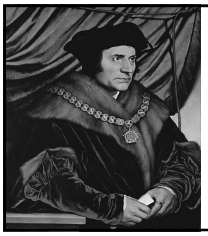
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Newsletter
of the
Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER Yr C

23rd/24th April 2016

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Week beginning 23rd/24th April		Mass Intention
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 4.30pm Choral Evensong and Benediction		For the repose of the soul of Ray Rocks (Second Anniversary) ----------
Tuesday 26th April Weekday Mass 9.30am	of the 5th Week of Easter	For all the faithful departed
Wednesday 27th April Ordinariate Mass 10.30am	of the 5th Week of Easter	----------
Thursday 28th April Weekday Mass 9.30am	of the 5th Week of Easter	For all the faithful departed
Friday 29th April Weekday Mass 9.30am	**St Catherine of Siena**, *feast*	For all the parish faithful departed
Saturday 30th April Confessions 5.15–5.45pm First Mass 6.00pm	**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**	Leonard & Gladys Hinton (Foundation Mass)
Sunday 1st May Principal Mass 9.30am Ordinariate Mass 11.15am		People of the Parish ----------

The Bournemouth Ordinariate Group celebrates Choral Evensong and Benediction this Sunday and invites all singers to join the choir in this ancient and traditional service. Choir practice is at 3:30pm followed by the service at 4:30pm. All are welcome. Please ring Fr Darryl with any queries.

There will be a Special Collection this weekend for

the People of Ukraine

On Sunday 3rd April, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, launched a humanitarian initiative in favour of the people of the Ukraine in the form of a special collection to be taken in all of the Catholic Churches in Europe this weekend.

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C

Is the new commandment really possible?

We may wonder whether this Last-Supper commandment of Jesus to love one another is really all that *new*. After all, he could point to an Old Testament requirement to love my neighbour as myself (Lev 19:18). The clearest new element is that we are to love just as Jesus loved us, and that was totally, to the last drop of his blood, poured out on the hill of Calvary. Another sense in which the Christian commandment to love is new is in the breadth of the definition of who is my neighbour, whom I should love. In the parable of the Good Samaritan it appears that now everyone is my neighbour – even those of different nationality or religion. So now, love for our neighbour is very demanding, and goes beyond all racism or prejudice.

The really hard question is whether such love is possible. While giving a hesitant yes to this as a possibility, it is clear that most of us, most of the time clearly fail to live this new commandment fully. We can only love in this way by cooperating very generously with the grace of God. But the power to do is is made possible by the New Covenant set up by Christ, and because we have the living presence of the risen Jesus always with us, to help us love in his way.

Of course there are difficult situations where it is very demanding to love our neighbour as ourselves or even to love our neighbour in any way at all. In the face of Islamic extremism or any other form of terrorism, or in time of war, we are strongly tempted to dehumanise the enemy and regard them as no longer part of the human family, and so unworthy of any kind of love or respect. But Jesus' commandment to love, and his own example of forgiving those who crucified him, constantly call us to reconsider things and seek for reconciliation rather than total victory.

In the end, it is only when working with the grace of God that we can love our neighbour as ourselves in this new way. It is only by living every day with Jesus that we can love our neighbour as ourselves in this new way. Can we live our day in such a way that we are in communion with Jesus in some way all day? It is only by living our day with Jesus that we can love as he loved. It is only by living close to Jesus that we can love as Jesus asked us. If not, we will be relying only on our human efforts alone, and we will love with some other type of love but not the unconditional love Jesus asked for when he said, "I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you."

www.biblical.ie/lections/SC3.asp

AMORIS LAETITIA 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. The website of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, (www.catholicnews.org.uk) gives a 264 page PDF of the document as well as the Vatican's summary document.

Broken Bread

God, whom we meet in bread and wine,
in body broken and blood outpoured,
fill us with your compassion,
that we may hear the cries of the hungry
and reach out to those in need.
Engender in us a thirst for justice,
that the hungry will be satisfied
and the rich sent empty away.
Roll away our apathy
that, with arms outstretched,
we may offer life in place of death
and hope in the face of despair.
Amen.

Annabel Shilson-Thomas/CAFOD

Hugh Parry *will complete his formation for the* ***Permanent Diaconate****, prior to his ordination at St John’s Cathedral on 2nd July, at Christchurch parish. After ordination, he will be based at Christchurch, but as a resource for the whole of the Avon Stour Pastoral Area.*

Thank you very much to all those who helped with the Brother Lionel coffee morning last week
Approximately £150 was raised - details to follow.



