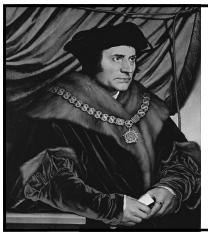
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Newsletter
of the
Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER Yr C

9th/10th April 2016

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Week beginning 9th/10th April		Mass Intention
Saturday 9th April Confessions 5.15–5.45pm First Mass 6.00pm	**THIRD SUNDAY Of EASTER**	People of the Parish
Sunday 10th April Principal Mass 9.30am Ordinariate Mass 11.15am		People of the Parish ----------
Tuesday 12th April Weekday Mass 9.30am Reception of the body before Funeral Mass 4.30pm	of the 3rd Week of Easter	For all the faithful departed
Wednesday 13th April **Requiem Mass 11.00am**	of the 3rd Week of Easter	For the repose of the soul of Enid Price
Thursday 14th April Weekday Mass 9.30am	of the 3rd Week of Easter	For all the faithful departed
Friday 15th April Weekday Mass 9.30am	of the 3rd Week of Easter	For all the parish faithful departed
Saturday 16th April Confessions 5.15–5.45pm First Mass 6.00pm	**FOURTH SUNDAY Of EASTER**	People of the Parish
Sunday 17th April Principal Mass 9.30am Ordinariate Mass 11.15am		People of the Parish ----------

There will be a Second Collection next weekend, 16th/17th April, for the Clergy Training Fund.



CONFIRMATION 2016

The young people of our Pastoral Area will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth on Saturday 16th April. The Candidates from our Parish will be having a celebration Mass on Sunday 17th April at 9.30am. There will be a celebration after this Mass in the hall.

Third Sunday of Easter Year C

A lake-shore encounter

We have a graphic encounter between Jesus and his apostles after his resurrection. It is as if he wants them to recognise him, so that they will have no doubt whatever that he is risen from the dead. And it adds another miracle involving a catch of fish, followed by the human touch of Jesus preparing breakfast for the apostles. This includes the healing of any scars of guilt that Peter bore, because of denying Jesus during the Passion.

For Jesus to cook breakfast for the Apostles is a lovely lesson. They must have remembered that this was the same Jesus who carried a cross to Calvary. We know the phrase "some things never change," and St Paul tells us that "Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and always." Although he has overcome death and now enjoys the freedom of a life beyond death, he still keeps that human touch, a down-to-earth relationship with those whom he calls his friends.

If we read carefully we notice that Peter never actually *apologises*, in so many words. It's almost like the famous line "*Love means never having to say you're sorry* ." While this can make sense, in another way Love means saying sorry even when you don't have to. When the woman washed his feet with her tears Jesus said, "Many sins are forgiven her because she loves much." St Peter could have spent the rest of his life confessing his sin, begging forgiveness, or he could simply open his heart and say aloud that he really did love Jesus. Peter was direct and uncomplicated and knew that Jesus loved him. Because of his failures and being well aware of them, he was the ideal person to lead the others. Earlier, he had recoiled at the notion of Jesus washing his feet, but once he understood the meaning of it he was totally open to this sign of loving service. Because he couldn't afford to point a finger at others, or to condemn them for their human weaknesses, he had the compassion necessary to be a leader. To be a leader of the followers of Jesus, was to be of service to others.

Notice also that, despite all the drama of Christ's death, the apostles had returned to work, and were getting on with life. They had moved on from that sense of withdrawal that affected them when after seeing Jesus transfigured in glory, Peter wanted simply to stay there, basking in the glory. But they had to come down off the mountain, and get on with everyday living. Still, having seen his glory, all was changed for them, and from then on they knew what was their life's task.

www.biblical.ie/lections/SC3.asp

<u>Resurrection Light</u>

Risen Christ, when darkness overwhelms us
may your dawn beckon.
When fear paralyses us
may your touch release us.
When grief torments us
may your peace enfold us.
When memories haunt us
may your presence heal us.
When justice fails us
may your anger ignite us.
When apathy stagnates us
may your challenge renew us.
When courage leaves us
may your spirit inspire us.
When despair grips us
may your hope restore us.
And when death threatens us
may your resurrection light lead us. Amen.

Annabel Shilson-Thomas/CAFOD

CAFOD
Just one world

More Easter prayers are available on the UK CAFOD website http://cafod.org.uk/

<u>CAFOD & UK Aid Match Funding</u>

A reminder that the special CAFOD Lent appeal is still on - and the good news is that the UK government has promised to **match the money** you donate to CAFOD until the **<u>9th of May</u>** (up to the value of £3.5million)

CAFOD envelopes are available on the 'free table'.

Also, did you know that you can text **'LENT16 £5'** to 70070 to donate £5?

Significant Wedding Anniversaries: Are you celebrating a 25th, 30, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so then you are invited to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 9th July 2016. If you would like to come, please visit the diocesan website and complete the online form, or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a COPY of your Wedding photograph, either by email to the above email address or by post and send to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. (Please mark the envelope, "Significant Anniversaries Mass").



REACHING THE UNREACHED (Brother Lionel) COFFEE MORNING

Next Sunday, 17th April.

To be held in the church hall, after 9.30am Mass and after 11.15am Mass - finishing at approximately 1.00pm.





Bring and Buy,

Cake Stall,

Sale of Work.



Fabric and Finance Committee The next meeting is scheduled for the 19th April. Please contact the Chair, Steve, if you have any items for the agenda of the next meeting. Suggestions regarding the use of the 'Living Our Faith' fund are still welcome.

