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Newsletter of the Catholic Parish of St Thomas More



Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A

10th/11th May 2014

Weekday Masses Tuesday - Friday, 9.30am

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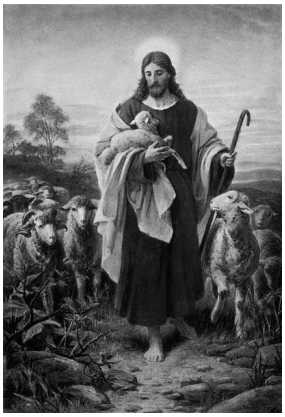
Priest-in-charge: Rev. Father Darryl M. Jordan, OLW

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Week beginning 10th May :		Mass Intention
Saturday 10th May 6.00pm	First Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Easter	Ray Rocks, RIP
Sunday 11th May 9.30am	**FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER**	People of the Parish
Monday 12th May	—	—
Tuesday 13thMay 9.30am	of the Fourth week of Easter	Ray Rocks, RIP
Wed. 14th May 9.30am 10.00am - 12.00 noon	**St Matthias,** *feast* Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Margaret McAdams, RIP
Thurs. 15th May 9.30am	of the Fourth week of Easter	Mrs Francis, RIP
Friday 16th May 9.30am	of the Fourth week of Easter	Ray Rocks, RIP
Saturday: 5.15 – 5.45 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Masses Sat. 6pm & Sun. 9.30am	Fifth Sunday of Easter	

WELCOME to the Rt. Revd Keith Newton PA Ordinary, of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, who is here this weekend.

Immediately after each of the weekend masses there will be a Q & A session in the nave of the church.



This Sunday is

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY.

Jesus is our shepherd. He invites us to a life of companionship with him.

Pope Francis encourages us all to pray for vocations to priesthood

There will be second collection this weekend for the *Clergy Training Fund*

The Fourth Sunday of Easter Yr A

NO OUTSIDERS

"The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers to his harvest." (Mt 9:37). This is often quoted when talking about vocations to priesthood and religious life. When Our Lord talked about labourers though he meant everybody who would believe in his message - and be prepared to spread it around.

That means that the vast majority of labourers Our Lord wants and needs are bound to be lay-people. And that means as well that he's calling on every individual in the congregation; he's calling on every single one of us to play a part.

When it comes to spreading the Gospel, there are no outsiders at all. Bonded in Baptism, commissioned in Confirmation, nourished by the Eucharist, individually challenged by the will of God and Christ's commandment, we have a common responsibility to embrace the faith and share it with all mankind. In one short sentence: All of us are Church.

In the Mass we offer our lives, our whole selves, with Jesus Christ to the Father. The spreading of the gospel reaches out after Mass - it has to do with daily life and the way to inject it with Christian values. We learn more about the Gospel from believers than we do from anybody else. The biggest share of the harvest is saved at home. So let us continue to live and practise our faith, to take personal responsibility for the spreading of the gospel, and make the biggest effort at home, living our faith in such a way that those around us will be encouraged to make it their own.

But we should pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life too, because although Our Lord's labourers weren't meant exclusively to be priests and nuns, they most certainly include them!

It's the source of the greatest sadness and shame that some priests have been convicted of offending against children. Behaviour like that is indefensible. Although it's particularly reprehensible in priests, it's certainly not confined to them. Abusive behaviour by a particular priest, or priests, however, should not be attributed to all. Nor does the terrible weakness that we find in human nature invalidate the vocation to priesthood. Even though some fail, or perhaps because some fail, the good priest is needed all the more. The priest is called to three things: he's called to Word, Sacrament and Service. He's called to preach the word of God, to celebrate the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist, and to model himself on Christ in the service of his people. That's it in a nutshell. And that will always be needed.

What is going to happen in the future depends on us now. Let us pray for ourselves and for vocations.

From: www.biblical.ie/lections

Discovering Priesthood

Once a month, a group of young men meet in Winchester and we explore the Sacred Priesthood. We have the opportunity to ask questions and to share experiences. Our time together begins with Mass at 6pm, after Mass we share a meal and catch up and then we spend some time finding out more about the Priesthood. We conclude with Adoration and Benediction. If you would feel that you would benefit from this gathering, please contact Fr. John Chandler jchandler@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.



Vocation retreats

Male Spirituality retreat: Friday 11th –Sunday 13th July

A weekend for Women: Friday 12th September – Sunday 14th

Both retreats will be held at St Joseph's, Ashurst. For further information, please contact Fr. John Chandler or visit the Portsmouth Vocations Facebook page!

