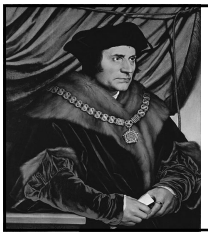
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Newsletter
of the
Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Yr C

21st/22nd May 2016

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Week beginning 21st/22nd May		Mass Intention
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 ----------
Tuesday 24th May Weekday Mass 9.30am	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Wednesday 25th May Ordinariate Mass 10.30am	**St Bede the Venerable,** *memorial*	----------
Thursday 26th May Weekday Mass 9.30am	**St Philip Neri,** *memorial*	For all the faithful departed
Friday 27th May Weekday Mass 9.30am	**ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY,** *feast*	For all the parish faithful departed
Saturday 28th May Confessions 5.15–5.45pm First Mass 6.00pm	**CORPUS CHRISTI**	People of the Parish
Sunday 29th May Sunday Mass 9.30am Ordinariate Mass 11.15am 4.30pm Choral Evensong and Benediction		People of the Parish ----------

From the Ordinariate: As Evensong falls on the day Corpus Christi is transferred we hope to have an extra special celebration on 29th May. The Bournemouth Ordinariate Group invites all singers to join the choir in this ancient and traditional service. Choir practice is at 3:30pm followed by the service at 4:30pm. All are welcome.

PARISH CENSUS

We will be asking you to fill in the census forms this weekend, 21st/22nd May and the next, 28th/29th. This will be after 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.

The Most Holy Trinity

Not such a remote God

In bygone times practically everybody agreed about the existence of God. At those days, religious divisions came from conflicting beliefs *about* God, rather than any conflict between theism and atheism. This is not the case nowadays. Not only do many openly profess their lack of faith, but the quality of life we pursue tends to promote a kind of atheism in all of us. Especially in our large cities, surrounded by a world of largely human inventiveness, people are at a distance from the things of nature. As a result even the rural-based of our population are bound to feel in some degree God's apparent remoteness from our situation, God's silence, remaining hidden to the end of our earthly days.

Today we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity, the revelation of the mystery of God's inner life. This mystery will remain for all of us as long as we live in this world, even though the veil which covers it is lifted ever so little. Our Bible assures us that not only is our God a personal God, but God exists as three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, while remaining one God. Although we cannot even begin to give a logical explanation for this, our faith enables us in some small measure to experience the presence of God.

Seeing God will change us utterly, and this *salvation* is a pure gift that always comes from the Father, announced and realised in his divine Son, and made effective in each of us through the action of the Holy Spirit. St Paul tells us that "in one Spirit we have access through Christ to the Father" (Eph 2:18). But the God's reaching down to us must be answered by the up-reach of our soul to God. To succeed in this we must break free from the sinful pursuits which hold us captive. Then as Paul says, like mirrors we will reflect the brightness of the Lord, until finally we are changed into that image which we reflect (2 Cor 3:17f).

www.biblical.ie/lections/SC3.asp

The Association of Mary Help of Christians (ADMA)



The Novena will finish on Tuesday 24th May with a **Procession and Mass** celebrated by the 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

from the First Holy Communion team
to all the Ministers
and parishioners who helped make
the First Holy Communion Mass a success.



On a practical note ….. If receiving Holy Communion under both kinds, then could ladies please not wear **lipstick** when receiving the most precious blood from the chalice.
Thank you.

Bournemouth Hospital Chapel Help required! We are looking for several people to set up, serve the Mass and tidy away afterwards at the Royal Bournemouth Hospital Chapel (St Luke's) on Wednesday evenings at 6.00 pm, in particular to provide cover for holidays and sickness of the current volunteer. It would involve arriving about 20 minutes before Mass and clearing up afterwards so would be finished by 7.00 pm. Training will be given! If you are interested, please come along to the Mass one Wednesday and if you think it might be for you, speak to Fr Darryl after Mass. We look forward to seeing you!

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**

More than just a Red Box

On top of the fridge. Beside the phone. Next to the till in the parish centre. The iconic Red Box has been a familiar fixture in homes and parishes across England and Wales for over 75 years.

More than 200,000 homes have a Red Box. More than a vessel to hold coins, it is a regular reminder to pray for all missionaries and the communities they serve.

As each one of us who has one knows, it's 'More than just a Red Box'.

Over the coming years we want to celebrate all that the Red Box has achieved thanks to your generous support of Missio's APF and Mill Hill Missionaries worldwide. We also want to raise awareness of our role as Christians to be missionary, as the phrase on each Red Box reminds us.

Last year the Red Box helped Fr Charles in Malawi buy a van. That van is saving lives. Fr Charles is able to celebrate Mass in distant communities and brings comfort by visiting the sick and housebound. Earlier this year it got a mother and baby to hospital just in time. Thank you.



We're holding a **Special Collection for those whose Red Box may not have been opened for a while**. Maybe it's lurking on top of the fridge, or behind some books. If so, please bring it to Mass over the coming weekends and we will empty it. If your Red Box hasn't been emptied for a while, please take it to church between **4th-12th June.** If you have any questions, contact Steve c/o parish office.

THANK YOU FROM AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED.

A letter has been received from Aid to the Church in Need thanking us for the donation of £403.18. This was the amount raised at the last Tony Adam's evening/Social held in the church hall.

Help needed to keep our church a welcoming place!



We are in need of new 'welcomers' on the rota. For details of what is involved just have a word with any of the welcomers or the parish office. If you can help, please let Fr Darryl know so we can add your name to the rota.

The church cleaning team consists of a group of stalwart parishioners but they are always open to offers of help! For details please contact Mariel, Marysa or any of the team - they meet up after Mass on a Friday morning.

Or perhaps you would like to help serving tea and coffees after Mass on a Sunday? Again, just have a word with any of the team or let the parish office know. Many thanks!

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**.

PASTORAL AREA "FORMATION FOR MISSION" EVENTS – for more information on any of the following, please contact Richard Martin (rmartin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk, 07990 826934)



How can we as a Parish and Pastoral Area best support and encourage the families who live in our area? Please sign up for one of our "We Are Family" conferences (fliers and sign-up forms available in churches):

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 - 1 pm** Holy Redeemer, Highcliffe

****HELP NEEDED*** with refreshments, set-up and welcoming – if you can help at any of these conferences, please contact Richard Martin (see above)

SINGERS AND MUSICIANS: PASTORAL AREA NETWORK EVENT

For everyone involved in parish music groups, choirs, organists, etc.: **MONDAY 6th JUNE, 7.15-9.15 pm** at St Thomas More Church Hall, Exton Road, Iford BH6 5QG.

THIS WEEK: THE SACRAMENTS – Transforming Everyday Life

Pastoral Area event held at Our Lady of Sorrows church hall, 15 Salisbury Road, **FORDINGBRIDGE** SP6 1EG: Session 2 **"Baptism" Wednesday 25th May, 7.00-8.30pm** or **Thursday 26th May, 10.45am-12.15pm**

No need to sign up, just turn up on the day (it doesn't matter if you missed Session 1).

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.		

CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS : The Avon Stour branch of the Catholic Association will be meeting in the Parish Centre at St Joseph's on Tuesday 24th May at 10.00 am after the morning Mass.

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 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

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: St. George Catholic College. Speakers this year are Ros Powell, Russ Parker, Emily Leakey and Michelle Moran. 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

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS : Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or a 60+ anniversary? If so then you are invited to a Mass of celebration at St Bede's church, Basingstoke, 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").

THANK YOU

for the offerings 7th May/8th May

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