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Newsletter
of the
Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
Ordinary Time Yr B
17th / 18th October

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Week beginning 17th October:		Mass Intention
Saturday 17th October 6.00pm	First Mass of 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time	For the repose of the soul of Jo Cassidy
Sunday 18th October 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	**TWENTY - NINTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME**	People of the Parish
Monday 19th October	_	_
Tuesday 20th October	**NO MASS TODAY**	_
Wed. 21st October 10.30am *Ordinariate Mass*	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Thurs. 22nd October 9.30am	Feria	For the repose of the soul of Angela Elisabeth Hendrick (First Anniversary)
Friday 23rd October 9.30am Oct.Devotions/Benediction 7 pm	Feria	Recovery from illness— Catherine Madden
Saturday 24th Oct. 5.15–5.45pm 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation(Confessions) First Mass of 30th Sun. of Ordinary Time	For the repose of the soul of Mrs Annie Roughan
Sunday 25th October 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	**THIRTIETH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME**	People of the Parish

MASS COUNTS: During October a Mass count will be taken on each Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass.



There will be a SECOND COLLECTION this weekend for FOREIGN MISSIONS (World Mission Sunday)

The Annual Brother Lionel Sponsored Walk
is this Sunday, October 18th.
Grateful thanks to those who have sponsored Annie and Romy.



Twenty-ninth Sunday Ordinary Time Yr B

The suffering of service

Today's first and second readings are both extracts from the first and second readings which we read at the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday. So, the figure of the suffering Christ is at the forefront of today's Liturgy of the Word. The Gospel, which we read today confirms this, while specifying the suffering Christ as a suffering Servant and showing that the disciple of Christ must likewise become a suffering servant.

The approach which James and John made to Jesus, in today's Gospel, is not unlike the way many of us come to God. We approach him in prayer with the greatest fervour, whenever we want something for ourselves. Jesus responds to their request with a request of his own, showing that what he wants for us must take priority over what we want for ourselves. The only request worth making is that which he himself taught us to make in the "Our Father"- "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven". His death on the cross was the full and final expression of that death which characterised the whole of his life. Everyday He suffered the death of dying to himself, because he came "not to be served, but to serve." As a slave his life was a daily emptying of self, a self-emptying which was only complete when he gave his last breath on the cross.

This is the cup and the baptism which he holds out to us, and which, indeed, we have already accepted. St. Paul reminds us that when we were baptized into Christ Jesus, we "were baptized into his death". Our baptism has set us on the road of self-emptying service. The bread which we eat and the cup which we drink in the Eucharist is a confirmation of our baptism, and a renewed insertion into the self emptying service of Christ. In the Eucharist, we enter into Christ's sacrificial offering of his life to the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is the moment when we present again our bodies "as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God". It was for this purpose that Christ entrusted this sacrifice to the Church, that the faithful might share in it both spiritually, by faith and charity, and sacramentally, through the banquet of Holy Communion. It is entirely appropriate, therefore, that at the end of the Mass we should be invited to "go in peace to love and serve the Lord." To serve the Lord is "to serve one another in love", to be ready to put the need and the interest of the other before our own.

This life-style can never be the fruit of our own efforts alone, but is, essentially, the spirit of the Holy Spirit, which we have received as a gift. Prayer must, therefore, remain a constant feature of our baptismal and Eucharistic life, the prayer which invites the Spirit to come more fully into our lives. We can be confident "in approaching the throne of grace" when we make this prayer, knowing that we will "find grace to help in time of need" (second reading.) The question of James and John was not unlike that of the rich young man in last Sunday's Gospel, as both centred on the problem of man's final destiny, and the reply of Jesus in today's Gospel further specifies his former reply. The one and only path to glory and eternal life dips into the valley of service and suffering. This is the path which Jesus, our supreme high priest, "who has passed through the heavens," has travelled before us. It is the path which both Baptism and the Eucharist compels us to walk also.

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



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

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

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

REFRESHER SESSION FOR READERS

Fr Gervase Holdaway from Douai Abbey will be holding a refresher session for those involved in the Reading Ministry. This will be held in Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Centre.
Date: November 7th. Time: 2pm.
This is a rare opportunity for all readers from parishes in the Pastoral Area.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FORMS

The **Religious Practice forms** are filled in and signed by Father Darryl.

ST PETER'S (SECONDARY & PRIMARY):
The completed Religious Practice forms for St Peter's (Secondary and Primary) will be sent directly to St Peter's

CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL:
The Religious Practice forms should be picked up from Father after he has signed them, and the parents must return them to the school.

New to the Parish?

Please pick up a 'Welcome leaflet' from the table near the church front door!

Please note: The leaflet contains a form which can be filled in with your name and address etc - if you have had any **change in circumstances** eg. changed address, changed telephone number) in the past year or so, then please fill this in and return to the parish office so we can update your details.

The latest edition of **PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE** is out now.

Don't forget your copy!



HALL HIRE

A reminder that our church hall is available for hire for birthday parties etc – to check availability and for further details, please contact Marysa, the hall bookings secretary. Preferential rates for parishioners! .

From the Diocese -

Share Your Story

Do you have a family member or friend, over 18, who is baptised Catholic but no longer practises their faith? Perhaps they no longer attend Mass regularly? As part of a campaign to listen to those who no longer practise, Bishop Philip would like to hear from them. Perhaps they feel let down by the Church or have something they would like to say to the Church. Or perhaps they have just drifted away. Whatever their story, they are invited to share it anonymously. The survey is available at www.mystoryshared.co.uk and will be open until Christmas. Encourage them to share their story today!

Nations: Friday 30th October - Sunday 1st November

Young people aged 16-35 are invited to Bournemouth at the end of this month for a weekend retreat, full of engaging talks, lively music, workshops, discussions, powerful prayer times, evening entertainment and loads more. The youth retreat is a joint mission between our diocese and Youth 2000, and is an excellent event for any older teens and young adults. It takes place at St Peter's School, St Catherine's Road, Bournemouth BH6 4AH. More details can be found at http://www.youth2000.org/#!nations/cm2 or by emailing youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

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.

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.

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 switch-board 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

DAYS FOR PRAYER & REFLECTION: At St Joseph's Hall, Purewell. Every Third Saturday 10.30 – 4.15pm. Run by Fr Tony Horan SJ. The next day will be on 21st November, the theme bring 'Mercy'. Please bring a packed lunch.

CAFOD: Mass of Remembrance. The 10.30am Sunday Mass on 15 November 2015 at The Sacred Heart and St Peter the Apostle, 356 London Road, Waterlooville, Hants PO7 7SR will remember and hold in prayer all deceased CAFOD supporters from our diocese and celebrate their lives, faith and compassion. Everybody is welcome to attend. If you would like to remember a loved one (even if you cannot attend the Mass), please send their names to portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or phone the CAFOD office on 01252 329385 by 6th November and they will be included in the Book of Remembrance.

CALLED AND GIFTED: November Workshop at St Joseph's parish hall, Christchurch on Friday 6th Nov, 7pm – 9pm, and Saturday 7th Nov, 9am - 4pm. See www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Questions? Feel free to ask Father or call Liz Cooper, local Co-ordinator, c/o Our Lady Queen of Peace Church.

THANK YOU **for the offerings 10th / 11th October**

Envelopes :	£ 114.22	Cash :	£ 127.30
Standing Orders :	£ 201.85		**Total : £ 443.37**
CAFOD Collection (including Fast Day envelopes)	£ 255.50	*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