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Newsletter
of the
Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

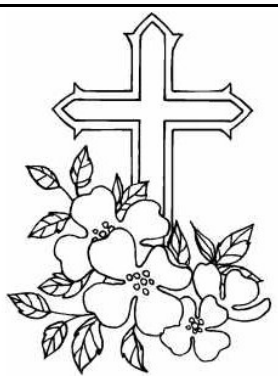
PALM SUNDAY Yr C

19th/20th March 2016

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Week beginning 19th March		Mass Intention
Saturday 19th March Confessions 5.15–5.45pm First Mass 6.00pm	**PALM SUNDAY of the Lord's Passion**	People of the Parish
Sunday 20th March Principal Mass 9.30am Ordinariate Mass 11.15am		Thanksgiving for the life of Teresa Evans ----------
Tuesday 22nd March ***(Chrism Mass Portsmouth Cathedral 11.00am)***		—
Wednesday 23rd March Ordinariate Mass 10.30am	**of Holy Week**	----------
Thursday 24th March 6.30pm Taize before Altar of Repose after Mass	**MAUNDY THURSDAY Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**	For the repose of The soul of Kevin Martin (Anniversary Mass)
Friday 25th March Stations of the Cross 2.30pm **Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm**	**GOOD FRIDAY of the Lord's Passion**	—
Saturday 26th March **THE EASTER VIGIL 8.00pm** Reception by Confirmation of Rebecca McGonigle into Catholic Church via the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham.	**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION**	Theresa Mary Connolly (Foundation Mass)
Sunday 27th March **EASTER DAY MASS 9.30am** Ordinariate Mass 11.15am		People of the Parish ----------

There will be a **Special Stations of the Cross for Children** in the Church hall on Good Friday at 2.30pm.



On Good Friday there will be **SECOND COLLECTION** for **HOLY PLACES.**

As in previous years, the Easter collection will be given to Father.

BRITISH SUMMERTIME - a reminder that the clocks change ('Spring' forward) at 2.00am on 27th March.

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The Greatest Week

Today we are beginning the best week in the whole liturgical year. Centuries ago it was called the '*Great Week*'. Nowadays we Catholics call it '*Holy Week*'. We follow Jesus every step of the way. We start with his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where he is welcomed, applauded and acclaimed, by a big crowd of followers. On Thursday we will join him at table and receive the gift of himself in bread and wine. After dining with him we will walk with him along the path that leads from the Upper Room to the Garden of Olives. There we will see him falling to the ground in fear and anxiety about the cruel death that awaits him. Friday will find us standing beside his mother at the foot of the cross, and feeling compassion for him in both his physical agony and his mental torment.

We will be feeling especially some of his sense of being alone and abandoned, betrayed and deserted, not only by friends and followers, but even by God. On Saturday we will be quiet and silent around his tomb, as we remember the injustice, hostility and cruelty, of all those evil men who murdered him. Then, late on Saturday, we will move from the darkness of our journey to the place of the brightly burning fire. There we will join the procession of the great Easter Candle, representing the risen Christ, as he lights up the darkness of our church and lives.

There and then, the pain and sadness of our journey with Jesus to Calvary, will give way to the hope and joy that comes with our awareness. Jesus Christ is not dead and gone. No, he is alive, strong and powerful, alive in himself, and alive in us. And so we will be hearing in our hearts those assuring words that Juliana of Norwich in her vision of Christ Crucified heard from his own lips: '*All will be well, all will be well, all manner of things will be well*.'

www.biblical.ie/lections/SC3.asp

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

There is a list on the notice board for those who would like to have their feet washed at this Mass. Please put your name down if you would like to participate in this way.



The Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, the 'Eucharistic Ministers' will recommit at this Mass.

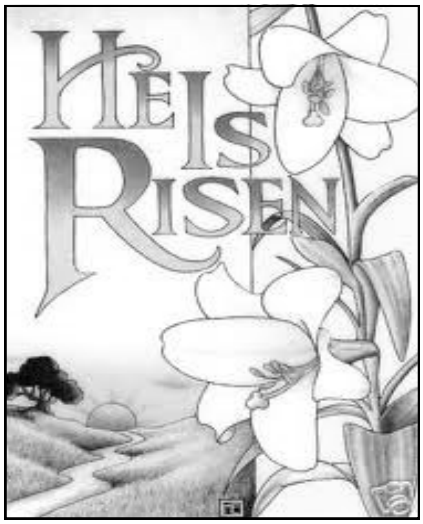
If you are not able to be there, please let either Neil or Father Darryl know.

We also welcome our new Minister, Peter.

And in addition, congratulations to Romy, who has undertaken the training, which was held here recently.

EASTER GARDEN

The Liturgy of the Word with Children team will be decorating the Easter Garden. If anyone could bring along a little pot of flowers to help with this, please leave it in the flower room. Thank you.



