southbourne.

All readers from parishes in the Pastoral Area are welcome.
Time: 2.00pm. Date: November 7th October.

Fabric & Finance The next meeting will be Tuesday 6th October, at 7.00pm

HARVEST SUPPER and AUCTION OF HARVEST PRODUCE

Saturday 17th October in the Church Hall

Time: 7.00pm - 9.30pm approx.

Tickets £5. Proceeds to church funds/CAFOD

TICKETS ON SALE AFTER THE WEEKEND MASSES



Harvest supper: Bowl homemade soup and a roll, choice of main course, homemade dessert.

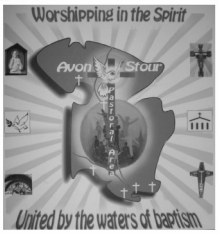
Soft drinks provided but please feel free to bring a bottle!

Please write your choice of food on the list on the 'free table'.

The auction will be of fruit, vegetables, groceries of all kinds, preserves, bread, cakes etc. Please bring the items to be auctioned on the day. Thanks.

Pastoral Area No. 20: AVON STOUR.

Co-ordinating Pastor – Fr Tom Grufferty.



HOSPITAL VISITS: Royal Bournemouth & Christchurch Hospitals For non-urgent requests contact the Chaplaincy Office on 01202 704221. They have an answerphone. For more urgent requests/ out of hours, the duty RC chaplain may be contacted via the switchboard on 01202 303626

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, Southbourne	01202 424960	Sunday 8.00am, 11.00am 6.00 pm

ST PETER'S SCHOOL OPEN EVENING (PRIMARY SCHOOL) Date: 8th October 2015 Time: 6.00pm. Refreshments 6.30pm. Headteacher's talk Venue: St Peter's School (Iford Site), Holdenhurst Avenue, Bournemouth. Please see notice board for more details.

IRISH SET DANCING : takes place in our church hall every 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Thursday, 8.00pm to 10.30pm.If you would like to join in, please phone parish office for more details.

From the Diocese -

Mass of Thanksgiving for Religious and Consecrated Life

Bishop Philip will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the Year of Consecrated Life on **Thursday 15th October** (Feast of St Teresa of Avila) at the Cathedral at 12.15pm. More than 100 of our religious from communities throughout the diocese will be attending. Please come along and join them in giving thanks for lives of service and holiness.

Catholic Evangelisation & Discipleship Tour – with Matthew Pinto

We are delighted that our diocese will be part of this tour. Founder of Ascension Press, Matthew Pinto, and best-selling author of *Did Adam and Eve Have Belly Buttons?* and *Do I Have to Go: 101 Questions about the Mass, the Eucharist, and Your Spiritual Life* will be speaking at St Bede's, Basingstoke on Monday 9th November, 7-9pm. The topic of the evening will be: *Where Catholicism is Headed - 7 Trends that Will Affect Your Parish, Ministry, and Personal Faith.* For more information and to book your place, see www.catholicbibletour.com.

THANK YOU	**for the offerings 26th/27th Sept.**		
Envelopes :	£ 155.55	Cash :	£ 111.31
Standing Orders :	£ 213.38		**Total : £ 469.24**