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Newsletter of the Catholic Parish of St Thomas More



The Third Sunday of Ord. Time Year A

25th/26th January 2014

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

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Week beginning 25th January :		Mass Intention
Saturday 25th January 6.00pm	First Mass of the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
Sunday 26th January 9.30am	**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**	People of the Parish
Monday 27th January	—	—
Tuesday 28th January 9.30am	St Thomas Aquinas, *memorial*	For all the faithful departed
Wed. 29th January 9.30am 10.00am - 12.00	Feria Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	For all the faithful departed
Thurs. 30th January 9.30am	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Friday 31st January 9.30am	St John Bosco, *memorial*	For all the faithful departed
Saturday: 5.15 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Masses Sat. 6pm & Sun. 9.30am	Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time	

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

TAIZE

This **Sunday, 26th January at 6.00pm.**
at St Christopher's Church, Arnewood Road, Southbourne, Bournemouth, BH6 5DW
All are very welcome to join in at this united service of Taize worship and prayer with the churches of Iford.

The Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham

As many of you will be aware that there is a group of parishioners of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham who, led by Reverend Edwin Barnes, have been holding Masses at Our Lady Queen of Peace in Southbourne for over two years now. You will also be aware that whilst Fr Darryl is the Parish Priest of St Thomas More, he is also a Priest within the Ordinariate. With this in mind, Bishop Philip has asked that the Ordinariate Group look to move to St Thomas More.

As yet, no date for the move has been set for the move and whilst there will be a number of areas that we need to consider, the aim is not to impact the worshipping which currently takes place here at St Thomas More. We hope that you will welcome and embrace the Ordinariate and work with us to help with a smooth transition.

www.biblical.ie/lections

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Is 9:1-3. Isaiah foretells the coming of a Saviour to Galilee of the nations, to the people who walked in darkness. This is perfect background for Jesus' ministry in Galilee.
1 Cor 1:10-13,13. Even in the early Church there was disunity and the dangers of rivalry and schism. Paul appeals to his Christians to stay united in Christ.
Mt 4:12-23. Jesus calls for repentance and invites his first followers - the fishermen - to leave everything behind to follow him.
Over the past two generations, many ideological barriers have tumbled down. Among those that still remain, those separating the Christian churches should have been the first to fall.

Reflection on the Gospel.

Christianity is about a person, Jesus Christ. He is the pearl of great price that he speaks of, which, when someone finds it, is willing to sell everything he has to buy that pearl. The apostles in today's gospel just walked away from everything. This may seem highly insensitive to their father, and to their responsibilities to their families. There must have been some powerful magnetic force while in the presence of Jesus. There must also have been some great emptiness within the hearts of the apostles, because, certainly, not everyone who was in the presence of Jesus felt any call to follow him. Some were there out of curiosity, some to trip him up, and others were plotting his arrest and execution. The response of the apostles must have come from a combination of their own inner hungers, and the charismatic power that came from being in the presence of Jesus. I imagine their own human condition was actually the first ingredient, because they had lived with that for many years before they ever hard of Jesus. I would suggest that, to have a deep personal encounter with Jesus, I could begin with my own human struggles, weaknesses, brokenness, and inability to manage life. No doubt that would help enormously, when it comes to listen to Jesus speak about forgiveness, compassion, and the special place of sinners in his plan of salvation. I continue to stress one important point, i.e. the gospel is now, and I am every person in it. I have a choice right now to be in two places. In my mind, I can be away back there when and where today's gospel took place; or I can be where I am right now, let Jesus enter that space, and have this incident encircle me. Supposing you personally heard the call to turn from your sins, and turn to God, can you actually identify something within yourself that would have to change? Some behaviour, action, attitude, etc., that would have to be faced up to, and removed? I am not suggesting that you yourself could actually do the removing, because, by yourself, you would not be able. What I am suggesting is that l am willing to bring it to the Lord, and declare to him my desire to surrender, and to have him change me. When Jesus called on people to turn from their sins, he also asked some of them to follow him. They were to become his pupils, people who would absorb his Spirit, and continue his work, when he went back home to the Father.

