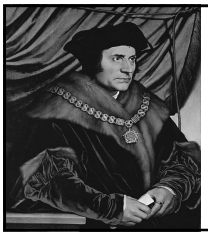
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Newsletter
of the
Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

PENTECOST Yr C

14th/15th May 2016

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Week beginning 7th/8th May		Mass Intention
Saturday 14th May Confessions 5.15–5.45pm Vigil Mass 6.00pm	**PENTECOST**	For the repose of the soul of Doris Ferris (10th Anniversary)
Sunday 15th May Sunday Mass 9.30am Ordinariate Mass 11.15am		People of the Parish ----------
Tuesday 17th May Weekday Mass 9.30am	Feria	For the repose of the soul of Maria Weyers
Wednesday 18th May Ordinariate Mass 10.30am	Feria	----------
Thursday 19th May Weekday Mass 9.30am	**DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST JOHN, PORTSMOUTH,** *feast*	For all the faithful departed
Friday 20th May Weekday Mass 9.30am	Feria	For all the parish faithful departed
Saturday 21st May Confessions 5.15–5.45pm First Mass 6.00pm	**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**	People of the Parish
Sunday 22nd May Sunday Mass 9.30am Ordinariate Mass 11.15am		People of the Parish ----------

Following Pentecost we are back in ORDINARY TIME.
The readings are Cycle 2 and we resume with Week 7 Ordinary Time.

From the Ordinariate: Please could you note that Evensong will fall on the day Corpus Christi is transferred so we hope to have an extra special celebration on 29th May.

PARISH CENSUS

On the weekends of **21st/22nd May** and **28th/29th May**, we will be having a parish census, following the homily at each Mass.
Parish records need to be updated at least once every ten years. Our last census was in 2008. Filling in the census forms should only take a few minutes as the only information required will be names, addresses and contact details.

Pentecost Year C

Source of our best impulses

The Holy Spirit used to be *the forgotten person of the Trinity* . Perhaps he suffered from being a *spirit*, since for many of us, only concrete things are real. The Father and Son make an impact because one took flesh and the other was given a beard. Have you ever imagined the Holy Spirit with a beard? Whatever the reason, even among devout Christians the Holy Spirit had been overlooked. He had been cast in the role of a third candidate, valued for his transfers to the front-runners, but never earmarked for a seat in the House, much less a post in the Cabinet. It's only recently that he has been coming into his own. And about time too! There are several reasons why we should never forget the Spirit. The first is that he wasn't forgotten by Jesus. On the contrary. On the eve of the Passion, he promised to send the Spirit to the disciples. In fact, he took pains to emphasise the importance of the Spirit's role. Here was no poor substitute, a duckling doing "locum" for a swan. He would be helper, advocate, counsellor, teacher, a replacement for Christ himself. Indeed, Our Lord states this clearly: "Unless I go, the Paraclete will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you" (Jn 16:7).

Another reason for seeking the Spirit is the example of the early Christians. He made such a difference to their lives that they could never forget him. Before his coming they were timid and afraid, like children huddling together in a storm. When he descended upon them in a miraculous confusion of wind, fire and speech, they were utterly transformed. "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:4), St Luke tells us, and we think of billowing sails or mothers filled with child. But some of the bystanders were less poetic "They're drunk" (Acts 2:13), they sneered, and for once the cynics were right, drunk they were, drunk with the Spirit of Christ's love and their own furious eagerness to proclaim his message. The Spirit was breathing where he would and from now on "Jesus is Lord" (1 Cor 12:3) would be shouted from the housetops. They stayed drunk for life, in this sense. They were never to be sober again. For as long as they lived, the Spirit would stay in the bloodstream. Every decision they made would be Spirit-shaped: the choice of seven deacons; the admission of Gentiles to the Church; the sending of Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey. And the influence of the Spirit was not confined to decision-making at executive level. It was felt at the ordinary level too, at what politicians love to call the "grassroots." It was felt in the gifts that were Spirit, sent for the service of the Church, unusual gifts like healing or prophecy, designed to meet the needs of an infant Church, but ordinary gifts too, required to meet the needs of God's children everywhere, "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self control" (Ga 5:22).

It is by exercising these gifts that we honour the Spirit. Whenever we are loyal to a demanding partner, whenever we console the bereaved, support the old or encourage the young, we are doing the work of the Holy Spirit. When we curb our evil instincts, we honour him. When we respond to the better impulses, we let the Spirit work in us. The Holy Spirit is the rising sap moving all that is best in us. It is through and with our better instincts that the Spirit works. Whether we're aware of it or not, he is never idle. Our part is to work with him and to push our stalling lives to the top of the hill.

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DAYS FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

St Joseph's Hall, Purewell, Christchurch.
Led by Fr Tony Horan SJ. Every 3rd Saturday (but not August and September)
10.30am - 4.15pm. Please bring a packed lunch.
Next date for your diary is 21st May.

Romy writes:
'The Association of Mary Help of Christians (ADMA), invites everyone to pray the **Novena and Rosary** in honour of our Mother Help of Christians from Sunday 15th of May at 6.00pm and finishing on Tuesday 24th with the **Procession and Mass** celebrated by our Delegate National Fr Francis Preston SDB, Fr Darryl M Jordan OLW and Fr Tony Horan SJ at 6.00 pm here at St Thomas More Church.
There will be a party celebration afterwards. Thank you very much.'



