Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg'd. Charity No. 246871

Newsletter of the Catholic Parish of St Thomas More



The Second Sunday of Ord. Time Year A

18th/19th January 2014

Weekday Masses Tuesday - Friday, 9.30am
(with Morning prayer at 9.10am)

42 Exton Road Bournemouth BH6 5QG. Tel: 01202 485588
Priest-in-charge: Rev. Father Darryl M. Jordan, OLW, BSc, MDiv.
Parish Office e-mail: stmiford@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Local Catholic Youth Worker: Will Hince 07810827606 whince@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
www.facebook.com/bournemouthandavonstourcatholicyouth

Week beginning 18th January :		Mass Intention
Saturday 18th January 6.00pm	First Mass of the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	Elizabeth 'Binnie' Madgen, RIP
Sunday 19th January 9.30am	**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**	Mabel Collinson, RIP
Monday 20th January	—	—
Tuesday 21st January 9.30am	St Agnes, *memorial*	For all the faithful departed
Wed. 22nd January 9.30am 10.00am - 12.00	Feria Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	John Richard Collinson, RIP
Thurs. 23rd January 9.30am	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Friday 24th January 9.30am	St Francis de Sales, *memorial*	For all the faithful departed
Saturday: 5.15 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Masses Sat. 6pm & Sun. 9.30am	Third Sunday of Ordinary Time	

We are grateful to Father Ben who will be celebrating Mass for us on Thursday this week.

The hymn numbers board now has additional information on display;
the Eucharistic Prayer, the Proper Preface (I-VIII) and the Memorial Acclamation (A-C)

There will be a Second Collection this weekend for Pax Christi.

This Sunday is Peace Sunday See http://www.paxchristi.org.uk/peace_sunday1.php. For the message from Pope Francis for 2014, see http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20131208_messaggio-xlvii-giornata-mondiale-pace-2014_en.html.





Christian Unity Week:
January 18th - 25th
The theme for Christian Unity Week is
'*Is Christ Divided?*'
The 'Churches Together in Britain and Ireland' website address is http://www.ctbi.org.uk/657

The 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity' is observed by Christian throughout the world every year, from 18th January (the pre-Vatican 2 date for the Feast of the Chair of St Peter) through the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul on the 25th. It's actually an **octave** of eight days, one day more than a 'week' and one day less than a Novena.

This year also marks the 50th anniversary of the Decree on Ecumenism. Last year Pope Francis issued his Apostolic Exhortation entitled 'The joy of the Gospel'. Below are some excepts. Notice how Pope Francis relates peace with ecumenism.

N.B. I think my being Catholic priest incardinated in the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, and also a (i.e., your!) parish priest in the Diocese of Portsmouth, is a fine example of how Catholics of slightly different 'patrimonies' can work together. I also look forward to collaborating with my colleagues, lay and ordained, in all the various faith communities of Iford with whom we already have cordial relations.
In corde Iesu,
Fr Darryl

From the Conciliar Decree *UNITATIS REDINTEGRATIO*, promulgated by Pope Paul VI on 21st November 1964:

1. The restoration of unity among all Christians is one of the principal concerns of the Second Vatican Council. Christ the Lord founded one Church and one Church only. However, many Christian communions present themselves to men as the true inheritors of Jesus Christ; all indeed profess to be followers of the Lord but differ in mind and go their different ways, as if Christ Himself were divided. Such division openly contradicts the will of Christ, scandalizes the world, and damages the holy cause of preaching the Gospel to every creature.

From the Apostolic Exhortation *EVANGELII GAUDIUM*, promulgated by Pope Francis on 24thNovember 2013:

244. Commitment to ecumenism responds to the prayer of the Lord Jesus that “they may all be one” (Jn 17:21). The credibility of the Christian message would be much greater if Christians could overcome their divisions and the Church could realize “the fullness of catholicity proper to her in those of her children who, though joined to her by baptism, are yet separated from full communion with her”. We must never forget that we are pilgrims journeying alongside one another. This means that we must have sincere trust in our fellow pilgrims, putting aside all suspicion or mistrust, and turn our gaze to what we are all seeking: the radiant peace of God’s face. Trusting others is an art and peace is an art. Jesus told us: “Blessed are the peacemakers” (Mt 5:9). In taking up this task, also among ourselves, we fulfil the ancient prophecy: “They shall beat their swords into ploughshares” (Is 2:4).

