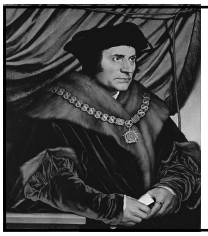
Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth



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

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## 16th/17th January 2016

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| Week beginning 16th January | | Mass Intention |
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| Saturday 16th Jan.<br>Confessions 5.15–5.45pm<br>First Mass 6.00pm | **SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 17th Jan.<br>Principal Mass 9.30am<br>Ordinariate Mass 11.15am | | Pat Wilson's 90th Birthday<br>———————— |
| Tuesday 19th Jan.<br>Weekday Mass 9.30am | Feria | Health & Wellbeing of Danielle Worsley |
| Wednesday 20th Jan.<br>Ordinariate Mass 10.30am<br><br>Requiem Mass 12.30pm | Feria<br><br>Zofia Norvid | ———————— |
| Thursday 21st Jan.<br>Weekday Mass 9.30am | St Agnes, memorial | For all the faithful departed |
| Friday 22nd Jan.<br>Weekday Mass 9.30am | Feria | For all the Parish faithful departed |
| Saturday 23rd Jan.<br>Confessions 5.15–5.45pm<br>First Mass 6.00pm | **THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** | People of the Parish |
| Sunday 24th Jan.<br>Principal Mass 9.30am<br>Ordinariate Mass 11.15am | | People of the Parish<br>———————— |

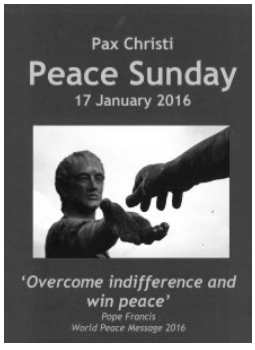
**CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK**

18th to the 25th January, the Octave of St Peter and St Paul.

The material for Christian Unity week this year was prepared by the Christians of Latvia and based on the verses 1 Peter 2: 9-10. Peter's first letter is an encouragement to the newly baptised to live holy lives and to answer the calling shared by all the baptised to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord.

***This Sunday, 17th January, is a Day of Prayer for Peace.***

**PAX CHRISTI** are holding an appeal in many parishes this weekend. We ourselves will not be having a Second Collection, but if you wish to find out more about their work (and perhaps make a donation) then please visit their website, **http://paxchristi.org.uk/news-and-events/peace-sunday/**



## Second Sunday of Ordinary Time  Year C

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

To situate today's reading within the context of John's Gospel, we note that John's report of this event follows Jesus' call of his first disciples. John tells us that Jesus and his disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus' mother, Mary. There is no parallel report of this miracle at Cana in the Synoptic Gospels.

In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity.

Yet awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to him.

Here, as elsewhere in John's Gospel, Mary is not mentioned by name, but is referred to instead as the mother of Jesus. Mary is influential in Jesus' first sign. She will also be present at his Crucifixion, a witness to the final manifestation of his divinity.

John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened.

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfil Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfilment among us.

https://loyolapress.com/second-sunday-in-ordinary-time-c-sunday-connection.htm

*Evangelisation is the primary mission of the Church. Not long after his election, at the General Audience of May 22, 2013, Pope Francis declared: Evangelisation is the Church's mission, not just of a few, but my, your, our mission…*
*Evangelisation lays the foundation for Faith Formation which seeks to nurture an encounter with Christ through prayer, reflection on personal experience and study to deepen our understanding so that we can share Christ with others and be courageous witnesses of the Gospel.*

***This year is an "extraordinary Holy Year", a "Jubilee of Mercy."***

During the Jubilee, the **Sunday readings for Ordinary Time** will be mainly taken from **the Gospel of Luke**, the one referred to as **"the evangelist of mercy"**. Occasionally, however, the readings will be from John's Gospel -  true of today's Gospel reading, which describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry and his first miracle.




In Luke's Gospel, the gates of God's kingdom are open to all people of goodwill.
For Luke, God has no immigration policy. All Luke's heroes are outsiders and outcasts – the kind of people who are forgettable and overlooked in every other realm, but not in Jesus' kingdom.

http://www.msjc.org.uk/faith-formation/

***From Fr Darryl....***
***Lisa, Catherine and I have been overwhelmed with all the beautiful Christmas cards and gifts we received over the Christmas holiday. We have been very blessed by your prayers, kind thoughts and generosity. Thank you for sharing your Christmas with us. We pray you have a happy and healthy 2016 full of God's blessings. Happy New Year!***

*Tony M. writes:*
Many of you will know Mrs Pat W., a well respected and much loved long time parishioner.
Pat is renowned for her creative and beautiful flower arrangements and displays spanning weddings, church celebrations and many other events over a long period.
Pat celebrates her 90th birthday on Sunday January 17th (2016)

Presently, Pat is unable to attend church so therefore would welcome friends and old colleagues round about noon for a cup of tea and a reminisce, and of course to wish her a happy birthday. Hopefully, it will be a memorable occasion for somebody who gave so much to so many for so long.
God Bless you Pat and Happy Birthday.
Multos Annos.