TODAY please take and read the first edition of ***Road to Emmaus***. *This is an update from Richard Martin, our Pastoral Area Director of Lay Formation, setting out Pastoral Area plans. There is something for everyone in there!*

Called & Gifted THIS TUESDAY 12th April– all those who have been involved in the Called & Gifted Process are invited to gather together for one final time to share good news stories about what has been happening, to pray together and to discuss what might happen next.

St Joseph's Parish Centre 7.30-9.00pm (refreshments from 7pm)

Pastoral Area Network Event: **First Holy Communion Catechists** on **Tuesday 26th April, 7.15-9.15pm** at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Christchurch

"***Welcome to Worship"*** *event – for teenagers and adults of all ages: contemporary praise & worship, scripture, reflection, choice of ways to respond in prayer.* ***Thursday 28th April 7.00-8.00pm*** *St Joseph's Church, Christchurch, followed by refreshments. This is a great event to invite a friend along to.*

FLAME 2017 *From the Diocese:* Tickets for Flame 2017 will soon go on sale. I would like you to encourage the young people of our diocese to travel together to Wembley Arena to join with around 8,000 other young Catholics for an encounter with the Lord and an epic celebration of our faith. Last year over 200 young people and leaders from our diocese made their way to Wembley. If your parish is interested in going, please contact Will Hince at whince@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. I would like us to book tickets as a diocese.

THE KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA say, "Come walking with us!" on our **32nd Annual Sponsored Walk** on Sunday 1st May. We will be walking five miles to raise money for Reach the Unreached (in memory of Jo Cassidy) and Macmillan Caring Locally (Christchurch Hospital) Sponsor forms are at the Church entrance.

FUND RAISING CONCERT - 23rd April at 7.00pm at the Methodist Church, Southbourne. Cost £7.00 (- to include finger buffet.) Tony Fernand is a Methodist Local Preacher in the Poole Bay Circuit. He writes - 'My wife Lesley and I are members at Trinity Methodist Church in Southbourne Road. We are Trustees of a Christian Based Home for Children near Chennai (formerly known as Madras) in Southern India, which is run by a locally based charity called the Alpha India Foundation. There are currently 28 children in our care, ranging in ages from 4 to 20. They are not orphans, but all come from home situations where they can no longer be looked after by their families, either because their parents have died and other relatives can no longer support them, or perhaps where the father has died or deserted the family. The children are cared for, clothed, fed, housed, and supported, until such time as they are able to lead independent lives. All the children are in full time education, and the two older ones are currently attending college. Others are likely to follow this route. Alternatively for those who do not qualify for further education we ensure that they receive vocational training to enable them to fully support themselves when they leave us. No child leaves until this is so. We receive no national or local government help either in the UK or India, and rely totally on voluntary contributions. All the money raised goes direct to supporting this work, and as we are sure you will realise this all costs a great deal. The aim of this concert is to add to those funds, and we hope that you will be able to support us.'

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**		
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 and Blessed Margaret Pole, Southbourne	01202 424960	Sunday 8.00am, 11.00am 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.		

CARER'S DAY: Offered by the Catholic Disability Fellowship. To take place at Medstead Convent, Alton on Saturday 16th April from 10.30am to 3.30pm. There will be a speaker in the morning from FitzRoy, time to walk in the gardens or visit the Church. In the afternoon we hope you will tell us your needs and CDF members will talk from their own experience of coping day to day. We consider how we enable those who are less able to take part in parish ministries. A light lunch will be provided.

FAMILY FUN QUIZ : In aid of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Lourdes Fund. This coming Saturday, 16th April, at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre, Douglas Road, Southbourne. Please come along for a fun evening. A good opportunity to bring those visiting families for the Pastoral Area Confirmation taking place early that day to celebrate. The Fund will help send our young people out as helpers with this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in August - it's such a fantastic opportunity for everyone involved. So please come along and support this fabulous cause. There will be questions for all ages and abilities. Nibbles will be provided, please bring your own drinks. £2 per person. Bring a team or join one when you arrive. Raffle prizes will be gratefully accepted.

Could you help CAFOD? - CAFOD is currently looking for people to help us thank parishioners here in St Thomas More for their support and assist with Fast Day appeals (twice a year). If you could spare any time to help fight poverty and injustice please contact Lynda Mussell for more information on 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

CAFOD GOLF DAY : Come along to a special Golf Day in aid of CAFOD organised by the Catenian Association on Friday 8th July at 12.30pm at Wellow Golf Club, Ryedown Lane, East Wellow, Romsey, Hampshire, SO51 6BD. The format is for teams of 3 golfers with stableford scoring. Golfers of all abilities welcomed! There will be a cold carvery dinner in the Club Restaurant after the golf. For more information and/or an application form please contact Roger Lillie on 07729 368195 or email rlillie@cafod.org.uk

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY: The governors of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Christchurch are seeking to appoint for September a practising Catholic who can contribute to the continued success of the school. Please contact the school on 01202 485976 or office@stjosephs.dorst.sch.uk for more information. The closing date is noon, Friday 22nd April.

THANK YOU

for the offerings 2nd/3rd April

Envelopes & Cash :	£ 223.38
Standing Orders :	£ 186.85
Additional Easter Offerings :	£ 61.00
Aid to the Church in Need :	£ 30.83

Total : £ 410.23

Thank You!

