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



Newsletter
of the
Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY

Ordinary Time Yr B

7th / 8th November

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Week beginning 7th November:		Mass Intention
Saturday 7th November 6.00pm	**First Mass of 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**	Powles family
Sunday 8th November 9.30am **Remembrance Service 10.45pm** *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	**THIRTY - SECOND SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME**	People of the Parish
Monday 9th November	–	–
Tuesday 10th November 9.30am	**St Leo the Great,** *memorial*	For the repose of the soul of Marciano & Ruby Colaco
Wed. 11th November 10.30am Ordinariate Mass	**St Martin of Tours,** *memorial*	Brian Frith (Foundation Mass)
Thurs. 12th November 9.30am	**St Josaphat,** *memorial*	For the repose of the soul of Martina & Epifany Lobo
Friday 13th November 9.30am Toddler Group (Led by Fr Darryl in Sacristy) 10.00am	Feria	For all the Parish faithful departed
Saturday 14th Nov. 5.15 – 5.45pm 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) **First Mass of 33rd Sun. of Ord. Time**	For the repose of the soul of Norman Pankhurst
Sunday 15th November 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME**	People of the Parish

Mrs Walsh RIP. News has been received from Corpus Christi parish of the death of Mrs Walsh. Parishioners here might have known Mrs Walsh as she taught at Boscombe Convent and other local schools for many years.

This Sunday, 8th 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.
Please note: There will be no teas and coffees after the 9.30am Mass







A great many thanks to the kind parishioner (who wishes to remain anonymous) who bought and planted the colourful cyclamens outside the church and the pansies in front of the hall. They provide a really nice welcome to us all.

Thirty-second Sunday Ordinary Time Yr B

Cheerful Giver

Gifts of the poor sustain so many projects and causes in the Catholic Church, just as they did the upkeep of the Jerusalem temple in Jesus' day. It is a strange, but at the same time common truth, that generosity is more widespread among those who have little to spare than among those who have much. And all genuine donations made for the glory of God share in that praise that Jesus gave to the widow's mite: "She gave all she could!'

There is a need to examine our motives for giving. This story invites us to examine the quality of giving in our lives - not just to Church collections, but to whatever worthy cause attracts our attention and our sympathy. More than once, Jesus spoke about this subject. Not only should the gift he made with a generous heart, but so far as possible in an anonymous, non-fussy way, so that "the left hand does not know what the right hand is doing." The thing should be done because it is right, with the intention of pleasing God rather than winning credit or praise from others. And the more it costs us in personal terms - giving up some of our time, or our comfort, for something worthwhile - the more it is part of the one great sacrifice of Christ, who gave himself totally for us.

Saint Paul, who organised the first extensive charity collection in the Church, for people in need, proposed two wise slogans to guide our approach to charity: "Those who sow sparingly will also reap sparingly" and "God loves a cheerful giver". And there can be no doubt that the cheerful gift is also much more acceptable even among people on a everyday level. The hospitality shown to the famished prophet Elijah by the poor widow in the town of Sidon, was all the more precious in that it was given with loving respect, and not as a grudging duty. Here was a man of God, clearly in need of help. There was no need for long, involved argument about how he had got into this position, or whether he had drawn up a wiser plan for his future. She did what she could for him, and was blessed in the process.

"Charity brings its own reward," the proverb says. There is that inner glow of satisfaction that comes with giving in a good cause. It is also, in a Gospel sense, the best possible investment for our eternal future - that "treasure in heaven" of which Jesus spoke, when he invited people to "sell what you have and give to the poor." And it has been well said that, from the perspective of our death-bed, we will be happier to think of what we have freely given away during our life-time than of what we have simply stored away for the rainy day.