**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**



***New Eucharistic Ministers are needed.***

The annual training session for our Pastoral Area is coming up here at St Thomas More's.
It will be held in the church hall on
Friday 5th February, 7.15pm-9.00 pm and
Saturday 6th February, 10.00am – 3.00pm
(Attendance at both sessions is a strict requirement)

***Candidates for this very special ministry must be nominated by the priest.***
***If you think that God might be calling <u>you</u>, then please have a word with Father Darryl.***

Romy P writes:
"The Association of Mary Help of Christians which was formally set up at St Thomas More Church with the blessing from Bishop Philip and the Delegate National Fr Francis Preston SDB, Fr Darryl Jordan and Mons. Ronald Hishon last 8th of December 2015 invite all the members and everyone to the monthly prayer in honour to Our Lady Mary Help of Christians. This will take place on Friday 22nd January. At 5.30pm there will be Adoration to the Most Holy Sacrament, Confessions and prayers to Our Lady and at 6.30pm the Mass is on, followed by refreshments afterwards. Thank you very much."

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** The next meeting will be 7.00pm, Wednesday 20th January.

**FABRIC & FINANCE MEETING** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 26th January at 7.00pm, in the sacristy.

From the Diocese:
**Support for Carers.** A group in the diocesan Pastoral Care Services team is compiling a list of resources available to support carers within the area of the Diocese. If you know of 'Carer Support' in your area, please contact the team with the following details: the location, days/times of events, contact information, the kind of support that is given and any experience you may have of the service. The team contact is Fr Peter Hollins pcs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

**Pastoral Area No. 20: AVON STOUR**. Co-ordinating Pastor – Fr. Tom Grufferty.

| **TIMES OF WEEKEND MASSES** in other Parishes/Bournemouth Ordinariate Mission in the **AVON STOUR PASTORAL AREA** | | |
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| Ordinariate Mass<br>St Thomas More, Exton Rd., Iford | 01590 610133 | Sunday 11.15am |
| The Immaculate Conception and<br>St Joseph's, Purewell, Christchurch | 01202 483340 | Saturday 6.30pm<br>Sunday 9.00am, 10.45am |
| Holy Redeemer<br>Kilmington Way, Highcliffe | 01425 274838 | Sunday 8.00am, 10.00am |
| The Sacred Heart and<br>St Therese of Lisieux, Ringwood | 01425 653131 | Sunday 11.00am |
| Our Lady of Sorrows and<br>St Philip Benizi, Fordingbridge | 01425 653131 | Saturday 6.00pm<br>Sunday 9.00am |
| Our Lady Queen of Peace,<br>Southbourne | 01202 424960 | Sunday 8.00am, 11.00am<br>6.00 pm |
| **Hospital Visits: Royal Bournemouth & Christchurch Hospitals:** For non-urgent requests please contact the Chaplaincy Office on 01202 704221. They also have an answerphone. For more urgent requests/ out of hours, the duty RC chaplain may be contacted via the switchboard on 01202 303626 **For Poole Hospital**, please contact Deacon McConville on 01202 442167. | | |

**DAYS FOR PRAYER and REFLECTION**: St Joseph's Hall, Purewell, Christchurch. Every third Saturday (except August and September) 10.30am for 11.00am until 4.15pm. Please bring a packed lunch. January 16th: A New Heaven and a New Earth. February 20th: Working on our image of Christ.

**'LAUDATIO SI' PRESENTATION:** At 2pm and again at 7.30pm, on Thursday 21st January at the Church of Our Lady Immaculate, Westbourne, there will be a presentation and discussion of how we can and should respond the pope's encyclical "Laudato Si". The event will address how we can reduce our environmental impact, and avoid or at least reduce our financial involvements associated with social injustices such as child slavery. The event will last around one and half hours, including a short Q & A session

**POETS, PIKELETS AND PETTICOATS:** An afternoon of words & music with a Scottish themed afternoon tea at 2pm Sat.23rd January at St Joseph's, Purewell in aid Of Kabanana Care (Zambia), charity which provides food, shelter & education for orphaned children/vulnerable adults. James Manlow, Bournemouth's 2014-15 Poet Laureate will be reading his poems & answering questions. Music by The Happy Heart Singers, plus young local performer. Tickets £5 (inc afternoon tea)

**CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS** : Are you interested in meeting up with other grandparents to pray for, and share about, our families? We are planning to set up a local branch of the 'Catholic Grandparent's Association' The inaugural meeting will be held in St Joseph's parish Centre, Purewell, Christchurch, on Thurs. 28th Jan., starting with the parish Mass in the church, at 9.20am, followed by refreshments( finished by 11.30 am) The Pope has given his blessing to the association and Bishop Philip has invited us all to Portsmouth Cathedral on 12th February at 12.15 pm to formally inaugurate the association into this diocese. We look forward to seeing many of you on 28th at St Joseph's. After Mass, the founder of the Catholic Grand Parents Association, will address those present. For further information please e-mail info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.org. All welcome.

## THANK YOU

**for the offerings 10th/11th Jan.**

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| Envelopes : | £ 168.55 | Cash : | £ 106.93 |
| Standing Orders : | £ 189.15 | | **Total : £ 464.63** |

***There will be a Second Collection next weekend for the Catholic Education Service.***