CONFIRMATION

Last Saturday the 3rd May, 31 young people from the Avon Stour Pastoral Area were Confirmed by Bishop Philip at the Cathedral in Portsmouth.

Six of these young people were from our Parish of St Thomas More and so we now welcome back:

JONATHAN, MIA, MICHAEL, ANDREA, THEO and JACK .

Father Darryl will present them with their Certificates and gifts on behalf of the Parish at the 9.30 Mass.

After Mass they will be having a celebration in the hall and would like to invite anyone from our Parish family to attend.

Please come and talk to these young people and encourage them in their continuing journey.

Talk by Fr Alan Griffiths

24th June 2014, 7.30 pm

St Joseph's Centre, Christchurch

The APC have arranged for Fr Alan to give us a talk on **"The role of lay leaders in Planning and Celebrating Liturgies"**. It would be very helpful to all our Pastoral Area lay leaders! The APC are anxious to produce an Area-wide Contingency Plan and *would appreciate all lay leaders making a real effort to attend.*

(Most) Weekly Youth Holy Hour! 14th, 21st & 28th May 6 - 7pm at Corpus Christi
(757 Christchurch Road, Boscombe, Bournemouth, BH7 6AN) Need some peace in the middle of your busy week of school, college, uni or work? Come along and make some new friends at this beautiful time of prayer.

Big Church Day Out! 24th & 25th May at Wiston House, West Sussex
Get in touch if you're interested in joining 20,000 people at this Christian music festival! They're looking to get more Catholics involved and are offering half price tickets to our group! www.bigchurchdayout.com
From Will Hince 07810827606 whince@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



A big *THANK YOU* from Father Darryl for your glorious, gorgeous and -- may I also say -- generous contributions to the parish's Paschal worship.
Such grand celebrations of our Lord's ultimate victory over sin and death they were indeed: festal, floral and financial!

Your welcome to myself and family have been, in a word: winsome!

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2014

MAY 11TH - 17TH

GIVE PEOPLE A FUTURE WITHOUT FEAR

WAR TEARS LIVES APART - *YOU CAN HELP PUT THEM BACK TOGETHER.*

www.christianaid.org.uk



OPEN MORNING AT ST THOMAS GARNET'S SCHOOL
Sarah Breeze, Headmistress at St Thomas Garnet's School, Parkwood Road, Boscombe would like to warmly invite all prospective parents to our open morning on **Tuesday 20th May.** Please contact the school for further information and a prospectus. We look forward to showing you around our lovely school!

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		

MUSICAL MANIA 5 : A concert of songs from stage & screen, plus St Thomas Garnet School Choir. Sunday 18th May at 7.30pm The de la Salle theatre, St Peter's School, Southbourne. Tickets £15 & £12.50 Concessions (OAP'S & under14's) In aid of St Thomas Garnet school and the Lewis-Manning hospice

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. Fun for all the family! Relax in the garden and on the patio with a Pimms or a soft drink. Enjoy something from the BBQ or a cream tea or cake. Stalls include plants, cakes, bric a brac, gifts, tombola, toys and games, bottle stall, raffle and more. There will also be an art exhibition and sale by the church art group.

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

OLD SPECTACLES REQUIRED! The Lay members of the ACI family of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart are collecting unwanted spectacles for the Sister's mission in the Cameroon. We meet at 11am every last Monday of the month at the convent at 6 Parkwood Road, Boscombe. All are welcome. Please your old specs in the box on the 'free table'. Thanks.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: The Bournemouth Ordinariate's pilgrimage to Walsingham is from 27th to 30th June and will be led by Father Darryl and Mgr. Edwin Barnes. The pilgrimage includes half-board accommodation, transport by coach and use of the coach during our stay and a visit to historic Clare Priory on the return journey : cost £215 (child under 16 £155). For more information, please ring Madeleine c/o OLQP church.

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, OP mailto: sister.hyacinthe@googlemail.com

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. Contact: Barry and Jo c/o Corpus Christi church.

RUN FOR CAFOD: Could you race against global poverty with team CAFOD at the **Great South Run** in Portsmouth (10 miles) on **Sunday 26 October**? If you are aged 3-8 or 9-15, you can take part in the Mini and Junior Great South Run (1.5km and 2.5km respectively) on Saturday 25 October. For more information and/or to register, please contact the CAFOD Portsmouth Office at portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or 01252 329385. Many thanks.

THANK YOU **for the offerings** **3rd/4th May**

Envelopes :	£ 170.20	Cash :	£ 130.63
Standing Orders :	£ 144.93		**Total : £ 445.76**
Collection for the Holy Places:		**£ 106.40**	***Thank you!***