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE TO ALL GIFT AID DONORS: All those who Gift-aid are reminded that the increases in personal allowances recently, together with the new savings tax relief announced by the Chancellor in this year's budget, will result in a number of you falling below the tax threshold altogether. PLEASE BE AWARE OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT: If your circumstances have changed and you cease paying tax, please let Steve in the parish office know so that your name can be removed from the Gift Aid Scheme. If you do not do so, and the parish continues to claim Gift Aid for you, you will be liable to make up the tax shortfall by paying back the Inland Revenue!

THE 'LINK'
(- your Pastoral Area Newsletter)
would welcome contributions of news and photos from around our Pastoral Area for the Summer 2016 edition.
Please send them to Julie: olqp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by 5th June.
Thank you!





Corpus Christi Primary School are having their annual **Summer Fete on 1st July, 3.00pm - 5.00pm** in the school playground. We are having a plant stall and would be grateful if you could grow a few extra plants to donate to our stall. Any type of plant gratefully accepted! You can drop them with me any time during the week of the sale, or, at the school on the day, or I can collect them from you - contact parish office for details.
With thanks, Kathy

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 Sat. 9th July. 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").

From Richard Martin, Director of Lay Evangelisation:
THIS THURSDAY: *"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.
Pastoral Area Network Event: **First Holy Communion Catechists** on **Tuesday 26th April, 7.15-9.15pm** at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Christchurch
THE SACRAMENTS – Transforming Everyday Life Another chance to see this DVD series that was shown during Lent. This time the sessions will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows church hall, 15 Salisbury Road, **FORDINGBRIDGE** SP6 1EG as follows: Fortnightly on **Wednesday evenings**, 7.00-8.30pm from 11th May: Session 1: 11th May, Session 2: 25th May, Session 3: 8th June, Session 4: 22nd June ***OR*** Weekly on **Thursday mornings** from 19th May, 10.45am-12.15pm (except 2nd June): Session 1: 19th May, Session 2: 26th May, Session 3: 9th June, Session 4: 16th June . Each session is stand-alone, so come to as many as you can manage. No need to sign up, just turn up on the day. Sessions are titled "Why Sacraments?", "Baptism", "Confirmation" and "The Eucharist". For more information contact Richard Martin (rmartin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk, 07990 826934)
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

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 on the notice board in the Church entrance.

CAFOD
Just one world

CAFOD's LENTEN APPEAL You are reminded that the period for the Lenten Appeal is not officially over until 16th May. Any donations made for the Appeal up to this time will be matched, pound for pound, by the Government under the UK Aid Match Scheme. This is because CAFOD has been selected to receive this preferential treatment for an unprecedented third year! IMPORTANT: Any donation should be marked clearly as being for the Lenten Appeal, even if you send a cheque directly to CAFOD. Thank you for your support.

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.		

DAYS FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION: St Joseph's Hall, Purewell, Christchurch. Led by Fr Tony Horan SJ. Every 3rd Saturday (but not August and September) 10.30am - 4.15pm. Next date for your diary is 21st May. Please bring a packed lunch.

FLAME 2017: Saturday 11th March 2017. Bishop Philip would like to encourage the young people of our diocese to travel together to Wembley Arena. Last year over 200 young people and leaders from our diocese made their way to Wembley. We hope Flame 2017 will be even bigger! If you are interested in going, please contact Will Hince whince@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING Saturday 21st May at the 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 Neil, the PPC Chair, or see the diocesan website to book.

QUIZ NIGHT: Not just for eggheads - for everyone! 7th May Trinity Hall, Ringwood BH24 1DH. See posters for more details. Do come along and join us for 'quizzes and things' for all ages. Teams of approx 4-6. We would love to meet you as well as your friends, neighbours, school or family. Licensed bar; Prizes; Raffle. Bring a plate of food to share and try what others have brought too. Tickets only £5 each (Family only £12) Tickets can be reserved - call Helen 01425 475088. Proceeds to CAFOD

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

THANK YOU

for the offerings 16th/17th April

Envelopes :	£ 156.17	Cash :	£ 148.53
Standing Orders :	£ 186.85		**Total : £ 491.55**
Additional Easter Offerings :	£ 17.95		



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