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Newsletter
of the
Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS

Year A

13th /14th September 2014

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Week beginning 13th September :		Mass Intention
Saturday 13th Sept. 6.00pm	First Mass of the Triumph of the Cross	People of the Parish
Sunday 14th Sept. 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS, *feast*	People of the Parish
Monday 15th Sept.	—	—
Tuesday 16th Sept. 9.30am 10.00am - 12.00	**Ss Cornelius & Cyprian**, *memorial* Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	For all the faithful departed
Wed. 17th Sept. 10.30am *Ordinariate Mass*	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Thurs. 18th Sept. 9.30am	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Friday 19th Sept. **10.30am**	**Requiem Mass**	**Philomena Power**
Sat.20thSept 5.15 – 5 .45pm 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation First Mass of the Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ord. Time	People of the Parish
Sunday 21st Sept. 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME	People of the Parish

This weekend there will be a Second Collection for

RACIAL JUSTICE

Racial Justice Sunday, 14th September 2014.

This year's resources have been produced by the Cytûn: Churches Together in Wales' Racial Justice Network. Drawing on a modern, diverse and sophisticated liturgical culture profoundly aware of the pilgrimage journeying of Wales' Celtic roots, the resources touch on the following themes:

- **As Christians we are all on a journey**
- **God's people were migrants**
- **Given our Christian history we should be welcoming to minorities in our midst**

For further information, please visit http://www.ctbi.org.uk/680 For information about the Catholic Association for Racial Justice please see www.carj.org.uk

If anyone has any items for inclusion in the newsletter, please leave a note in the black post box by the office door, or e-mail the parish office.

The Triumph of the Cross Yr A

www.biblical.ie/lections

Numbers 21: 5-9 Philippians 2: 6-11 John 3: 13-17.

The Cross that Saves

Paradoxically we Christians affirm our passion for life under the sign of the Cross - a cruel and inhuman instrument of death. Echoing the bible (Genesis 4: 15), we strongly oppose any form of torture and above all the death sentence. Yet here we are acclaiming the cross on which a wholly innocent man was put to death, a man who had spent his life helping and healing others. Jesus once gave this summary of what he was about, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the good news proclaimed to them" (Luke 7: 22). And a woman would cry out, "Blessed are the breasts at which you nursed" (Luke 11: 27). But this same Jesus, that life-restoring prophet from Nazareth, was to be hung on a cross following an unjust sentence, and denied any proper defence in his trial, be struck and spat upon, dressed as a deluded mock-king with a crown of thorns on his head, scourged and taunted. He was an object of scorn.

How can we *glory* in the instrument of his death? It is because the same transfixed Jesus will give life after death, just as the Cross, the instrument of his torture becomes the throne on which he will forever be honoured. With the repentant thief we can whisper: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23: 42). The instrument of his death has been transformed into the instrument of our life and this is why we proclaim the triumph of Life which has been born from the Cross.

In Numbers 21 :6 we read, "The Lord sent among them fiery serpents, which bit the people so that many of them died" and then God said to Moses, "Make a serpent and mount it on a pole, and if anyone who has been bitten looks at it, he will recover." In today's Gospel Jesus recalls that text and applies it to himself: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life" (John 3: 14-15). They will look up at the serpent and were healed, so we look back with faith upon the transfixed one, and eternal life will flow from the instrument of death. We must try to understand and live the paschal meaning of whatever suffering comes our way, and trust that our redemption flows out to us from the Cross. Of course, we can't just focus on our own cross in life. The Cross will empower us to take part in the struggle against marginalization of every sort and stand up for those in our times who are unjustly treated and left in poverty. The triumph of the Cross calls for courageous action on our part. Transformed by the Holy Spirit the first disciples spread over the world, spreading his message and raising hope among the humble and the poor. What shall we do in the name of Christ's saving Cross today?

Jesus taught us that the cross should be a constant feature in the daily lives of his followers: "**If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me**" (Luke 9:23). To take up the cross in this way we need to do more than wear a crucifix or place it in our surroundings. To lift up the cross the way Jesus asks us to do is a way of life. It is to accept self-denial and sacrifice as part of our daily lives. Sacrifice means to give up something that is of value to me for the sake of God and the benefit of my neighbour. Another word for it is love. Love is measured by sacrifice. People who love much sacrifice much. Yet sacrifice does not make us poorer but richer. This is what we see in Christ. This is what we see in the lives of the saints. This is what we are all called to be. Let us all today resolve to "*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim / Till all the world adore his sacred name*."

http://www.munachi.com/z/exaltationofthecross.htm

"How splendid the cross of Christ! It brings life, not death; light, not darkness; Paradise, not its loss. It is the wood on which the Lord, like a great warrior, was wounded in hands and feet and side, but healed thereby our wounds. A tree has destroyed us, a tree now brought us life" (Theodore of Studios).



