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TWO WEEK EDITION
Newsletter of the Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

THIRTIETH Sunday Ord. Time Yr A

25th /26th October 2014

Week beginning 25th October :		Mass Intention
Saturday 25th Oct. 6.00pm	First Mass of the Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time	Evelina Hitchcott, RIP
Sunday 26th Oct. 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	**THIRTIETH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME**	People of the Parish
Monday 27th Oct.	—	—
Tuesday 28th Oct.	*NO MASS TODAY* *No Exposition*	—
Wed. 29th Oct. 10.30am *Ordinariate Mass*	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Thurs. 30th Oct.	*NO MASS TODAY*	—
Friday 31st Oct. ***October Devotions 7.00pm***	*NO MASS TODAY*	—
Sat. 5.15 – 5 .45pm 1st Nov 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation First Mass of All Saints	Norman Pankhurst, RIP
Sunday 9.30am 2nd Nov *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	ALL SAINTS, *Solemnity*	People of the Parish

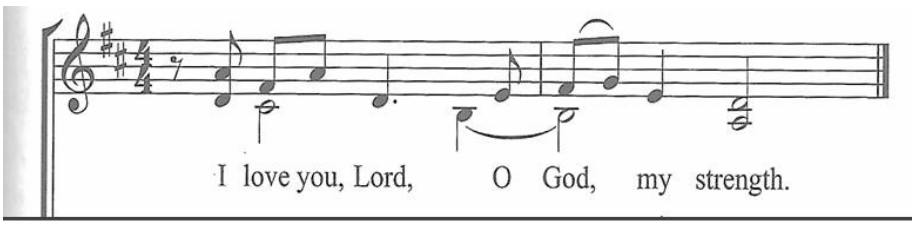
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Exodus 22:20-26 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 Matthew 22:34-40

Exodus 22: 20-26. Moral and religious law: Part of the Sinai commandments is the fairness which the Israelites should show each other in practical matters.
1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10. The fervour of the Thessalonian converts influenced other communities for good. They became imitators of Paul and, through him, of the Lord.
Matthew 22: 34-40. Jesus' moral teaching centres on the twofold commandment of love. It is impossible to love God truly, without loving our neighbour - the real challenge of the Gospel.
Today's Gospel celebrates the great commandment of love.
To love our neighbour as God does, we must try to rid ourselves of prejudice against those who differ from us in race, religion or colour.
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DON'T FORGET: CLOCKS CHANGE THIS WEEKEND
- THEY GO BACK BY 1 HOUR AT 2AM ON SUNDAY!

Week 30 Ordinary Time.
Psalm Refrain



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*

YOUTH MASS

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Southbourne

this Sunday , 26th October at 6.00 pm. Arranged by the Youth Council. All welcome.

BELIEVE @ BOURNEMOUTH

Diocesan youth retreat.

Young people aged 16 to 30 are warmly invited to this year's diocesan youth retreat which takes place from **Friday 31st October,** 5pm, to **Sunday 2nd November,** 2pm, at St Peter's School, St Catherine's Road, Bournemouth.

Young people themselves lead this retreat, as Pope Francis said: "The best instrument to evangelise young people is other young people." The retreat is ideal for post-Confirmation teenagers and will include engaging talks on the essentials of Catholic faith, Mass and opportunities for Confession, workshops and discussion groups, and time for participants to meet and socialise with other young Catholics. Last year, over 100 young people from around the diocese participated in this retreat. Bishop Philip will celebrate Mass during the weekend. To book your place, email info@youth2000.org or visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/youth. The suggested donation is £60 for those who are working, and £45 for those who are students. More details are available from Will Hince, retreat coordinator.

Pastoral Area Walk – Saturday 15th November

Join members from around the Pastoral Area for another guided walk provided for us by Vincent. The walk will start at 10.30 am from the Abbott's Well Car Park on the edge of Frogham, east of Fordingbridge. OS map ref: SU 1779 1290 Postcode for satnav: SP6 2JD

It is expected that the walk will last for about two hours and be followed by an optional pub lunch at the Foresters Arms in Frogham. If you are intending to join us for the pub lunch please let Neil know so that we may book in. Also, if anyone is thinking of going and would like to share transport, please contact Neil.

BAMENDA SUNDAY - Sunday 2nd November.



Every year we have a **special collection** to support the projects driven by our friends in our twinned Diocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. ***Please ensure you see a copy of the Bamenda Newsletter*** to see how we benefit from our twinned relationship and how much your help is needed.

NOVEMBER PRAYERS

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. In November, it is the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Praying for the dead, especially for those we have known, is a requirement of Christian charity. If you are offering the prayer for a particular person, you can substitute "him" or "her" for "them."