246. Given the seriousness of the counter-witness of division among Christians, particularly in Asia and Africa, the search for paths to unity becomes all the more urgent. Missionaries on those continents often mention the criticisms, complaints and ridicule to which the scandal of divided Christians gives rise. If we concentrate on the convictions we share, and if we keep in mind the principle of the hierarchy of truths, we will be able to progress decidedly towards common expressions of proclamation, service and witness. The immense numbers of people who have not received the Gospel of Jesus Christ cannot leave us indifferent. Consequently, commitment to a unity which helps them to accept Jesus Christ can no longer be a matter of mere diplomacy or forced compliance, but rather an indispensable path to evangelisation. ...

---

www.biblical.ie/lections

The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr A

Isaiah 49 : 3, 5 - 6. During the Exile, the prophet prepares his oppressed neighbours for the coming of a liberator whom God would send to save them, and to be a light for all nations.
1 Corinthians 1:1-3. Paul's opening greeting to his Christian converts in Corinth. They are sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be saints.
John 1 : 29 - 34. John the Baptist announces Jesus to the world as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world - and the one who will baptise us with the Holy Spirit.

Take Stock! (Patrick Rogers)
Two thoughts dominate this Sunday: first, John's dramatic call to behold the Lamb of God; second, that we have just finished Christmas and are beginning a new year. With regard to beginning the new year there is the sense of the need to take stock, to look at where we are going, and to make the inevitable "resolutions" that might raise the quality of this coming year.

The Baptist asks us to take stock and make changes; to ask what are we fundamentally about and then seek to reset our lives. As active Christians are we able to recognise Jesus Christ? Is he a focus in our lives or just out on the edges? Is he the one we look to for help in time of need, for guidance in our doubts?

An honest stock-taking of our fundamental situation that is offered here may contrast with the ego-centric way we usually conduct our lives. We need to recognise something outside of and larger than us, the God who cares for us, and for the whole human community in which we are involved. Can we listen to John's call to restore what is broken, and Jesus' call, to bring light to the world? Do we see that it is with our willing help that the Lamb can remove the "sin of the world?"

Facing deeper truths is always difficult; it calls us to not just drift along with this world's evil, as the line of least resistance. Discipleship is urgent and costly, but it is also possible and is the way towards the deeper joy and fulfilment that we seek. If we properly hear the Baptist in his solemn act of witnessing to Christ, then our response will be a stock-taking that goes to the root of our being. It may even reveal to us the truth that sets us free.

MSP Day

Friday 24th January

The MSP day will be held at St George's Cathedral,
Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7HY. Mass is at 6.30pm
If anyone would like to go. please contact the parish office for details.

If anyone would like a seat on the coach from Our Lady Queen of Peace church, please contact Shirley at OLQP.

Christmas Cards.

Please check that you have not got any uncollected Christmas cards on the free table; any remaining after Mass this Sunday will have to be re-cycled.

THE LINK Please e-mail articles for the Spring edition of the Link to Maureen by **31st January**. Thanks!





PANTO OUTING

Last Sunday some of the Altar Servers had a very enjoyable outing to the All Saints Dramatic Society musical, Scrooge, at St Peter's School. A great time was had by all. A small thank you to the servers for all they do for the parish throughout the year.

CONFIRMATION:

The next Confirmation meeting will be held at St Joseph's, Christchurch, in the Parish Centre this Friday, 24th January, from 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The next meeting will be this Wednesday 22nd January, at 7.00pm.

Want to be a Friend? - of St John's Cathedral.

The Friends of the Cathedral are a relatively small band of worshippers who are supporting the Mother Church of the Diocese.

What do we do?

There are 4 or 5 events a year to which Friends are specifically invited:
The Gathering in Spring (a day event in the Cathedral Hall with Speaker) This year 15 Feb 2014
The AGM in Autumn – 14 Sep 2014
Dean's Day Out in May (to a place of interest)
The Advent Carol Service

What do we do for the Cathedral?

