

# 13 JUNE 2021 Sunday Message 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## THE WORD

Year B • Psalter Week 3

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.  
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

### GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

### COLLECT

O God, strength of those who hope in you,  
graciously hear our pleas,  
and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing,  
grant us always the help of your grace,  
that in following your commands  
we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

### FIRST READING Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.  
The Lord says this:  
"From the top of the cedar,  
from the highest branch I will take a shoot  
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.  
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.  
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,  
every winged creature rest in the shade of  
its branches.  
And every tree of the field will learn that I,  
the Lord, am the one  
who stunts tall trees and makes the low  
ones grow,  
who withers green trees and makes the  
withered green.  
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it."  
The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### PSALM Psalm 91

Response:  
It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music to your name, O Most  
High,

to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the  
night. (R.)

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

### SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to  
the Corinthians.

We are always full of confidence, when we  
remember that to live in the body means  
to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do  
by faith and not by sight – we are full of  
confidence, I say, and actually want to be  
exiled from the body and make our home  
with the Lord. Whether we are living in the  
body or exiled from it, we are intent on  
pleasing him. For all the truth about us will  
be brought out in the law court of Christ, and  
each of us will get what he deserves for the  
things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The seed is the word of God, Christ the  
sower;  
whoever finds the seed will remain for ever.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL Mark 4:26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Mark.

Jesus said to the crowds, "This is what the  
kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed  
on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps,  
when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and  
growing; how, he does not know. Of its own  
accord the land produces first the shoot, then  
the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And  
when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he  
starts to reap because the harvest has come."

He also said, "What can we say the  
kingdom of God is like? What parable can  
we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which  
at the time of its sowing in the soil is the  
smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once  
it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of  
them all and puts out big branches so that  
the birds of the air can shelter in its shade."

Using many parables like these, he spoke  
the word to them, so far as they were capable  
of understanding it. He would not speak to  
them except in parables, but he explained  
everything to his disciples when they were  
alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with  
the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

*(all bow during the next three lines)*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the  
Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored  
and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and  
apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the  
dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the offerings presented here  
provide for the twofold needs of human  
nature,  
nourishing us with food  
and renewing us with your Sacrament,  
grant, we pray,  
that the sustenance they provide  
may not fail us in body or in spirit.  
Amen.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this  
do I seek:  
to live in the house of the Lord all the days  
of my life.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As this reception of your Holy Communion,  
O Lord,  
foreshadows the union of the faithful in you,  
so may it bring about unity in your Church.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Behold O kind and most sweet Jesus, I  
cast myself upon my knees in your sight  
while with deep affection and grief of soul  
I mentally contemplate your five most  
precious wounds, having before my eyes the  
words that David the prophet spoke about  
you, most sweet Jesus: "They have pierced  
my hands and feet, and I can count every one  
of my bones."

*Traditional "Prayer before a Crucifix" to be  
said after Communion*



Their future doesn't look very promising. After all, Jesus and his followers are just a small group of people in a little corner of Palestine, with few friends among the religious leaders and those in authority, and with a message that doesn't seem to be reaching very far.

So Jesus tries to get the disciples to imagine what the kingdom of God will be like. He uses images, little stories or parables, to paint a picture of God's kingdom and its future growth. His listeners know that the mustard seed is tiny, yet Jesus tells them that from the smallest of seeds comes a tree so large that birds can nest in it. The kingdom of God is like that mustard seed, he says.

A second image, which Jesus uses elsewhere, makes the same point. The kingdom of God is like the yeast a woman mixes in with flour. A small amount of yeast has a huge effect – it can produce bread for a lot of people. The kingdom of God is like yeast, Jesus tells them.

The message is clear: the kingdom of God may have small, unimpressive beginnings, but like the mustard seed and the yeast, it will grow into something big and have an effect out of all proportion to its humble start. ■

### SAY

"Lord, help me to hasten the flowering of God's kingdom of justice, peace and love by being a seed, a leaven, in the life of my Church and my community. Amen."

### LEARN

The word of God is something alive and active.

All our prayers and good works, no matter how seemingly small, help God's kingdom to flourish.

### PRAY

Pray for missionaries and all who work to sow the seeds of God's kingdom throughout the world. Pray that you also will be an effective missionary of the Gospel.

### REFLECT

These are challenging times for the Church in the West. We know the statistics; we can see with our own eyes how church attendance is falling even as the average age of priests and religious is increasing. The COVID-19 lockdowns of the last eighteen months have made matters worse. It is easy to feel down and demoralised.

It can seem like the yeast has lost its power, that the mustard seed is desiccating. We can be tempted to think that the promise Jesus made is not being fulfilled, and that, far from expanding, the kingdom of God is contracting and even dying.

That is why it's so important to hold fast to the promise Jesus made to his disciples, and that he makes to us too. Jesus assures us that the kingdom of God will flourish because it is God's will that it flourishes. And we are called to trust in Jesus. We trust in Jesus by putting our trust in small things and in God's grace.

