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Newsletter of the Catholic Parish of

St Thomas More

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING

22nd/23rd November 2014

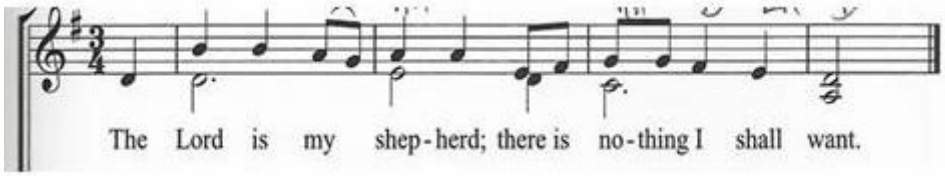
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Week beginning 22nd November :		Mass Intention
Saturday 22nd Nov. 6.00pm	First Mass of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King	Sylvia Espost, RIP
Sunday 23rd Nov. 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING	Martin MacDonald, RIP
Monday	—	—
Tuesday 25th Nov. 9.30am 10.00am - 12.00	Feria Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Marcelina Lobo, RIP
Wed. 26th Nov. 10.30am *Ordinariate Mass*	Feria	Dorothy Carmel Parker, RIP.
Thurs. 27th Nov. 9.30am	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Friday 28th Nov. 9.30am	Feria	For all the parish faithful departed
Sat. 29th Nov5.15–5.45pm 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation First Mass of First Sunday of Advent	Marciano & Ruby Colaco, RIP
Sunday 30th Nov 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	People of the Parish

Today is **YOUTH SUNDAY**.
The feast of Christ the King is the day on which we make young people our particular focus of how much we value them.
Why not be a witness to young people online by telling them **#HOWHAPPY** living your faith makes you. You are welcome to use this hashtag as you tell your story on Facebook or Twitter.

Psalm Refrain:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING

Ezekiel 34:11ff 1 Corinthians 15:20ff Matthew 25:31-46

A Kingdom of Justice, Love and Peace
Paul speaks of Jesus Christ at the end of time handing over the kingdom to God the Father. The Preface of today's Mass repeats this but describes Christ's kingdom as one of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice, love and peace. This ideal is not to be merely a future hope but is to be worked for in the present. The kingdom is our hope, but somehow it is also in our midst, in the process of becoming. The gospel tells us how we are to promote the fuller coming of God's kingdom among us. It comes whenever justice is done for the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, and the oppressed. To behave in this way is to imitate the Shepherd-King himself who is presented in our Gospels as one who rescues from situations of alienation, who feeds, gives rest, heals and makes strong. Among his final words was a promise to the thief being crucified at his side, that he would be enfolded by the eternal love of God, in paradise.

The way to serve Christ our King is to work for the coming of his kingdom. In working for the relief of the deprived, the oppressed and the outcast we are serving Christ in person, because he fully identifies himself with all those in need, right up to his final moment in this life. The disciple of Christ the King cannot afford the luxury of comfortably "keeping myself to myself" or "Well anyway, I do nobody any harm." To be deaf to the cries of the neighbour in need is to be deaf to Christ. To be blind to the anguish of the dying is to be blind to Christ. To take Jesus Christ as our Shepherd-king involves becoming shepherds in some way ourselves; for the work goes on.

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Why National Youth Sunday?

On the feast of Christ the King - this year on Sunday 23 November - the Catholic Church in England and Wales makes young people our particular focus as a sign of how much we value them. The theme for this year, ‘How happy are you?’ knocks on the door of our heart and challenges us to look at what really brings happiness.

In response to this question and inspired by the beatitudes, Matt 5:3-10, we have created eight 'Be Attitudes'. These short statements help young people think about how their happiness is connected to the rest of the world.

Be Humble
Let God work through you

Be Sorrowful
Grieving is ok, it shows your love

Be Gentle
It will get you further than you think

Be Just
The truth sets people free

Be Merciful
We all need forgiveness

Be Pure
Open you heart and you will see God

Be Peaceful
Everybody is a child of God

Be Courageous
Dare to do good so God can work through you

http://catholicnews.org.uk/NYS14

Our New Music Ministry We now have a small group of singers to lead the singing at the 9.30 am Sunday Mass. Also, over the past few weeks we have been playing music during the Altar Censing - do <u>you</u> have a special hymn in the ***Celebration Hymnal*** that you would like to hear during Altar Censing or during Communion? If you have something from the hymnal you would like to hear please tell either Paul or Barry, and we will see what we can do for you!

