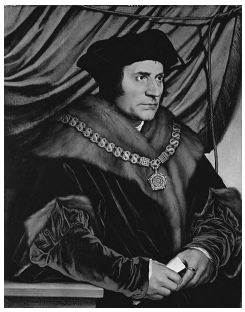
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Newsletter
of the
Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

CORPUS CHRISTI
Year A
21st June/22nd June 2014

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Week beginning 21st June :		Mass Intention
Saturday 21st June 6.00pm	First Mass of Corpus Christi	Margaret McMahon, RIP (1st Anniv.)
Sunday 22nd June 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	**CORPUS CHRISTI**	Margaret McMahon, RIP (1st Anniv.)
Monday 23rd June	—	—
Tuesday 24th June 9.30am	The Nativity of St John the Baptist, *solemnity*	For all the faithful departed
Wed. 25th June 10.30am (From 22nd June) 11.00am - 12.00	SS John Fisher and Thomas More, our Patron Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	For all English martyrs and confessors, past and present.
Thurs. 26th June 9.30am	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Friday 27th June 9.30am	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, *solemnity*	For all the parish faithful departed
Sat.28th June 5.15 – 5.45pm 9.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation Vigil Mass of Peter & Paul	Gerald Murphy, RIP
Sunday 29th June 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	SS PETER & PAUL	Marian Brennenstuhl, RIP

St Thomas More church was founded in 1939,

so is

75 years old this year!

PORTSMOUTH – BAMENDA 40th Anniversary

The diocese welcomes Archbishop Cornelius of Bamenda, (Cameroon, West Africa) and a large delegation to celebrate this significant anniversary with Bishop Philip. Bishop Derek Worlock and Bishop Paul Verdzecof set us this arrangement 40 years ago and a number of Portsmouth priests (incl. Fr. Ron Hishon) served 6 year terms working in parishes and mission stations in Bamenda. Now, thankfully, we are benefitting from the presence of several Bamenda priests running parishes here in our diocese. Many lay people have also taken part in training programmes, voluntary aid and educational courses. Portsmouth has funded many building and other projects in Bamenda. We thank God and pray for a continuing beneficial relationship.

Corpus Christi

Around the Table

We are all aware of the significance of meals, as a special way of being together. Jesus shared table many times with his disciples. It is likely that, when sharing food with his disciples, he also shared his vision of God's kingdom with them. At table, the disciples imbibed something of Jesus' mind and heart and spirit. Of all the meals he shared with the disciples, the meal that stayed in their memory more than any other was their last meal together, what came to be known as the last supper. Today's gospel gives us Mark's account, his word-picture, of that last supper.

This last meal Jesus shared with his disciples stood out in their memory, capturing the imagination of disciples right up to ourselves, because of what Jesus said and did at that meal. He did more than share his vision with the disciples; he gave them himself in a way he had never done before, and in a way that anticipated the death he would die for them and for all, on the following day. In giving himself in the form of the bread and wine of the meal, he was declaring himself to be their food and drink. In calling on them to take and eat, to take and drink, he was asking them to take their stand with him, to give themselves to him as he was giving himself to them.

It was because of that supper and of what went on there that we are here in this church today. Jesus intended his last supper to be a beginning rather than an end. It was the first Eucharist. Ever since that meal, the church has gathered regularly in his name, to do and say what he did and said at that last supper – taking bread and wine, blessing both, breaking the bread and giving both for disciples to eat and drink.

Jesus continues to give himself as food and drink to his followers. He also continues to put it up to his followers to take their stand with him, to take in all he stands for, living by his values, walking in his way, even if that means the cross. Whenever we come to Mass and receive the Eucharist, we are making a number of important statements. We are acknowledging Jesus as our bread of life, as the one who alone can satisfy our deepest hungers. We are also declaring that we will throw in our lot with him, as it were, that we will follow in his way and be faithful to him all our lives, in response to his faithfulness to us. In that sense, celebrating the Eucharist is not something we do lightly. Our familiarity with the Mass and the frequency with which we celebrate it can dull our senses to the full significance of what we are doing. Every time we gather for the Eucharist, we find ourselves once more in that upper room with the first disciples, and the last supper with all it signified is present again to us.

