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Newsletter of the Catholic Parish of St Thomas More



The Baptism of the Lord Year A

11th/12th January 2014

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

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Week beginning 11th January :		Mass Intention
Saturday 11th January 6.00pm	First Mass of the Baptism of the Lord	People of the Parish
Sunday 12th January 9.30am	**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**	Gerald King, RIP
Monday 13th January	—	—
Tuesday 14th January	Feria	Derek James Andrews (Foundation Mass)
Wed. 15th January 9.30am 10.00am - 12.00	Feria Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	For all the faithful departed
Thurs. 16th January	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Friday 17th January 9.30am	St Anthony of Egypt, memorial	Ponnamma Simon RIP (6th Anniversary)
Saturday: 5.15 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Masses Sat. 6pm & Sun. 9.30am	Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	

Pat Macdonald and family would like to thank parishioners and friends for their very moving sympathy messages and Mass offerings on the death of Martin, a beloved husband, father and grandfather. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will shortly be offered for all your intentions.

Monthly Area Youth Mass

<u>This Saturday</u>, 11th January, 6-8pm at Saint Thomas More's

Following our first Area Youth Mass of 2014 and our first ever Area Youth Mass here at St Thomas More's, there will be a social time with music & refreshments!

The Bishop's Pastoral Message
'Becoming a Missionary Disciple'

is on the Diocesan website, www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk, and there are copies on the 'free table'.



The Baptism of the Lord

www.biblical.ie/lections

First Reading: Book of Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Resp. Psalm: Ps 29:1-4, 9-10

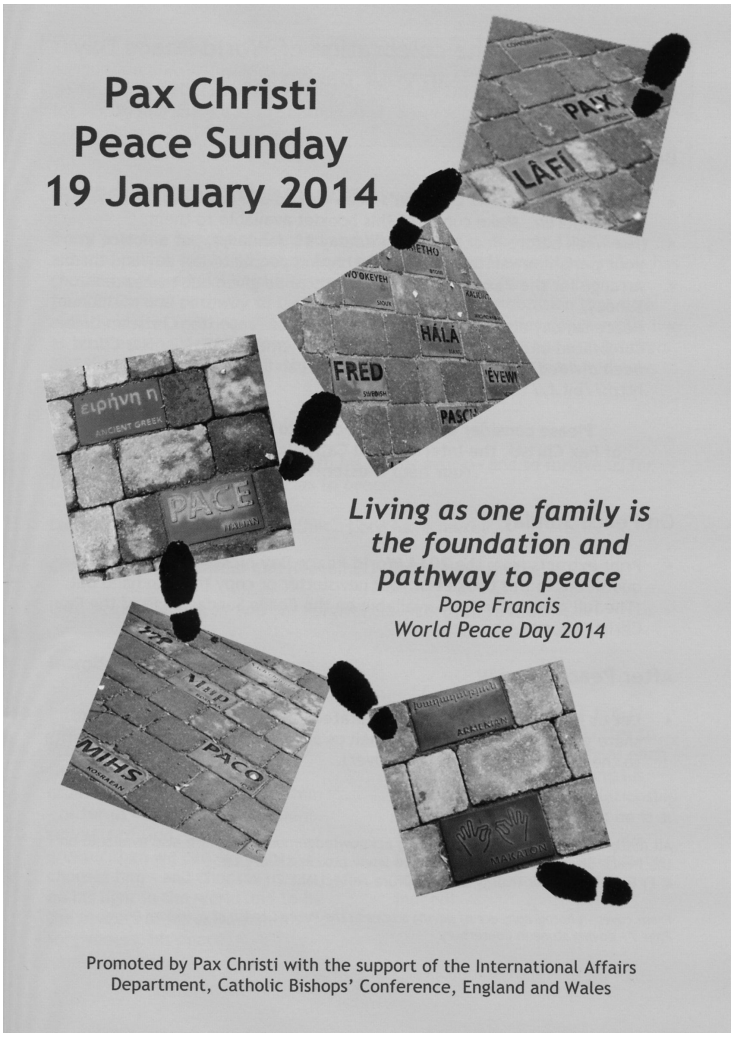
Second Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Is 42 :1-4, 6-7. A servant of God, a chosen one, will courageously serve God and help others to salvation - like Jesus, this servant "fulfils all righteousness."

Acts 10 :34-38. The baptism of Jesus in the Jordan was an "anointing with the Holy Spirit" after which he went about doing good. Baptism gives us, too, the power to do good.

Mt 3 :13-17. Although baptised by John, Jesus was not personally a sinner. His mission was to show whatever sinful man had to do in order to be restored to friendship with God.



The Octave of Prayer for Unity begins on Saturday 18th January.

<u>Peace Sunday is on 19th January</u>.

The Church begins every New Year with a message from the Holy Father about world peace and in England and Wales with a special day of prayer for peace.

For the message from Pope Francis for 2014, see http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20131208_messaggio-xlvii-giornata-mondiale-pace-2014_en.html.

Bishop Philip is very keen that we promote justice, peace and social responsibility within the diocese and is grateful to Pax Christi for all they do to help promote awareness of this.
They have all sorts of resources available on their website:http://www.paxchristi.org.uk/peace_sunday1.php.

