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Newsletter
of the
Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

13th/14th August 2016

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Week beginning 13th/14th August		Mass Intention
Saturday 13th August Confessions 5.15–5.45pm Vigil Mass 6.00pm	**THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY**	People of the Parish
Sunday 14th August Sunday Mass 9.30am Baptism Alfie Egmore		For the repose of the soul of Roy Hornby (Anniversary)
Tuesday 16th August (No Mass today)	–	–
Wednesday 17th August Ordinariate Communion Service 10.30am	–	–
Thursday 18th August (No Mass today)	–	–
Friday 19th August (No Mass today)	–	–
Saturday 20th August Confessions 5.15–5.45pm First Mass 6.00pm	**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**	People of the Parish
Sunday 21st August Sunday Mass 9.30am		For the repose of the soul of Alice Scibberas

The Assumption of Our Lady

The first-fruits of redemption God created us *in his own image and likeness* . We can reflect on Our Lady's Assumption in light of this deep truth from the creation story. Mostly we are tempted to reverse its meaning and try to shape God in our own image and likeness. Naturally we have a limited concept of our Creator. How we cling to the notion of a docile God, who will grant our wishes if only we ask him in the right way; or an indulgent God who will turn a blind eye on the double standards in our lives; or a vengeful God, whom we obey only out of fear. To test the quality of our faith we might wonder, Do my ideas resemble Mary's vision of God, especially as in today's gospel when she says, "My soul *glorifies* the Lord, and my spirit *rejoices* in God my Saviour."

Mary combined sincere worship of God with deep joy in his presence, in the spirit of the advice given to the early Christians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess 5:17). In her *Magnificat*, Mary is enraptured by God, she does not ask anything for herself, she is not worried about the future; she thinks only of the goodness of God up to the present moment, and of the *gratitude* she owes to God. In her we have the supreme example of someone totally captivated by the love of God. In this sense, she is the fairest of all God's creatures.

First of all the saints, she is the handmaid, the willing and joyful servant, of the Lord. She lived solely for God, and God, who cannot be outdone in generosity, conferred on her the fullness of grace. And just as Jesus did not abandon us when he ascended to heaven, but continually guides and supports his Church, so in the Assumption Mary has not been separated from the Christian community, but remains for each one of us a sign of hope. Each of us is called, like her, to share in the fullness of Christ's glory. She is the model and guarantee of all that the believer hopes to become in heaven. We pray today that we too may be found worthy to come to that place in heaven which God has prepared for those who love him.

www.biblical.ie/lections/SC3.asp

Christ, our Redeemer,
you made the Virgin Mary
the sanctuary
of your presence
and the temple of the Spirit;
make us
bearers of your Spirit,
in mind, heart and body.
Amen.

The Magnificat

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;
because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.
Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed,
for the Almighty has done great things for me.
Holy is his name,
and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.
He has shown the power of his arm,
he has routed the proud of heart.
He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.



The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.
He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy
– according to the promise he made to our ancestors
– of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

CAFOD: Portsmouth Supporters' Meeting. Join us at our next meeting on Saturday 10 September 2016 from 10am until 1.30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School (Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX) where we will explore our Harvest resources and hear more about CAFOD's work in Bolivia. To book a place, please ring 01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk by 5 September.

SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND: This year this will be held on the 24th & 25th September. At a new venue of St. George Catholic College, Leaside Way, Southampton, SO16 3DQ. Full details/booking forms can be found onwww.celebrateconference.org. Early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment.

THANK YOU

for the offerings 6th/7th August

Envelopes :	£ 141.10	Cash :	£ 101.10
Standing Orders :	£ 192.23		**Total : £ 434.43**
Day For Life :	£ 84.39	*Thank you!*	

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.

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