CHILDREN'S FACT FILE: St THOMAS MORE

http://www.thekidswindow.co.uk/News/Thomas_More.htm

No famous family, but of honest stock."

These words chosen by Thomas More himself, to be placed on his tomb, should tell you about the "honest" quality of one of the greatest statesmen who ever lived in England.

His only problem was that he did not buckle down to the demands of his King. His last words were "I die the king's servant but God's first."

Thomas More was born on February 7, 1478 in London. His father was a famous judge and barrister, Sir Thomas More. He was educated in the best school of London at that time, St. Anthony's school. The young Thomas went to Oxford and then became a lawyer. Thomas was elected to parliament at the age of 26, in 1504. It was in 1515, that Thomas wrote a book named Utopia, where he imagined a city with 100,000 citizens. The citizens were supposed to report to each other and there was no money. People bartered for the goods they needed in the market, instead of buying them with money.

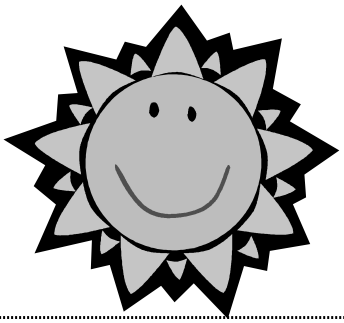
By this time, Henry VIII had come to the throne. He read Utopia and decided that Thomas More would be an asset to his court. To tell you very frankly, Thomas did not like Henry much. But Henry persisted upon trying to befriend this sensible young man. Thomas was not deceived by such a show of friendship. He told his son-in-law that his King was so unreliable that if he wanted something and Thomas came in the way of it, Thomas' head would not fail to roll!

Unfortunately, Thomas was right about his King. Henry VIII started out as a good king. But as he grew older, he began to suffer from health problems, which made him a bad-tempered tyrant. He divorced his wife, the Princess Catherine of Aragon, and married Ann Boleyn. Henry was a Catholic, and the church definitely did not accept this marriage. Thomas More was a Catholic and he definitely did not believe that this marriage was legal, sacred or right in the eyes of God. More who had already been given the post of Lord Chancellor by Henry VIII had now reached the stage when it was his job to tell the King that he was not doing right, either in the sight of God or man. The king invited Thomas to his wedding with Anne. Thomas did not attend and that was the excuse which made the King's hangers on say, "Your Majesty, Thomas More does not obey your orders! He considers the church more powerful than you!"

Henry decided that he was the king and did not need to have anything to do with the church in Rome. So he declared himself the head of the church in England. This bad King threw his once best friend into the Tower of London. On May 7, 1535, Thomas More, great statesman of England, was beheaded by his King, on charge of treason. And so died one who had faith in his belief of what was right and died for it.

What happened to Anne Boleyn? The moment King Henry heard about Thomas More's death, he told his new wife, "You are the cause of this man's death." He had his new queen beheaded 11 months later, because he wanted to marry her lady-in-waiting Jane Seymour. But then, during his reign, 120 people were beheaded every month!
Thomas More was named Saint Thomas More, in 1935.

Thank You



for your …….

FOOD DONATIONS (in the black plastic crate underneath the 'free table') which are delivered to the food bank in Charminster.

for your …….

OLD SPECTACLES - For the Convent in Parkwood Road for the Sisters' mission in the Cameroon.

for your …….

SILVER FOIL and MILK BOTTLE TOPS - taken to the Salvation Army.

for your …….

USED POSTAGE STAMPS - for Brother Lionel.

Keep 'em coming!

ABC Wednesdays! Adoration. **B**eer. **C**hicken. **Come along this Wednesday (25th June) 6-7pm at Corpus Christi** (757 Christchurch Road, Boscombe, Bournemouth. BH7 6AN) (Then 7-8pm at a nearby pub for those aged over 18!)

Youth Mass & Concert with Saviour Soul who are coming all the way from Birmingham to play for us! - Sunday 6th July at Corpus Christi 5pm Youth Mass! 6pm Concert ! 6:45-8pm Pizza and refreshments for all in the Guildhall! For more information on these events and more, contact Will Hince on 07810827606 whince@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or check out www.facebook.com/bournemouthandavonstourcatholicyouth

ST PETER'S SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR 2015: Two meetings are being held at St Peter's School for Parents/Carers and Students.

