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Newsletter
of the
Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10th/11th January 2015

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Week beginning 10th January:		Mass Intention
Saturday 10th Jan. 6.00pm	First Mass of the Baptism of the Lord	Special Intention for Anna MacDonald
Sunday 11th Jan. 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**	People of the Parish
Monday	—	—
Tuesday 13th Jan. 9.30am 10.00am - 12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	For all the faithful departed
Wed. 14th Jan. 6.30pm	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Thurs. 15th Jan. 9.30am	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Friday 16th Jan. 9.30am	Feria	For all the Parish faithful departed
Sat. 17th Dec. 5.30–5.45pm 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation First Mass of Second Sun. Ord. Time	People of the Parish
Sunday 18th Jan. 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	**SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**	For the repose of the soul of Ponnamma Simon (7th Anniversary)

Welcome to *Harriet Elizabeth Mulholland*;
newest member of our Catholic Family.

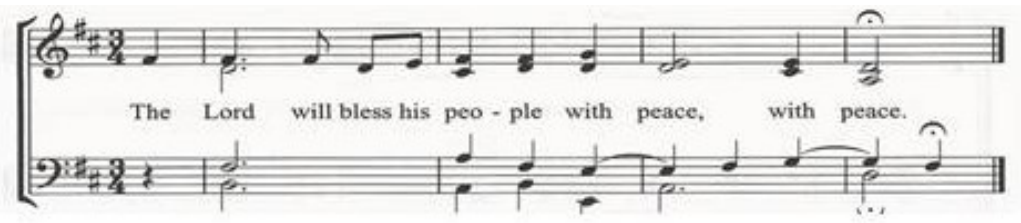
Baptism at 9.30am Mass, 11th January.

The **Funeral Mass for Lance Kerr**, who sadly passed away on Tuesday 6th January, will be held on Friday 16th January at 1.30 pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace church, Douglas Road, followed by committal at Bournemouth North Cemetery at 3pm.

White Flower Appeal

This appeal is being made in order to support the work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC). SPUC does vital work in all the different areas of the pro life movement. As well as campaigning to bring an end to abortion SPUC is also involved in many educational projects and works to oppose euthanasia. The SPUC website is an excellent resource with lots of resources and information. Please visit the SPUC website to see the range of excellent work being undertaken in defence of human life.
http://www.spuc.org.uk

Psalm Refrain:
Baptism of the Lord



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Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7.

A servant of God, a chosen one, will courageously serve God and help others to salvation - like Jesus, this servant "fulfils all righteousness."

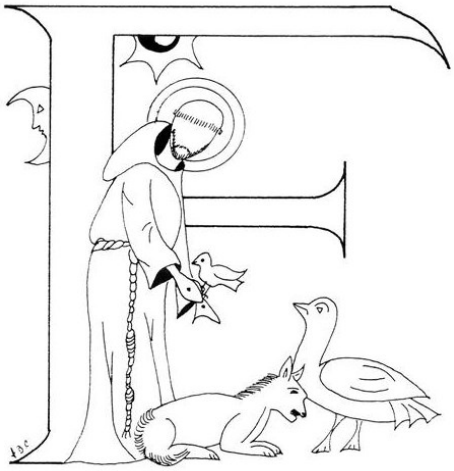
Acts 10: 34-38.

The baptism of Jesus in the Jordan was an "anointing with the Holy Spirit" after which he went about doing good. Baptism gives us, too, the power to do good.

Matthew 3: 13-17.

Although baptised by John, Jesus was not personally a sinner. His mission was to show whatever sinful man had to do in order to be restored to friendship with God.

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Prayer of St Francis

Make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness light.
Where there is sadness, joy.

PEACE SUNDAY

will be celebrated on 18th January. This is the Sunday appointed by the Bishops of England and Wales to promote the Annual Papal Message for World Peace Day.
The theme is

Slaves no more, but brothers and sisters.

God of perfect peace,
violence and cruelty can have no part with you.
May those who are at peace with one another
hold fast to the good will that unites them;
may those who are enemies forget their hatred
and be healed.

Roman Missal

Christian Unity Week.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is observed from 18th-25th Jan.

NURTURING THE SEED

Through Baptism, we have received the gift of the divine life from our Heavenly Father. Using Ignatian Spirituality and ways of prayer, we can nurture this gift and experience more deeply God's great Love for us. This will be explored in a series of 5 meetings to be held fortnightly at 7.15 pm. on Thursdays, 29th January, 12th February, 26th February, 12th March and 26th March in Corpus Christi Parish Hall, St. James's Square, finishing no later than 9 pm.

All are most welcome to share in this exciting journey to "Find God in All Things".
Pope Francis says in Evangelii Gaudium: "I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting Him encounter them. No one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord."

Please see poster for more details.

St Thomas More Music Ministry.