Easter The week following Easter Sunday is known as Easter Week. The next Sunday is the Second Sunday of Easter, and so on, until we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord and then Pentecost - Easter lasts for 50 days!

HAPPY EASTER!



N.B. There will be no services 28th March to 1st April, except for the Ordinariate Mass on Wed. 3oth March at 10.30am.

Saturday 2nd April, 6.00pm : First Mass of Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday 3rd April, 9.30am : SECOND SUNDAY of Easter.

Baptism Veronica McGonigle

Ordinariate Mass 11.15am

The next newsletter will be for the week beginning 2nd/3rd April.

HAVE YOUR SAY! The Parish Pastoral Council , 'PPC' (or Local Parish Council, 'LPC') meet approximately once a month. The next meeting is scheduled for 31st March. If anyone wishes to raise a matter for the PPC to consider then please either contact the Secretary, Sue, or the Chair, Neil. Alternately there is a box on the 'free table' for letters.

The Liturgy Group's Secretary is Barry. If you have an item to be raised at their meeting please have a word with him. Barry and Paul are also contact people for the Music Ministry.

Fabric and Finance Committee : Please contact the Chair, Steve, if you have any items for the agenda of the next meeting. Suggestions for the 'Living Our Faith' are welcomed.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES The planned giving envelope boxes for 2016/17 are now available for collecting from the back of the church. Please note that this year there will be no boxes for those who give by standing order since only two or three people use them. Also, in the interests of avoiding waste, the boxes do not contain envelopes for special collections. Only about one person in four actually uses them. In future all second collections will be cash only.

If anyone wishes to have a box of envelopes please advise the parish office or contact Steve Ferris. If you are a tax payer please ask for a gift aid form so that the parish can claim a further 25% on your donation from the government.

The greatest need for any parish is regular giving. The best way to guarantee that your offering is received every week, even when you are not here, is to set up **a standing order.** Relevant forms are available in the parish finance pack on the free table.

Alternatively, all you need to do is go to your bank/building society direct and pass on your instructions. The parish account details are: *Lloyds Bank plc; Sort code:30-93-04; A/C No:00875415 A/C Name :PRCDTR Bournemouth St Thomas More.*

PASTORAL AREA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tuesday 12th April: Called & Gifted – all those who have been involved in the Called & Gifted Process are invited to gather together for one final time to share good news stories about what has been happening, to pray together and to discuss what might happen next.

Tuesday 26th April: Pastoral Area Network Event: First Holy Communion Catechists 7.15-9.15pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Christchurch.

Thursday 28thApril: First Pastoral Area *"Welcome to Worship"* event – for teenagers and adults of all ages: contemporary praise & worship, scripture, reflection, choice of ways to respond in prayer. St Joseph's Church, Christchurch 7.00-8.00pm, followed by refreshments.

FACEBOOK: Did you know we have a Pastoral Area Facebook group? If you use Facebook, you are invited to join – search for "Avon Stour Pastoral Area" and then click on "Join". It serves as a forum for us to share information about Pastoral Area matters or of particular interest to Pastoral Area members. Currently we have 55 members and it is a Closed Group, which means the posts are not viewable by the general public. The more members we have, the more useful this group will become.

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 (except the last Sunday of the month when there will usually be Choral Evensong & Benediction)
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: 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.		

GOOD FRIDAY CANDLELIT TAIZÉ MEDITATION: 7.30pm, 25th March at Our Lady Queen of Peace church. All welcome.

THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: This is from Friday 19th August to Friday 26th August 2016. The **Roadshow** in our area will be hosted by Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Douglas Road, Southbourne, BH6 3ER. It will be from 6pm until 7.30pm on **Saturday 2nd April** in the Parish Centre and led by Father John Cooke. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Father John Cooke or his Pastoral Assistant, Mrs. Clare Ryan, 01489 572797, parkgate@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk, St Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Middle Road, Park Gate, SO31 7GH.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: Saturday 21st May, 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. Refreshments of tea, coffee, biscuits will be available but not lunch. Please contact either Neil or see the diocesan website to book.

PILGRIMMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: Tuesday 11th October - Tuesday 20th (inclusive)2016. Flight: Gatwick - Tel Aviv. Twin Room/Half Board Basis. Price: £1,295 includes Flights, Taxes, all transfers in UK and Israel and some entrance fees. Please see poster for more details. Contact: Fr Tom Grufferty, 01202 483340.

REACHING THE UNREACHED
(Brother Lionel) COFFEE MORNING
17th April

In the church hall, after 9.30am Mass and after 11.15am Mass.
Finish approx. 1.00pm. Bring and Buy, Cake Stall, Sale of Work

If anyone would like to be involved in the preparation for this, or on the day, please contact Annie. There will be a box in the church for donated items on 3rd April.

THANK YOU

for the offerings 12th/13th March

Envelopes & Cash:	£ 255.97	
Standing Orders :	£ 186.85	**Total : £ 442.82**
Clergy Assistance Fund:	£ 84.19	*Thank you!*

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