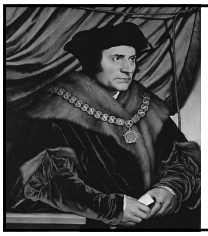
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Newsletter
of the
Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER Yr C

16th/17th April 2016

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Week beginning 16th/17th April		Mass Intention
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 ----------
Tuesday 19th April Weekday Mass 9.30am	of the 4th Week of Easter	For all the faithful departed
Wednesday 20th April Ordinariate Mass 10.30am	of the 4th Week of Easter	----------
Thursday 21st April Weekday Mass 9.30am	of the 4th Week of Easter	For all the faithful departed
Friday 22nd April Weekday Mass 9.30am Rosary (Mary Help of Christians) 5.30pm followed by Mass at 6.00pm	of the 4th Week of Easter	For all the parish faithful departed
Saturday 23rd April Confessions 5.15–5.45pm First Mass 6.00pm	**FIFTH SUNDAY Of EASTER**	People of the Parish
Sunday 24th April Principal Mass 9.30am Ordinariate Mass 11.15am		For the repose of the soul of Ray Rocks (Second Anniversary) ----------

There will be a <u>SECOND COLLECTION</u> this weekend for the <u>CLERGY TRAINING FUND</u>.



CONFIRMATION 2016

The young people of our Pastoral Area received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth on Saturday 16th April. We welcome the newly confirmed from our Parish, **Freya, Mia, Antonio, Victoria, Dominic, Maisies, Isobella, Eloise, Evie, Teo, Hannah, Rachel and Lucy** to a celebration Mass this Sunday at 9.30am.
There will be a celebration in the hall afterwards.

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year C

God the Shepherd

Jesus often illustrated his teaching by referring to shepherds and sheep. He sees himself as the Good Shepherd foretold by the prophets. Today's gospel considers the relationship between Jesus the Good Shepherd and the sheep. The imagery is old. The message is topical. It is relevant to us. By faith we accept Jesus, Our relationship is a deeply personal one. The bond of love uniting us is based on the love that unites the Father and Jesus. Our new existence is founded on God's unbreakable love and faithfulness.

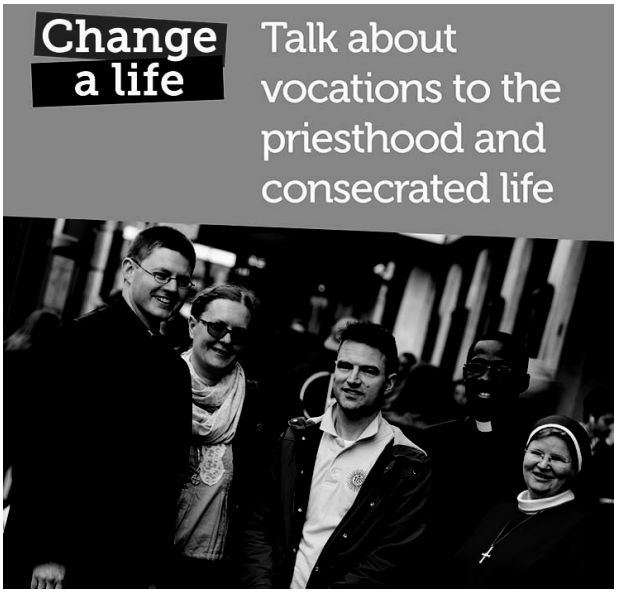
In order to gain eternal life, the ultimate benefit of our new existence, we must listen to Jesus and obey him. We have to attune our minds to the sound of his voice. We have to allow him to lead our steps in the path he has shown. We could reflect on whether we are doing that. There is no need for anxiety though - God is faithful, and will not allow us to be tempted beyond our strength. No one can drag us away from him. The Father has entrusted us to his Son. The same God who displayed his unbreakable faithfulness to Jesus by raising him from the dead will also raise us by his power.

Paul and Barnabas 'spoke out boldly', and made an impact. A courageous proclamation of the gospel to our contemporaries can be as fruitful now as it was in apostolic times. All the baptized, particularly those who are confirmed, are bound to spread the faith. Laity as well as priests and religious are in the service of the Risen Lord.