Open Evening for Parents/Carers and Students attending Catholic Primary Schools only: Thursday 18th September 2014.

Open Evening for Parents/Carers and Students attending other non-Catholic Primary Schools only: Tuesday 23rd September 2014. **FOR FURTHER DETAILS, PLEASE SEE NOTICE BOARD.**

From the diocese: **#livelife – Protect and Cherish Life www.dayforlife.org**
Day for Life – 27 July 2014 – the day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life – will this year call upon young people in particular to protect and cherish life from conception to natural death. There will be a mandatory second collection in parishes to support Day for Life. Proceeds of the collection will go to The Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other pro-life related activities supported by the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

Not Dead Yet UK A group of disabled people campaigning to keep the laws against euthanasia and assisted suicide which at present protect them, has started a petition against Lord Falconer's "Assisted Dying" bill. See their website www.notdeadyetuk.org.



Stand by Brazil

As the eyes of the world focus on São Paulo and the rest of Brazil for the duration of the World Cup tournament, we ask you to ensure that the needs of the country's poorest and most vulnerable citizens are not forgotten. For the past year, we have warned that the World Cup not only offers those citizens little in the way of help or progress, but actively threatens their rights.

Will you Stand by Brazil? Please sign the petition on-line

http://www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Take-action-today/Stand-by-Brazil

Demand justice, fair housing and decent public services for the poorest people in São Paulo and across Brazil, so that they can enjoy the World Cup along with the rest of the world.

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 or the Annunciation Church

WESSEX YOUTH ORCHESTRA CONCERT: 'A NIGHT AT THE OPERA'
Saturday 5th July, 7.30pm. The Concert Hall, Lighthouse, Poole's Centre for the Arts.
Tickets :£14, £11 & £8 (Senior Citizens £2 off. Under 18's half price)
Tickets available from the Lighthouse Box Office Tel: 0844 406 8666 or lighthousepoole.co.uk

MIDSUMMER FAYRE : Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church (15 Salisbury Road, Fordingbridge SP6 1EG). In the church hall and garden. Saturday June 21st, 11am - 2pm.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH SUMMER FETE: Saturday 28th June at 2pm.

CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER FETE: 3.00pm onwards on 4th July. Lots of stalls and games to play. Afternoon Cream Tea and Celebration of 125 years. Play Who’s who or have a go on the Bouncy Castle. Lots of other Fun, Food and Frills.

ST PETER'S QUIZ NIGHT: Friday 4th July 7.30pm Iford Site Entrance £2.50 Fish, Sausage & Chip supper (pre-order only) Bar available but you can bring your own.

BOSCOMBE CONVENT REUNION: All past pupils and friends of Boscombe Convent are warmly invited to meet at St. Thomas Garnet's School, Parkwood Road on Sunday 6th July from 2.30 p.m. Light refreshments will be available.

CADENZA CHOIR CONCERT: (In aid of Zoe's Wish ; easing the burden of illness) Wednesday 9th July 7.30pm St Joseph's Church. Tickets: £6.00 to include glass of wine or soft drink.
Available from the Zoe's wish website.

'ROYAL ASCOT' RACE DAY : Sunday 6th July 2pm. -first race 2.30pm. Fordingbridge Catholic Church hall and grounds. There is no entry charge - just come along with a few coins to place your bets. All the fun of the races with the children as the 'hobby' horses. It will be **'Ladies Day'** so do wear a hat (you don't have to be a lady!!) and **Cream Teas** are available (Cream Tea tickets only £3 per adult or £1per child. Come with family and friends - even bring a picnic if you wish and enjoy a happy summer afternoon - something for all ages. We would love to see you! Proceeds to CAFOD

THE BLESSED JOHN PAUL II PILGRIMAGE: 7th -10th August. 50 mile walk from Bury St Edmunds to Walsingham, led by the Dominican Sisters from Sway. The cost is £55 each - £45 a head for families. It includes everything (food and lodging) from Bury St Edmunds to Walsingham. For more information, contact Sr Hyacinthe,

THANK YOU for the offerings 14th / 15th June

Envelopes :	£ 134.50	Cash :	£ 68.99
Standing Orders :	£ 144.93		**Total : £ 348.42**

There will be a collection next weekend (28th/29th June) for Peter's Pence.