Support the maintenance and development of the Cathedral site and its historic building as well as supporting its music and spiritual life.
Support Financially. The Annual/ Life Subscriptions are £20 min (annual); couple £30 (annual) £350 (life).
Support Spiritually. Prayers and attendance at organised events.
For more details/brochure please look at Cathedral website or Contact : The Society Treasurer, Friends of St John's Cathedral, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth PO1 3HG Or admin@portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk

Heaven's Road fm Catholic Radio www.heavensroadfm.com is a new digital radio with exciting plans for expansion – why not tune in and enjoy features like prayers, interviews and music to appeal to a Catholic audience – a winning combination. To learn more call 0795 021 8322 or email admin@heavensroadfm.com. The radio is run on a shoe-string by unpaid volunteers, so any donation, however small, would be very welcome. Cheques should be made payable to Heavens Road fm and sent to the above address. Heavens Road fm Catholic Radio seeks enthusiastic people to help make programmes, techies to operate the radio and administrators to hold it all together. Much can be done over the internet – they have people in 10 different dioceses contributing. Further info at http://www.heavensroadfm.com/vols/. Listen on www.heavensroadfm.com. Follow on FB or twitter.

Monthly Area Youth Mass!

Sunday 2nd February, 5-8pm at Corpus Christi (757 Christchurch Road, Boscombe, Bournemouth, Dorset BH7 6AN) Come and join us for our Monthly Area Youth Mass which will be followed by a movie on the big screen!

(Most) Weekly Youth Holy Hour! 22nd & 29th January, 6-7pm at Corpus Christi (757 Christchurch Road, Boscombe, Bournemouth, Dorset BH7 6AN)All young people are invited to join us for this beautiful time of quiet prayer & adoration :)"From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others." - Pope John Paul II

For more information on these events and more, contact Will Hince on 07810827606 whince@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or check out www.facebook.com/bournemouthandavonstourcatholicyouth

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, ***Urgent requests*** (usually for poorly patients who have not been visited in the last 48 hours) please call the chaplain or his substitute ***directly,*** using, ***in order,*** the following numbers: Fr John: Lee 01202 483340 Emergency Mobile: 07850 365897 If these fail, ring St Thomas More's 01202 485588 or the Annunciation Church 01202 513369

THE DEPARTMENT FOR NEW EVANGELISATION : PARISH CATECHESIS INFORMATION EVENING Tuesday 28th January, 7.30pm – 9.00pm, at St Joseph's, Purewell, Christchurch.

'ECHOES' CATECHISTS' TRAINING PROGRAMME : A 10 week course sponsored by the Diocese and run by the Dominican sisters from Sway, helping catechists to pass on the Faith in home and work settings. Introductory evening at St. Joseph's, Christchurch, 22nd Jan. All catechists and others interested in knowing more are invited. Start time to be confirmed – phone St. Joseph's 01202 483340

IGNATIAN PRAYER DAYS St Joseph's Church Hall, Christchurch. 10.30 for 11.00 - 4.15pm Fr Tony will be continuing his Ignatian Days on the third Saturday each month. Feb 15th - Our Prodigal Father and March 15th - Lent.

MASS IN EXTRAORDINARY FORM: In response to a petition, Bishop Egan has asked Our Lady Immaculate, Westbourne, to provide a monthly Sunday Tridentine Mass. Fr Anthony Glaysher, parish priest of Ryde, has agreed to offer the Mass, and the first Low Mass in this form will take place on Sunday 19th January at 7 pm, preceded by confessions from 6 pm. All are welcome. Please phone 01202 432562 if you need directions to the church.

TAIZE MASS with SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: at St Joseph's, 8 Lyndhurst Road, Ashurst, at 7.15pm on Monday 10th February. Individual healing prayer available after Mass. Everyone welcome!

ORDINARIATE PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 2014: This year's pilgrimage to Walsingham will be from Friday 27th to Monday 30th June. Details of booking will appear in the newsletter soon!

MEDJUGORJE 2014 – An Avon Stour/Bournemouth area PILGRIMAGE. 15-22 September 2014. From Gatwick. £529 (twin room), £649 (single room) + insurance. See poster in porch. Contact: Barry and Jo .

CAFOD SUPPORTERS' MEETING: Sat. 8th Feb., 10am-1.30pm, St Bede's Primary School, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX. An opportunity to hear about plans for next Lent and the latest CAFOD news and updates from around the diocese. Mark Chamberlain, will be speaking about his trip to Sierra Leone Booking essential. Please contact the CAFOD Portsmouth office by 3rd Feb. at portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or on 01252 329385.

CAFOD: NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION - Volunteer for CAFOD!
Put your skills to good use this year and help CAFOD in our diocese - different positions and opportunities available. To find out more, please contact the CAFOD Portsmouth office at portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or on 01252 329385.

THANK YOU for your weekly offerings; 11th Dec. / 12th Jan.

Envelopes :	£ 184.10	Cash :	£ 167.67
Standing Orders :	£ 155.31		**Total : £ 507.08**