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Newsletter
of the
Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER Yr C

30th April/1st May 2016

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Week beginning 30th/1st May		Mass Intention
Saturday 30th April Confessions 5.15–5.45pm First Mass of Sunday 6.00pm	**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**	Leonard & Gladys Hinton (Foundation Mass)
Sunday 1st May Sunday Mass 9.30am Ordinariate Mass 11.15am Syro-Malabar Mass 4.00pm		People of the Parish ----------
Tuesday 3rd May Weekday Mass 9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am - 11.00am	**SS PHILIP & JAMES**, *feast*	For all the faithful departed
Wednesday 4th May Ordinariate Mass 10.30am	**THE ENGLISH MARTYRS**, *feast*	----------
Thursday 5th May Weekday Mass 9.30am	of the 6th Week of Easter, before Ascension	For all the faithful departed
Friday 6th May Weekday Mass 9.30am Toddler group (led by Fr Darryl) 10.00am	of the 6th Week of Easter, before Ascension	For all the parish faithful departed
Saturday 7th May Confessions 5.15–5.45pm Vigil Mass 6.00pm	**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**	People of the Parish
Sunday 8th May Sunday Mass 9.30am Ordinariate Mass 11.15am		People of the Parish ----------

There will be a Second Collection next weekend for World Communications

The KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA 32nd ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK is *This* Sunday, 1st May. This is a five mile walk to raise money for Reach the Unreached (in memory of Jo Cassidy) and Macmillan Caring Locally (Christchurch Hospital)

E-mail Scam

Message received from Fr Vitalis : 'If any parishioners of St Thomas More have received a message soliciting money to help an African boy, that message is not from me and should be disregarded. It is a Scam. This is the work of scammers, using my name to cause mischief and to defraud people. Let everyone be warned. I will not ask for money from anyone in this way.'

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C

A Special kind of Goodbye

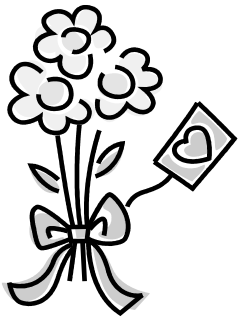
French vocabulary is sometimes more precise than English. "Goodbye" is a case in point. The French use *Au revoir* for those everyday temporary separations, while *Adieu* is reserved strictly for final departures; it means roughly "until we meet in heaven." Life is a succession of *Au revoirs* and *Adieus* . The number of the latter grows with the passing years. Our hearts and memories are peopled with faces that once were dear to us. Some, like our parents, died. Others moved away out of our lives never to reappear again. If their names crop up in conversation we say, "I wonder what became of so-and-so." They may say the same about us too. Life is a series of little deaths until our own death which for us will be the last great *Adieu* .

We are, as never before, a pilgrim people, on the move. We need faithful friends who travel with us. In today's gospel, Jesus alerts his disciples to his imminent departure, his ascension into heaven. He doesn't say *Adieu* but *Au revoir* . "I am going away, but I shall return." We never really say goodbye to God, for God always goes with us.

Notice how immigrants who leave their families, friends, language and cultures and settle, often penniless and in a hostile environment, on the other side of the globe, begin by building houses of worship. Such was the case with the Irish in America or Australia. Such is the case today with immigrant Muslims building mosques all over Europe. God is what they cling on to.

God keeps his promise to be with us always. He will always keep his side of the bargain. It is up to us to keep ours. And when we come to the end of our pilgrimage here and have to make our last goodbye, it will be literally *Adieu*, "going to God."

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Supporting and being supported at different stages in our journeys ……

Thank you to the **Liturgy of the Word with children team**. Thanks to the parents.

Thank you to the **First Holy Communion Team; Peter, Julie and Amanda.**

Thanks to the Pastoral Area **Confirmation** catechists and especially to our own Parish catechists, **Marysa and Julia,** and to all the sponsors of the confirmed young people.

NINE DAYS OF PRAYER TO PREPARE FOR PENTECOST



The Pentecost Novena is the first of all novenas.

The Novena to the Holy Spirit has a long history. After Jesus' Ascension into heaven, he commanded his disciples to come together in the upper room to devote themselves to constant prayer (Acts 1:14). They prayed for nine days before receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. So, a novena is a nine-day prayer recalling this time when Mary and the Apostles were gathered together in prayer between Ascension Thursday (although now transferred to Sunday) and Pentecost Sunday.

When Christ ascended into heaven, he told them that he would send his Holy Spirit, and so they prayed for the coming of the Spirit. This novena is an expression of the desire of the faithful to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and although it is often prayed between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost, it can be prayed at any time of the year.

Hugh Parry will complete his formation for the **Permanent Diaconate**, prior to his ordination 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.

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL FLYER. David Todd, Headteacher St Peter's writes: 'We are blessed with many excellent Catholic schools in our area. The Church has long been involved in the enterprise of schooling – indeed longer than the state. Our Catholic schools have a distinctive purpose and mission, but they also provide exceptional teaching and learning. **With this week's newsletter is a flyer from St Peter's Catholic School** highlighting their excellent results and indicating the quality of education provided following the equally superb grounding experienced through our Catholic primary schools.'

A MESSAGE FROM THE PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE TO ALL GIFT AID DONORS

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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, Gift Aid Co-ordinator, c/o 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 olqp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by 5th June.

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 off any time during the week of the sale, or, at the school on the day—please call parish office for details.



From Richard Martin, Director of Lay Evangelisation:
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)
POSTPONED SACRAMENTS DVD SESSION – SOUTHBOURNE The remaining DVD session on BAPTISM, postponed from 3rd March, will now take place at Our Lady Queen of Peace hall, Southbourne on THURSDAY 12th MAY, 1.30-2.45pm. As before, please feel free to bring your lunch from 1pm. All welcome!

"WE ARE FAMILY" As mentioned in the recent Road to Emmaus, everyone is encouraged to come to one of these conferences to pool our ideas on how best we as a Catholic Christian community can support and encourage the families who live in our Pastoral Area. More details will follow shortly, but meanwhile please put one of these dates in your diary now: **Wednesday 15th June, 7.15 - 9.15 pm** Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge **Thursday 16th June, 7.15 - 9.15 pm** St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Christchurch **Tuesday 21st June, 10.30 am -12.30 pm** Our Lady Queen of Peace, Southbourne **Friday 8th July, 11 am - 1 pm** Holy Redeemer, Highcliffe
CALLING ALL PARISH SINGERS AND MUSICIANS…! Everyone involved in parish music groups, choirs, organists, etc. is invited to our next Pastoral Area Network Event on **MONDAY 6th JUNE, 7.15-9.15 pm** at St Thomas More Church Hall, Exton Road, Iford BH6 5QG. This will be a great chance for us all to meet each other, sing and pray together, revisit what our ministry is really about, share good practice and discuss ways we may be able to support each other and work together in the future.
The session will be led by Richard Martin.

CAFOD Just one world

You are reminded that the period for the **Lenten Appeal** is not 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.

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.

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. Please contact either, PPC Chair, Neil or see the diocesan website to book.

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").

FLAME 2017: Saturday 11th March. Please contact whince@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for details.

SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND: St George Catholic College. Full details and booking forms are available on the webpage www.celebrateconference.org

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 . Proceeds to 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

THANK YOU

for the offerings 23rd/24th April

Envelopes :	£ 141.72	Cash :	£ 103.55
Standing Orders :	£ 186.85		**Total : £ 432.12**
Collection for Ukraine:	£ 120.97	*Thank You!*	