LEGACY

We have been remembered by Jo in her will. Her daughter Susan met with Father Darryl and handed over a cheque for the parish to use as it wishes.

At their last meeting the PPC considered ways how some of this donation may be used as a lasting commemoration of David and Jo's commitment to our parish.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Saturday 21st May
at the 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.

Please contact either PPC Chair, Neil or see the diocesan website to book.

THE 'LINK' Contributions of news and photos from around our Pastoral Area for the Summer edition welcomed. Please send them to olqp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by **5th June**.

KABANANA CARE (ZAMBIA) Thank you to all who attended the 'Meet the Authors' afternoon tea in January: an enjoyable and successful event. Every penny we raise from such events goes directly to support over 80 orphans and vulnerable adults who live at the project in Zambia. We hope to eventually build a proper accommodation block for the orphans and develop trades and skills within the community to make them self sufficient. They already keep chickens and pigs and grow maize, as well as providing education for the younger children and supporting older children attending secondary schools. We are delighted that parishioners and individual children from Corpus Christi School still collect coins in their Kabanana Collection boxes. We are always pleased to receive these donations.

Save The Date!

This year Fr Ron Hishon will be celebrating the Golden Anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood. He will offer a mass of thanksgiving with brother priests from 2 pastoral areas here at St Thomas More Church Iford on **Saturday 11th June 2016. 6.00pm**

"WE ARE FAMILY" As mentioned in the recent Road to Emmaus, everyone is encouraged to come to one of these conferences to pool our ideas on how best we as a Catholic Christian community can support and encourage the families who live in our Pastoral Area. More details will follow shortly, but meanwhile please put one of these dates in your diary now:
Wednesday 15th June, 7.15 - 9.15 pm Our Lady of Sorrows, Fordingbridge
Thursday 16th June, 7.15 - 9.15 pm St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Christchurch
Tuesday 21st June, 10.30 am -12.30 pm Our Lady Queen of Peace, Southbourne
Friday 8th July, 11 am - 1pm Holy Redeemer, Highcliffe

CALLING ALL PARISH SINGERS AND MUSICIANS…! Everyone involved in parish music groups, choirs, organists, etc. is invited to our next Pastoral Area Network Event on **MONDAY 6th JUNE, 7.15-9.15 pm** at St Thomas More Church Hall, Exton Road, Iford BH6 5QG. This will be a great chance for us all to meet each other, sing and pray together, revisit what our ministry is really about, share good practice and discuss ways we may be able to support each other and work together in the future.
The session will be led by Richard Martin.

THIS WEEK: THE SACRAMENTS – Transforming Everyday Life
Thursday 19th May, 10.45am-12.15pm at Our Lady of Sorrows church hall, 15 Salisbury Road, **FORDINGBRIDGE** SP6 1EG: Session 1 ***"Why Sacraments?"***
No need to sign up, just turn up on the day. Forthcoming sessions are titled "Baptism", "Confirmation" and "The Eucharist".
For more information contact Richard Martin (rmartin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk, 07990 826934)

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
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 and Blessed Margaret Pole, 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.		

CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE : 1st July, 3.00pm - 5.00pm. In the school playground. We are having a plant stall and would be grateful if you could grow a few extra plants to donate to our stall. Any type of plant gratefully accepted! You can drop them with me any time during the week of the sale, or, at the school on the day, or I can collect them from you - contact the parish office for details. Thanks, Kathy.

THE LAND GIRLS : The Land Girls (- as seen on 'The Voice') will be in concert in Corpus Christi Parish Centre, Parkwood Road, Boscombe on Friday 17th June at 7.00pm. The singing duo specialise in popular 1940's and wartime hits. A ploughmans supper is included in ticket price of £12.50. BYO drink. Tickets available from Aidan - call 07775868253

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS : Are you celebrating a 25th, 30, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so then you are invited to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 9th July. Please email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. or visit the diocesan website and complete the online form.
To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a COPY of your Wedding photograph, either by email to the above email address or by post and send to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. (Please mark the envelope, "Significant Anniversaries Mass").

DIOCESAN CHARITIES & OUTREACH GROUP CONFERENCE: Saturday 2nd July 2016, 10.00am-2.00pm at St Bede's Parish Hall, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. Join us in celebration of this Extraordinary Jubilee Holy Year of Mercy as we hear from the many charitable organisations within the Catholic Church here in our diocese which strive to express the merciful love of Christ. Speakers will be drawn from The Medaille Trust, SVP, Apostleship of the Sea, Poitiers Care, and Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth. Please book your place via **caritasdioceseofportsmouth.org.uk**

SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND: We are now taking bookings for the Weekend at our new venue at St. George Catholic College. Our speakers this year are: Ros Powell, Russ Parker, Emily Leakey and Michelle Moran who we have been trying to book for nine years. We have finally been successful! Full details and booking forms are available on our webpage www.celebrateconference.org. Early booking is recommended as places are limited, especially for families with children.

DAY FOR ALTAR SERVERS : Saturday 11th June, St Edmunds Catholic School Portsmouth, 10.00am – 3.00pm
More details on poster on notice board or email youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

THANK YOU

for the offerings 30thApril/1stMay

Envelopes :	£ 175.60	Cash :	£ 171.64
Standing Orders :	£ 186.85		**Total : £ 534.09**