Giving can be global and local. In our technological age, we have more detailed information than any previous generation about the hungry and deprived plight of people in Third World countries, and indeed of the major miseries endured in inner-city areas of high unemployment much closer to home. Sometimes we feel almost crushed into apathy by the sheer magnitude of the problems; at other times we may grow indignant at the political and economic structures that seem to perpetuate this state of affairs. Aware and intelligent generosity should prompt us to outspoken concern for justice, as well as some personal contribution to charities like famine relief, development funds and soon. At the same time, we ought not neglect the smaller, perhaps less urgent, needs at our own door-step. The personal touch is part of the giving, and giving our time can often be more precious than anything else. And Shakespeare's line remains true about all works of kindness and mercy, in whatever circumstances: "It is twice blessed: It blesses him that gives and him that takes."

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

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Catholic Grandparents' Association will hold a short meeting at the Church of the Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph's, Purewell, on Tuesday 17th November after Mass at 10.00am. There will be a short address about the organisation and its aims.

All Grandparents are welcome.

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.

We would like to encourage all new parishioners to adopt planned giving, details of which are available in the Finance Pack - please take one.

Thank you.

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WELCOME



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REPOSITORY

The repository is open after each weekend Mass.
There is a good range of cards, religious gifts etc.
Christmas cards are now in stock!



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, hall bookings secretary.

Preferential rates for parishioners!

TINDERBOX

Will be appearing on Saturday 14th November at our church hall at 7.30pm.
Tickets £5 - Includes buffet.
Tinderbox are a UK-based acoustic band. This is an opportunity to experience Tinderbox live in a warm and intimate atmosphere.

"Outstanding…..refreshingly natural" R2 Magazine



From the Diocese -

Launch of Catholic Grandparents Association in the Diocese of Portsmouth

Bishop Philip warmly invites all grandparents to join him in the Cathedral for a special Mass to inaugurate the Catholic Grandparents Association in our Diocese. The Mass will take place at 12.15 pm on Friday 12th February 2016 and will be followed by an address from Catherine Wiley, Founder of the CGA. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. All will be very welcome. For more details, contact 01328 560333 or email info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.org. For information about the CGA, see their website: http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org.

Share Your Story

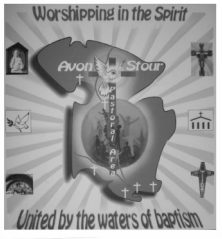
Do you have a family member or friend, over 18, who is baptised Catholic but no longer practises their faith? Perhaps they no longer attend Mass regularly? As part of a campaign to listen to those who no longer practise, Bishop Philip would like to hear from them. Perhaps they feel let down by the Church 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!

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.

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

ST PETER'S COMMUNITY CHOIR WITH POOLE BOROUGH BAND : 'A NIGHT TO REMEMBER' - WWII TO LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS - Sat 14th November 7.00pm at St Peter's School, Holdenhurst Road. Tickets £5 - call 07948511313. See poster.

LEGENDS OF SWING! ANTONY ADAMS (*Finalist from BBC TV'S 'THE ONE AND ONLY'*) sings the classic songs of FRANK SINATRA & MATT MONRO on FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER in Corpus Christi Church Parish Centre St James's Square. 7.00PM — LATE Tickets: £12.00 (includes Ploughman's Supper) BYO drinks. Money raised for Jesuit Refugee Services & Church Funds. Call 07775868253 for tickets.

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

CAFOD: Global Catholic Climate Movement Petition In less than a month world leaders will meet in Paris to agree a global climate deal. Be part of the Global Catholic Climate Movement and show politicians why climate change matters to you. Please go to cafod.org.uk/climate to sign up online by 15 November.
People's Climate March – 29 November Responding to Pope Francis' call to care for our Earth and those suffering because of climate change, we're marching with thousands of passionate people at a crucial moment in history. Show the world you care and join CAFOD in London on 29 November 12-3pm. Sign up via cafod.org.uk/events or contact CAFOD Portsmouth on 01252 329385 portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

THANK YOU **for the offerings** **24th / 25th October**

Envelopes :	£ 149.10	Cash :	£ 143.97
Standing Orders :	£ 201.85		**Total : £ 494.92**

THANK YOU **for the offerings** **31st Oct. / 1st Nov.**

Envelopes :	£ 157.80	Cash :	£ 78.42
Standing Orders :	£ 201.85		**Total : £ 438.07**

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