<u>Christian Unity Week</u>:
January 18th - 25th

The theme for Christian Unity Week is *'Is Christ Divided?'*
The 'Churches Together in Britain and Ireland' website address is http://www.ctbi.org.uk/657

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION
- Volunteer for CAFOD!

Put your skills to good use this year and help CAFOD in our diocese - different positions and opportunities available. To find out more, please contact the CAFOD Portsmouth office at <u>portsmouth@cafod.org.uk</u> or on 01252 329385.

HALL BOOKINGS

A further appeal!

We need someone to come forward to help with the occasional bookings for our church hall. Or maybe two people - job share!

The duties are not onerous. Most of the time the hall is in use with our 'regulars' - the pre-school and so on, but occasionally the hall is booked out for birthday parties and someone is needed to take the telephone bookings, to let the people who are hiring the hall in, and to make sure the hall is locked up at the end of the session.

Catherine Boardman will have to step down soon so we really do need someone to volunteer for this. Could this be you?!! Catherine will be happy to explain exactly what is involved. Please contact either Catherine, or Fr Darryl or the Parish Office.

Many thanks!

PASTORAL AREA BARN DANCE

Saturday 18th January, 7.30pm to 10.30pm

St Joseph's Parish Centre, Purewell, Christchurch

Quiz, Raffle and a Bring and Share Supper. Doors open at 7pm and entrance is free. Everyone is welcome. If anyone requires transport or is able to assist by providing transport to other parishioners please speak to Neil.

Christmas 'Thank - You's…

..to the kind parishioner who bought in the lovely Christmas tree ..... to those who helped decorate it ..... to all those who helped at the Christmas party .... to Father Christmas for coming to the party ....to those who formed the choir on Christmas Eve .... to those who helped the children at the Christmas Eve service ..... to everyone who helped make this a special time .....

AND …….

A heartfelt 'Thank You' to everyone who does everything else - week in and week out - cleaning the church, arranging the flowers, helping with church maintenance, preparing the liturgies for the children, counting the collection, preparing and doing the readings, playing in the music group, doing the accounts, and so on and so on. (That's just a bit of a long list!)
Thank you - you know who you are - very much!



Christmas Cards. *Please check that you have not got any uncollected Christmas cards on the free table; any remaining after Mass next Sunday will have to be re-cycled.*

MSP Day

Friday 24th January

The MSP day will be held at St George's Cathedral,

Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7HY. Mass is at 6.30pm

If anyone would like to go. please contact the parish office for details.

If anyone would like a seat on a coach from Our Lady Queen of Peace church, please contact Shirley at OLQP

THE LINK Please e-mail articles for the Spring edition of the Link to mike.gage@tiscali.co.uk **by 31st January**. Thanks.

CONFIRMATION: The next Confirmation meeting will be held at St Joseph's, Christchurch, in the Parish Centre from on the 24th January from 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd January.

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

THE DEPARTMENT FOR NEW EVANGELISATION : PARISH CATECHESIS INFORMATION EVENING Tuesday 28th January, 7.30pm – 9.00pm, at St Joseph's, Purewell, Christchurch.

(MOST) WEEKLY YOUTH HOLY HOUR! 15th 22nd & 29th January… 6-7pm at Corpus Christi 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 Check out www.facebook.com/bournemouthandavonstourcatholicyouth for more information.

DON BOSCO YOUTH CLUB - takes place on **Fridays in term time** at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church in the church hall, from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. For those in school years 3 to 6. New members are very welcome to attend. For more details, please contact Romy.

IGNATIAN PRAYER DAYS St Joseph's Church Hall, Christchurch. 10.30 for 11.00 - 4.15pm Fr Tony will be continuing his Ignatian Days on the third Saturday of each month, starting on Jan 18th - More Work on Our Picture of Jesus. Then Feb 15th - Our Prodigal Father and March 15th - Lent.

MASS IN EXTRAORDINARY FORM: In response to a petition, Bishop Egan has asked Our Lady Immaculate, Westbourne, to provide a monthly Sunday Tridentine Mass. Fr Anthony Glaysher, parish priest of Ryde, has agreed to offer the Mass, and the first Low Mass in this form will take place on Sunday 19th January at 7 pm, preceded by confessions from 6 pm. All are welcome. Please phone 01202 432562 if you need directions to the church.

ORDINARIATE PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 2014: This year's pilgrimage to Walsingham will be from Friday 27th to Monday 30th June. Details of booking will appear in the newsletter soon!

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 for all CAFOD supporters in our Diocese to get together and hear about plans for next Lent and the latest CAFOD news and updates from around the diocese. Mark Chamberlain, Fundraising Writer, will be speaking about his trip to Sierra Leone (this Lent's focus country). Booking essential. Please contact the CAFOD Portsmouth office by 3rd Feb. at portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or on 01252 329385.

THANK YOU for your weekly offerings; 4th Dec. / 5th Jan.

Envelopes :	£ 204.07	Cash :	£ 102.97
Standing Orders :	£ 155.31		**Total : £ 462.35**
CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS :		£ 50.21	Thank you very much!