We are urged us to take personal part in the work of evangelization. Are we doing that? How many evils persist in our society just because good people say nothing and do nothing?

John's magnificent vision depicts the happiness of heaven. Our departed sisters and brothers, many of whom suffered persecution and martyrdom, now see God as he really is. They rejoice in his presence in satisfied love. We are still on our pilgrim way. The resurrection gives us firm ground for hoping that we will eventually share their happiness. Even now we are united with them in the communion of saints. The liturgy we are celebrating and the heavenly liturgy portrayed by John form two parts of one canticle of praise. We offer it through the glorious and triumphant Christ to the One who sits on the throne.

www.biblical.ie/lections/SC3.asp



Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

The Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life will be celebrated on Sunday 17th April 2016.

It flows from the broader culture of vocation, and is when the universal Church asks the Lord to send more labourers to the harvest as priests and religious. The theme this year is ‘Change a Life: Talk about Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life’.

AMORIS LAETITIA - THE JOY OF LOVE

Amoris Laetitia, 'The Joy of Love', is the 2016 post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation “on Love in the Family”. It brings together the results of the two Synods on the family convoked by Pope Francis in 2014 and 2015. There is a section on the website of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, (www.catholicnews.org.uk) which gives a 264-page PDF of the document so you can download and read in your own time, as well as the Vatican's summary document. There is also a video of Bishop Peter Doyle, Chair of the Bishops' Committee for Marriage and Family Life, warmly welcoming 'The Joy of Love'.

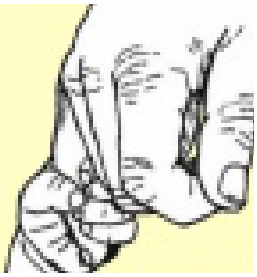
REACHING THE UNREACHED (Brother Lionel) COFFEE MORNING

***this 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.



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) and Macmillan Caring Locally (Christchurch Hospital) Sponsor forms are on the notice board in the Church entrance.

TODAY If you missed it last week, 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!
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.*
Facebook: Did you know we have a Pastoral Area Facebook group? If you use Facebook, you are invited to join – search for "Avon Stour Pastoral Area" and then click on "Join". It serves as a forum for us to share information about Pastoral Area matters or of particular interest to Pastoral Area members. Currently we have 59 members and it is a Closed Group, which means the posts are not viewable by the general public. The more members we have, the more useful this group will become.
Diocese events: There are some excellent one-day Diocesan Formation events this term, including a Bible course, support for RCIA catechists and a Year of Mercy study day. Details on the Diocesan website here www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation/#events



Our monthly prayer in honour to Mary Help of Christians of ADMA will be on Friday 22nd April.
It will start at 5.30pm with the praying of the Rosary. Mass at 6.00pm.
Everybody is very welcome.

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SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Saturday 21st May
Annunciation Church Hall, 218 Charminster Road, Bournemouth BH8 9RW.

Child Protection Safeguarding session 10.00 am to 12.30 pm
Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding session 1.30pm to 4.00 pm. Refreshments of tea, coffee, biscuits will be available but not lunch.
Please contact either PPC Chair, Neil or see the diocesan website to book.

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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

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FABRIC AND FINANCE COMMITTEE : Next meeting is this Tuesday, 19th April.

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

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.		

FUND RAISING CONCERT: 23rd April, 7.00pm at the Methodist Church, Southbourne. Cost £7.00 (to include finger buffet.) In aid of a Christian Based Home for Children near Chennai (formerly known as Madras) in Southern India. Please see poster for details.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS : 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").

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION*:* A note for your diaries! Fr Ron Hishon will be celebrating his Golden Anniversary of Ordination on Sunday 12th June. He is saying a Mass of thanksgiving here at St Thomas More's on Saturday 11th June at 6.00pm , followed by a buffet in the church hall afterwards.

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 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 9th/10th April

Envelopes :	£ 151.48	Cash :	£ 126.44
Standing Orders :	£ 186.85		**Total : £ 464.77**