A note for your diary: St. Thomas More RC Church will be presenting a "Songs of Praise" style event on Sunday 8th February 2015 at 3.00 pm. Details to follow!



Cake Sale <u>next</u> Sunday, 30th November

There will be a special cake sale after the Sunday Mass on the 30th. Home made Christmas cakes will be on sale. All proceeds will go towards church funds.

If anyone can donate anything towards this sale - cakes, bread, preserves, Christmas 'goodies' - please leave them in the church hall immediately before the Sunday morning Mass. Many thanks.

Repository - *Why not pop in for a look?*

….. Advent calendars & candles, Christmas cards, a really lovely selection of cribs …. and lots more.

<u>Senior Parishioners' Christmas Party</u>

The Annual Senior Parishioners' Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 13th December, 2.30pm - 4.30pm.



There is a guest sheet on the "free table" at rear of Church for Senior Citizens and anyone who may benefit from the companionship, to add their names.
New parishioners, people from other religions and those with none are most welcome. There is also a list for those who wish to help with donations for the party - to be completed by 5th December please.

Copies of **'WALK WITH ME'** for Advent available now! **£1**

A NEW START FOR CHRISTMAS ….

Avon Stour Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service, with several priests available, at Holy Redeemer, Highcliffe, <u>Thursday 18th December7.00 pm</u> *All Welcome.*

Advent Reconciliation Service at **Corpus Christi** on Tuesday 16th December at 7pm.

<u>HOSPITAL CAROL SERVICES</u>: The Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Carol Services will be on Thurs. 18th December at 2pm at Christchurch Hospital Chapel (followed by light refreshments) and on **<u>Sunday, 21st December at 3pm</u> in the Bournemouth Hospital Atrium** (followed by light refreshments).

<u>ADVENT TAIZE SERVICE AT OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH</u>: A date for your diary! - A candlelit Advent Taizé Service will take place on Monday 22nd December at 7.30pm in Our Lady Queen of Peace church, Douglas Road, Southbourne, with refreshments served afterwards in the church hall (mulled wine and mince pies).

<u>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB</u>: St Thomas Garnet's School are providing a club for children aged 5-11 during the school holiday. The cost is £25 per day and will run 8.30am -5.30pm with half day sessions also available. The dates the club is running are 15-19, 22, 23, 29 & 31 December. There will be lots of great activities to keep your children busy during the festive break. Please contact the School Office on 01202 420172 for more information and a booking form.

<u>St Peter's School Christmas Shopping Evening</u>
Iford, Holdenhurst Rd.
Wednesday 26th November 2014, 6.30pm to 9.30pm.
Entrance £1.50 for Adults Children Free
All proceeds to the PTA



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 Visits: 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		

Barn Dance at OLQP Parish Centre, Sat.29th Nov., from 7pm. Music by Murphy's Lore. Please see poster for details. Tickets: Adults £10, children free. Please call OLQP Parish Office on 01202 424960 for tickets.

ST NICHOLAS FAYRE: Saturday 6th December at Sacred Heart Church Hall, Albert Road, Bournemouth**.** There will be entertainment (Spanish choir, Polish dance group, Taekwondo group), a raffle, games, stalls, minces pies, mulled wine and St Nicholas will be visiting! All welcome.

CONFRATERNITY OF THE ROSARY: 8th December. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Holy Mass 12.15pm. Candle-light Procession led by the Statue of Our Blessed Lady. Hymns. Prayers. Benediction. Everyone welcome!

Bournemouth and Poole Marriage Care are actively seeking a new person to chair the organisation. This is a really important service to the Catholic community providing marriage preparation services and couple counselling. It is the local branch of a national organisation, www.marriagecare.org.uk.

CAFOD Needs You - CAFOD Portsmouth is currently looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help us visit Catholic **primary** schools in Bournemouth. If you are a good communicator and interested in global issues, please get in touch. The role aims to empower young people to make a difference in today's world. Full training provided. Please email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk for further information.

Keep in touch with the latest news! The Diocese of Portsmouth now issues a weekly e-news with photos, news, and information from around the Diocese. Go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and add your email address to receive these updates. Are you on Facebook? Like 'Diocese of Portsmouth' to get all the latest info as it happens. You can also follow @BishopEgan and @PortsmouthRC on Twitter.

THANK YOU **for the offerings** **15th/16th Nov.**

Envelopes :	£ 161.90	Cash :	£ 109.78
Standing Orders :	£ 152.99		**Total : £ 424.67**

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