The Holy Spirit is alive and active. Lots of small things are happening out there that are enabling the kingdom to grow. Many Catholics are looking seriously at what it means to be Church. They know the Church isn't made up just of bishops, priests and religious but of all the people of God. They are thinking about what needs to be done to help promote renewal and new life in the Church, how they can be a seed or a leaven in the lives of others and of their parish community. Just as the kingdom of God grew out of small things, they know that the little things we do, the little acts of love we show, even if they appear insignificant in isolation, can grow into something wonderful. ■

### DO

Think about those who have been a seed, a leaven, in your life, those family members or others who shaped and inspired you to become the person you are. How can you be a seed, a leaven, in the lives of others in these challenging times?

Think about those who feel excluded from or hurt by the Church. How can you be a mustard seed, a gram of yeast, in their lives that transforms and heals and builds up? What might you need to change in your thinking so as to help bring about real growth and transformation in the Church?

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## NEWSLETTER 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 Eleventh Sunday of the Year (B)

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Please remember in your prayers Ann Challis who died recently and whose Requiem Mass is on Tuesday. (There will be space for parishioners wishing to attend mass on that day.) Also, Diane Kinch who also died recently. May they rest in peace.

Work begins this week on dealing with the damp problem which is affecting the back staircase, the fire escape passage, and the toilets. This is expected to take two weeks. A 'Thank you' to all who responded to the recent appeal for increased funds; this has certainly helped towards the expense of this project.

The country will know on Monday whether the 21<sup>st</sup> June may or may not be a day of some release across the country. Whatever happens on June 21<sup>st</sup>, we shall continue as we are at least until after the First Communions in mid-July, so Sunday masses will continue by advance booking only. There is, however, no need to book for weekday masses at which there is plenty of capacity. The Hall will continue to be out of action at least until September.

### Liturgical Calendar

To request mass intentions, please email or phone the Parish Office or leave an envelope at the church.

Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Eleventh Sunday of the Year (B)	People of the Parish
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	of the day (11 <sup>th</sup> week)	-
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Requiem Mass	Ann Challis RIP
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	of the day (11 <sup>th</sup> week)	Margaret Guerrero RIP
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	of the day (11 <sup>th</sup> week)	Kathleen McCusker
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	of the day (11 <sup>th</sup> week)	-
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	of the day (11 <sup>th</sup> week)	-
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Twelfth Sunday of the Year (B)	People of the Parish

**Prayer Corner:** Please remember all the sick and housebound of our parish especially: Patricia Kowalewska, Win Sheridan, Patricia Plumb, Kathleen Wood, Peter Henry, Phillip Rockford, Germain McAulay, Geoffrey Dixon, Joe Bonnici, and Marjorie Lee.

**Mass times and church opening:**

**Sunday mass** is at 9.30 & 11.00 a.m. by advanced booking only and with priority for those working, at school, and First Communion candidates. The 9.30 mass is heavily subscribed and will mean an allocation perhaps every other Sunday or two Sundays out of three. The 11.00 mass is not so heavily subscribed so attendance may be more regular.

**Weekday mass** (Tuesday – Friday) is at 10.00 a.m. No need to book. There is generally good capacity on all days.

For all masses **please be punctual**. The doors will be closed five minutes before mass starts and it will not be possible to admit latecomers.

Please be advised that the Sunday obligation remains suspended and so, for some, it might be beneficial to attend during the week.

On Sundays, the church will remain open after the 9.30 mass until 10.30 for those who may wish to make short individual visits but will then be closed for cleaning before the 11.00 a.m. mass. During the week, the church will remain open after the 10.00 a.m. mass until 11.00 a.m.

**How to make a reservation to attend a Sunday mass:**

You can request a reservation by one of the following methods (in order of preference):-

- 1) Send an email to [oliadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:oliadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)
- 2) Leave a clear message on the parish office phone **01202 760640**
- 3) In writing, and placed in the letter box by the church door, or by post to Our Lady Immaculate, Seamoor Road, Westbourne, BH4 9AE

*When making a booking, please give the following details and you will be contacted by phone or email to let you know which mass you can be offered:-*

*Name(s)*

*Phone number or email address:*

*Number of seats required:*

*Which Sunday mass you would prefer: 9.30, or 11.00, or either.*

*Would you like to be added to the ongoing Sunday rota? Yes/No*

**Please note: There will be no access to the Hall, the lift or to the toilets.**

**Finance.** A 'Thank you' to those who are using the 'Donate' button on the website. The 'Donate' button has the facility of adding a reference in the 'leave a message' box and also the option to Gift Aid any donation. Any donation with no specific reference will be treated as ordinary offertory. The parish's bank details are set out below for those who may wish to take out a standing order or make a bank transfer.

Bank: Lloyds

Account Name: PRCDTR Bournemouth Our Lady Immaculate

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Account Number: 00875075