The Sign of the Cross

Since we make the Sign of the Cross before and after our prayers, many don't realize that the Sign of the Cross is a prayer itself.

Next Sunday, 21st September, will be **HOME MISSION SUNDAY,** supporting outreach to non-churchgoing (lapsed) Catholics. Many children and young people will never see their parents receive the sacraments. Every Catholic who goes to Mass knows someone who is currently distant from the family of the faith, the parish community.

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THE BROTHER LIONEL ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK.



It's that time of year again!
Jo will be doing the sponsored walk this year around Poole Park on Sunday 5th October and will be grateful for your support. She will be collecting any sponsorship money over the next two weeks.

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SILVER FOIL AND MILK BOTTLE TOPS: Previously these were collected up and taken to the Salvation Army in Winton. However, collections have now ceased - consequently **no more tops and foil are required.** Thank you for your past efforts over the years!

Church Hall Bookings

Preferential rates for parishioners and regular users.

Please see notice board.

Why not pay a visit to the Repository?

There is a varied selection of cards, books and gifts - new stock comes in regularly.

New to the Parish?
Welcome!
New Parishioner Forms are to be found on 'free table', the table on the left hand side when entering church.
Please fill in a form if you are new to the Parish **or** if you have had a change of details, eg. change of address or telephone number, and then hand in to the Parish Office. Thank you very much.

HARVEST SUPPER followed by Auction of HARVEST PRODUCE Saturday 4th October

Time: 7.00pm - 9.30pm approx.
Tickets £4.
Proceeds to church funds/CAFOD



TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE AFTER THE WEEKEND MASSES

Please write your name and choice of food on the list on the 'free table'.

Harvest supper: Bowl homemade soup and a roll, choice of meals (see list), homemade dessert. Soft drinks provided but please feel free to bring a bottle!

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.



While working for an organization that delivers lunches to housebound people, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. The various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs, unfailingly intrigued her. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, "The tooth fairy will never believe this!"

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: For urgent requests for poorly patients, please call Fr Darryl Jordan on 01202 470722 Mobile: 07845 983712

ST PETER'S SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR 2015 Open Evening for Parents/Carers and Students attending Catholic Primary Schools: Thurs. 18th Sept. 2014. **Open Evening for Parents/Carers and Students attending other non-Catholic Primary Schools:** Tues. 23rd Sept. 2014. All supporting documentation should be lodged at the Iford site by 31st Oct.
ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENING: **Thurs.9th Oct. 2014** 6pm at St Peter's School (Iford Site), Holdenhurst Avenue. This meeting is for parent/carers who have children who will be **five years old** between 1st Sept. 2015 and 31st Aug. 2016 and are looking for a place in Reception in Sept. 2015.

THE DON BOSCO YOUTH CLUB: Parish Centre, Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Douglas Rd., Southbourne. Every Friday in term time 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Children age 7 and above are all welcome. For further details, please contact Romy c/o OLQP Church.

BISHOP PHILIP EGAN will celebrate Mass in honour of Saint Lorenzo Ruiz, a Filipino-Chinese saint enshrined at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth on Saturday 27th September at 4pm. There will be a procession of Filipino and Chinese saints from the car park to the church starting at 3.30 pm. Filipinos and Chinese groups will bring food to share after the Mass. All are invited. For more information call Fr. Claro Conde, 07803191502.

SOUTHAMPTON CELEBRATE WEEKEND: 27th & 28th September. www.celebrateconference.org.

MASS IN EXTRAORDINARY FORM: The 'Tridentine Mass' is celebrated at Our Lady Immaculate, West-bourne, on the third Sunday of each month at 6.00 (please note new time), preceded by confessions from 5 pm. The next EF Mass is on Sunday, 21st September. All are welcome.

DAY FOR CONFIRMATION LEADERS & CATECHISTS: Sat. 27th September at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke. A brand new Confirmation resource, Transformed in Christ, will be introduced, which is recommended for use in the diocese. The cost of the day is £10 and includes lunch. To book, go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Any enquiries, please contact Fr David O'Sullivan: ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION: St Dominic's Priory, Sway **Saturday 11th October** 10:00am to 4pm. For Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and Musicians. Bring a packed lunch. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the list in the church porch. There will be a charge of around £8 which will be payable on the day.

IGNATIAN DAYS: 'Pilgrims in the Lord Together' will begin again on Saturday 18th October, there will be no meeting in September. The topic on 18th October will be 'What do we mean by Prayer?' Contact Chris c/o St Joseph's, Christchurch.

THANK YOU for the offerings 6th/ 7th Sept.

Envelopes :	£ 162.50	Cash :	£ 101.08
Standing Orders :	£ 148.38		**Total : £ 411.96**