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Newsletter
of the
Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Yr C

7th/8th May 2016

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Week beginning 7th/8th May		Mass Intention
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		First Holy Communicants ----------
Tuesday 10th May Weekday Mass 9.30am	of the 7th week of Easter	For all the faithful departed
Wednesday 11th May Ordinariate Mass 10.30am	of the 7th week of Easter	----------
Thursday 12th May Weekday Mass 9.30am	of the 7th week of Easter	For all the faithful departed
Friday 13th May Weekday Mass 9.30am Toddler Group 10.00am Rosary followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm	of the 7th week of Easter	For all the parish faithful departed
Saturday 14th May Confessions 5.15–5.45pm Vigil Mass 6.00pm	**PENTECOST**	For the repose of the soul of Doris Ferris (10th Anniversary)
Sunday 15th May Sunday Mass 9.30am Ordinariate Mass 11.15am		People of the Parish ----------

There will be a Second Collection this weekend for
World Communications

This Sunday is **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY** for

Joe, Joseph, Corbin, Erin, Celine, Katrina, Alfie, Aston and Ewan

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me ….. for the kingdom of heaven belongs to people like these.'



The Ascension of the Lord Year C

Heaven on earth

Jesus didn't simply dissolve into thin air. On Ascension day, one might think that he removed himself into a new form of divine exclusion. But the case is exactly the opposite. In being with God, Jesus is *here* with us in a new and very specific way. Only by his *physical* separation from the historical scene can his *spiritual* union be complete with all the world for all time. Jesus one day left the world in order to be available to everyone through all time. He had to dissolve the bonds he had made with his friends, in order to be available for everybody. In Jesus, the future has already begun!

At the Ascension, his disciples hear his last instruction, *not to try to stare into the future nor be asking when he will come back* . We must not stand idly staring upward or moaning about the past, about which we can do nothing except to bury it deeply in God's hands and heart! The Lord will be glorified, and it follows that his disciples will also share in his glory.

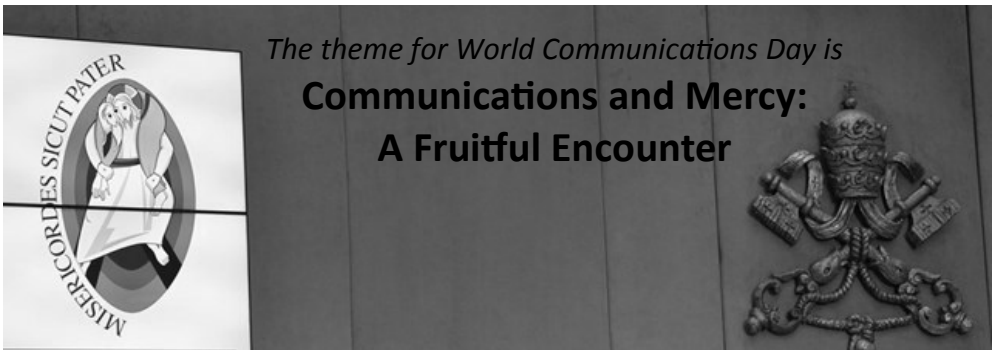
Let's get going and carry a piece of heaven into our world. This is the meaning of the Resurrection and the Ascension of our Lord, the divine empowerment of his Gospel dream! May Christ's dying and rising move us to make God's glory dwell on earth. May our hope for the future inspire us in a respect for the present. May our desire for heaven not make us neglect our work on earth.

Fr. Thomas Rosica (adapted) www.biblical.ie/lections/SC3.asp

ASCENSION PRAYER TO LIVE A FULL LIFE

O Lord,
Your Ascension into heaven
marks the culmination of the Paschal Mystery,
and it contains an important teaching for us.
May we live life as an earthly reality
and develop our human potential to the fullest.
May we make use of the results of science
to achieve a better life on this planet.
But in our best moments
we know that there must be more
than all of this,
a transcending Reality.
As Christians, we know that this Reality
is Your loving Father
Who awaits us with You and the Holy Spirit.
Where You have gone,
we ultimately will come - if we are faithful.

http://www.churchyear.net/ascensionprayers.html



Paul used the media of his day - letter writing - to pass on his reflections about living Christ to the communities he founded. Today, the Catholic Church continues to use all forms of communications technology to carry on the mission entrusted to the apostles by Jesus:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you" (Mt 28:19-20).

http://store.pauline.org/landing-pages/world-communications-day-mass

Thank you very much to Tim for providing the rubber 'feet' for our kneelers in the church &
thank you very much to Jenny, Mike and Johnny for spending part of their Bank Holiday weekend fitting them.
All rows of kneelers now have either new or good condition existing 'feet'.
We are indebted to you – **you are stars!**





Romy writes:
'The Association of Mary Help of Christians (ADMA), invites everyone to pray the **Novena and Rosary** in honour of our Mother Help of Christians from Sunday 15th of May at 6.00pm and finishing on Tuesday 24th with the **Procession and Mass** celebrated by our Delegate National Fr Francis Preston SDB, Fr Darryl M Jordan OLW and Fr Tony Horan SJ at 6.00 pm here at St Thomas More Church. There will be a party celebration afterwards. Thank you very much.'

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.
Please send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. or visit the diocesan website and complete the online form.
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").

CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE: 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 - please contact parish office to arrange. With thanks, Kathy.

THE 'LINK' : Contributions of news and photos from around our Pastoral Area for the Summer 2016 edition welcomed. Please send them to olqp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by **5th June**.

From Richard Martin, Director of Lay Evangelisation:
THIS WEEK: 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.
BEGINNING THIS WEEK: 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)

COMPOST BIN - ***FREE TO A GOOD HOME!***

PLEASE ENQUIRE AT PARISH OFFICE.



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.

THE LAND GIRLS : The Land Girls (- as seen on 'The Voice') will be in concert in Corpus Christi Parish Centre, Parkwood Road, Boscombe on Friday 17th June at 7.00pm. The singing duo specialise in popular 1940's and wartime hits. A ploughmans supper is included in ticket price of £12.50. BYO drink. Tickets available from Aidan.

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

SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND: We are now taking bookings for the 2016 Southampton Celebrate Weekend. We would love to welcome people to our new venue at St. George Catholic College. Our speakers this year are: Ros Powell, Russ Parker, Emily Leakey and Michelle Moran who we have been trying to book for nine years. We have finally been successful! Full details and booking forms are available on our webpage www.celebrateconference.org Early booking is recommended as places are limited, especially for families with children.

THANK YOU

for the offerings 30thApril/1stMay

Envelopes :	£ 123.10	Cash :	£ 85.22
Standing Orders :	£ 186.85		**Total : £ 395.17**

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