It is just 12 months since I arrived at St Thomas More, and 9 months since I took up the position of weekday and Sunday organist at the church. The highlight of the year for me was the Christmas Eve Carol Service and Mass. We had a full choir, a full bank of musicians and even more importantly a full church. A very big thank you to Fr Darryl, Paul Tabor, all the musicians and singers who made the evening a huge success.
Did you know you can request a piece of music to be played during Sunday Mass? We have two slots during the Mass, Altar Censing, and Communion, where you are invited to choose the music we play. If you would like to choose some music, all you need to do is to contact Paul or myself after Mass on Sunday morning.

We would also welcome new singers and musicians to the music ministry. Why not give it a go?

Barry, Organist

Date of next PPC meeting:

Wed. 28th January at 7.00pm. There is a 'Suggestions Box' on the 'free table' near the entrance to the church if you wish to bring any matters to the attention of the PPC.

Date of next Fabric & Finance meeting:

Tuesday 12th January at 7.00pm.

PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE. There are still copies of this available! Have you taken your copy?

'THANK YOU' FROM THE STAFF AT BOURNEMOUTH REFUGE:

"Bournemouth Refuge has received some donations from the congregation of St Thomas More Church and we would like to thank you for all your very generous gifts this Christmas. The women and children appreciate you thinking of them at this difficult time in their journey. Your heart felt gifts are warmly received. Many Thanks. All Staff at Bournemouth Refuge."

CAFOD
Just one world

*Could you help **CAFOD** at St Thomas More?*

CAFOD is currently looking to help us thank parishioners for their support during one weekend this Lent.
If you could spare any time to help fight poverty and injustice please contact
Lynda Mussell for more information on 01252 329385
or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

Evangelisation Strategy Teams: A message from Bishop Philip

Bishop Philip writes: "As you know, the Church in our time is calling us to the work of new evangelisation. We are Christ's missionary disciples, and He has given us many charisms and talents for this work. Now we want to set up in every Pastoral Area an Evangelisation Strategy Team, comprised of clergy and laity, to direct the work of mission at the local, parish level. In your Pastoral Area, there will soon be a Holy Hour to pray for this initiative. The Strategy Team is a new body to replace the Pastoral Council. It should represent all ages and types. It's all about vision! Its purpose is to sponsor mission-projects across the area. Teams will meet once a term. To find out more, go to our diocesan website: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/ evangelisation-teams. There you will find a video with more info. and details of what the commitment would be for team members."

Keep in touch with the latest news! The Diocese of Portsmouth now issues a weekly e-news with photos, news, and information from around the Diocese. Go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and add your email address to receive these updates. Are you on Facebook? Like 'Diocese of Portsmouth' to get all the latest info as it happens. You can also follow @BishopEgan and @PortsmouthRC on Twitter.

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 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.

SKITTLES EVENING: 31st January. at 7pm. Avonway Community Centre, 36, Shaftsbury St., Fordingbridge SP6 1JF There will be a bar, also soft drinks and the food is on a 'Bring & Share' basis. You are warmly invited to join in this fund raising event for CAFOD. Tickets are only £5 for adults (16yrs +) or £12 for a family ticket. Please contact parish office at Ringwood and Fordingbridge for more information.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DRESS SALE: Saturday 17th January 2pm to 4.30pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Centre, Douglas Road, Southbourne.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Please join the Bournemouth Ordinariate for a pilgrimage to Walsingham led by Fr. Darryl Jordan from 26th June to 28th June 2015. The pilgrimage includes travel by coach from St. Thomas More and Ringwood and transport within Walsingham. There will be a full programme of devotions to include pilgrimage Masses, Processions, Stations of the Cross and Sprinkling with water from the Holy Well. On the Sunday we will be able to celebrate the Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul at the Shrine before our return journey. All those who would wish to spend their time in Walsingham in private devotion are also most welcome! Cost £170 (adult) and £118 (children under 16). Please book by 28th February: posters and booking forms are available in church.

FLAME 2: Sat. 7th March 2015. This event is for young people from Year 10 - young adult. 5000 tickets have been sold and the young Catholics of Portsmouth Diocese are going to be a big part of it, as they travel with Bishop Philip on our diocesan coach to Wembley for Flame 2. Places cost just £45 which will include transport, tickets and a hoody! For more information and to book a place, contact Will Hince whince@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or 07780221686.

WORLD YOUTH DAY, THURSDAY 21ST JULY - TUESDAY 2ND AUGUST, 2016:
We are delighted to announce that we will be taking a coach of young people from our diocese to Poland for the next World Youth Day in 2016 with Pope Francis. We'll be travelling across Europe with Bishop Philip to join with over a million young Catholics. With accommodation in the heart of Krakow facilitating full participation in the whole event, this is going to be epic! Guide price £995.
See www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for more information. Limited places.

THANK YOU **for the offerings** **3rd/4th Jan.**

Envelopes :	£ 168.41	Cash :	£ 151.43
Standing Orders :	£ 146.45		**Total : £ 466.29**

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