Sunday 26th January 2014 is World Leprosy Day. Last year 232,857 people were diagnosed with leprosy worldwide. Leprosy is one of the world's oldest diseases yet still millions of people are still affected worldwide. Leprosy is an infectious disease of the skin and nerves which, if left untreated, can lead to deformities and blindness.
Leprosy is an entirely curable disease, through a simple course of medication.
People are subjected to discrimination and social exclusion simply because they or someone in their family has had the disease. In India there are currently 16 laws which discriminate against people with leprosy such as being prevented from running in elections and leprosy being granted as grounds for divorce. Fear and discrimination of leprosy stem from a lack of education about the disease. Lepra has been at the forefront of prevention, treatment and management of leprosy for almost 90 years. We work directly with leprosy affected people at a local, national and international level to ensure they receive the care and dignity they need. *You can change the life of someone living with the consequences of leprosy.*



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CONFIRMATION Candidates and Catechists 2014 please note: We have received a letter from the Department for Educational Chaplaincies asking us to inform all candidates to take note that there is to be a Diocesan Retreat to take place at Oaklands school in Waterlooville from the 4th - 6th April 2014. The retreat weekend will be led by priests, catechists and youth workers from across the diocese in partnership with Youth 2000 - building on the great event they facilitated last year in Bournemouth. Further details will be received in February.

Thank you

…… very much to Catherine for being such an excellent hall bookings secretary for the past couple of years or so :)

We are very grateful!

And thanks also to Marysa and Annie who will be stepping into the breach to replace Catherine.

A reminder that our church hall is available to let for birthday parties etc. The charges are on the notice board in the foyer.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays 10.00am – 12.00noon



A reminder that our church is open every Wednesday morning for Eucharistic Adoration should you wish to spend a little time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

There is also a team of regular 'watchers' - if you could add your name to the list of 'regular watchers' to cover holiday times etc. that would be very helpful.

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

ST PETER'S SCHOOL IFORD QUIZ NIGHT

This Friday, 31st Jan 2014, 7.30 for 8.00pm start.

Entrance for quiz only £2.50, Fish or Sausage & Chip supper £6.50

Refreshments are available or bring your own.
If you require supper this needs to be pre ordered.

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VACANCIES

Part-time Education Officer

A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Education Officer to work in the Diocesan Department for Schools which is located at Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham, Hampshire. The full advert, job description, application and Equal Ops forms for this post are on the Diocesan Website Vacancies Page.

Assistant to the Episcopal Vicar for Vocation (EVV)

The Diocese wishes to appoint to a new post a full time Assistant to the Episcopal Vicar for Vocation (who is based in Winchester). The person appointed to this post will be a practising Catholic who will be working with and under the direction of the EVV. The role will be to work with the Clergy Formation Team in the development and provision of support for the clergy of the Diocese in all the aspects of their ministry. Appointment to the role is subject to a satisfactory DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check. Considerable travel within the Diocese will be required. Full details, Job Description, experience, qualifications and personal attributes for the role, and an Application Form are available on the Diocesan Web Site (www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). Completed Application Forms should be returned to Canon Paul Townsend, Peterhouse, St Peters Street, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8BW by 12 noon on Monday 10 February 2014. The starting salary will be in the region of £25,000 per annum depending on qualifications and experience.

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

SCRIPTURE GROUP (at St Joseph's, Christchurch): ***'Living our Scriptures - Our Faith in Action'***
The group meet on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm.
For details and venue please contact St Joseph's. All welcome.

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!

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM : Please join the Bournemouth Ordinariate on this year's pilgrimage to Walsingham from 27th to 30th June, led by Mgr. Edwin Barnes. The pilgrimage includes half-board accommodation, transport by coach and use of the coach during our stay and a visit to historic Clare Priory on the return journey : cost £215 (child under 16 £155). Booking forms are available in church. For more information, please contact the Bournemouth Ordinariate

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.

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: Volunteer! Put your skills to good use and help in our diocese; different positions and opportunities available. Please contact the CAFOD Portsmouth office at portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or on 01252 329385.

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! 29th January, 5th, 12th & 19th February 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

THANK YOU for your weekly offerings; 18th / 19th Jan.

Envelopes :	£ 153.05	Cash :	£ 99.88
Standing Orders :	£ 155.31		**Total : £ 408.24**
Pax Christi :	£ 76.75	*Thank you!*	

Please note: The Parish Accounts for September 2012 to August 2013 are available to view on the noticeboard at the back of church.