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

God our Father,
Your power brings us to birth,
Your providence guides our lives,
and by Your command we return to dust.

Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,
their lives change but do not end.
I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends,
and for all the dead known to You alone.

In company with Christ,
Who died and now lives,
may they rejoice in Your kingdom,
where all our tears are wiped away.
Unite us together again in one family,
to sing Your praise forever and ever.

Amen.

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 Visits: 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

CAFOD MASS of REMEMBRANCE: The 10.30am Sunday Mass on 16 November 2014 at Our Lady Help of Christians, 1A Sherborne Road, North Camp, Farnborough, Hampshire GU14 6JS 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 7th November and they will be included in the Book of Remembrance.

CAFOD Needs You - CAFOD Portsmouth is currently looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help us visit Catholic **primary** schools in Bournemouth. If you are a good communicator and interested in global issues, please get in touch. The role aims to empower young people to make a difference in today's world. Full training provided. Please contact Lynda Mussell on 01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk for further information.

IRISH SET DANCING: In the church hall every 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Thursday, 8pm to 10.30pm. Beginners welcome. For further details, please contact the parish office.

HOME GROUP: Everyone welcome. Thursday evenings from 30th October, at 7.30pm, studying Pope Francis's "Joy of the Gospel". Venue: Petersfield Rd., Bournemouth. Further details from the parish office.

VOICE IN THE DESERT: Saturday 15 November 2014, 10:30am – 4pm. If you are aged between year 8 – young adult, we warmly invite you to join us for our preparation event for National Youth Sunday 2014! The day will kick-start with a performance from award-winning theatre group, TenTen theatre, and will involve workshops on everything from drama to music to spiritual survival. The day will build towards our final Mass, which will be celebrated by Bishop Philip. Cost: £10. Venue: Saint George Catholic College, Leaside Way, Swaythling,Southampton. SO16 3DQ. Bookings and more info: Will Hince whince@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** **18th/19th Oct.**

Envelopes :	£ 148.20	Cash :	£ 186.30
Standing Orders :	£ 152.99		**Total : £ 487.49**



ALL SAINTS

1st /2nd November 2014

Week beginning 1st November :		Mass Intention
Saturday 1st Nov. 6.00pm	First Mass of All Saints	People of the Parish
Sunday 2nd Nov. 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	**ALL SAINTS**, *Solemnity*	People of the Parish
Monday 3rd Nov.	—	—
Tuesday 4th Nov. 9.30am 10.00am - 12.00	**St Charles Borromeo**, *memorial* *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*	For all the faithful departed
Wed. 5th Nov. 10.30am *Ordinariate Mass*	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Thurs. 6th Nov. 9.30am	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Friday 7th Nov. 9.30am	Feria	For all the parish faithful departed
Sat. 5.15 – 5 .45pm 8th Nov 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation First Mass of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	People of the Parish
Sunday 9.30am 9th Nov ***10.45am Remembrance Service*** *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	People of the Parish

Next Sunday, 9th November, is **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**. A special service will take place between the two Masses at 10.45am. The two minute service will be observed and the last post will be played.

There will be a Second Collection for BAMENDA this weekend.

Please remember our brothers and sisters in your prayers this weekend and be as generous as you can in your donation for the many parishes, schools, health establishments and social projects we support in our twinned diocese in Cameroon. For details of our joint ventures please see your copy of the **Bamenda Newsletter** or visit our website: www.bamendaandportsmouth.com

All Saints, 2nd November

Loved into Eternity

"See what love the Father has bestowed on us". The combination of All Saints Day and All Souls Day (Mon.3rd Nov., reminds us of the reality of death and life after death. Somewhere, sometime, sooner or later, we will experience the startling reality of death. Then what? Is it all over for the individual? Jesus says there is a future. He walked through the doors of suffering and a violent death to come back and say there is light, there is love and laughter and rejoicing, there is a life beyond your dreams and imagination. Jesus offers us hope.

Why do we pray for the Dead? It's based on the kind of belief and hope taught by Jesus himself. He once said: "All that the Father gives me will come to me; and him who comes to me I will not cast out." The Church is asking us to pray in a special way for all the deceased, for all those whom we knew, but also for all those who died without the news of their disappearance ever being communicated to us. Whereas we know only a minute part of this multitude of people who have died our creator-God knows them all. Jesus could not lose those who are given to him and who are guarded by his Holy Spirit.

If as Christians we remains faithful to the Spirit who stays in us, then Jesus will raise us up at the last day!

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All Saints Psalm Refrain

