

# **PARISH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE**

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## **NEWSLETTER 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2021 Twenty-First Sunday of the Year (B)**

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MASS TIMES: Sunday 9.30 a.m. & 11.00 a.m. - currently by advanced reservation only but  
FULLY BOOKED to the end of August.

Weekdays (Tuesday – Friday) 10.00 a.m. – no need to book

Confessions: On request.

COVID safeguarding restrictions remain in place for the time being, namely, social distancing within the church and the wearing of masks.

### **A message from CAFOD:**

**CAFOD** is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan, and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

### **Our Parish Treasurer, Pam O'Neill, writes:**

As you will know, Fr Andrew will soon be leaving us as he retires. His last scheduled Sunday will be the 5<sup>th</sup> September. In normal times we would be arranging a parish social gathering to wish him well and make a presentation but, alas, this will not be possible. However, I am sure we would all like to show our appreciation to Fr Andrew for his ministry among us over the last four years and to this end we are arranging a special collection. Contributions may be made: 1) through the 'Donate' button on the website with the reference 'Fr Andrew', 2) by bank transfer, again with the reference 'Fr Andrew', Account Name: PRCCTR Bournemouth Our Lady Immaculate, Sort Code: 30-93-04, Account Number: 00875075 or 3) in the special collection box at the church. Any cheques should be made payable to Our Lady Immaculate.

**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.

## Liturgical Calendar

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

Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Twenty-First Sunday of the Year (B)	9.30	People of the Parish
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	of the day (21 <sup>st</sup> week)	11.00	Michael Murphy RIP
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	St Bartholomew	-	Special Intention
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	of the day (21 <sup>st</sup> week)	-	-
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	of the day (21 <sup>st</sup> week)	-	-
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	St Monica	-	-
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	St Augustine of Hippo	-	-
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year (B)	9.30	People of the Parish

### Mass times and church opening:

Sunday mass is at 9.30 & 11.00 a.m. by advanced reservation only and FULLY BOOKED to the end of August. 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.

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

### 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

**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

Sort Code: 30-93-04

Account Name: PRCDTR Bournemouth Our Lady Immaculate

Account Number: 00875075

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all  
the day long.

**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, who cause the minds of the faithful  
to unite in a single purpose,  
grant your people to love what you command  
and to desire what you promise,  
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,  
our hearts may be fixed on that place  
where true gladness is found.

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 Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18**

A reading from the book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel  
together at Shechem; then he called the elders,  
leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and  
they presented themselves before God. Then

Joshua said to all the people: "If you will not  
serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish  
to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors  
served beyond the River, or the gods of the  
Amorites in whose land you are now living. As  
for me and my House, we will serve the Lord."

The people answered, "We have no intention  
of deserting the Lord our God and serving  
other gods. Was it not the Lord our God who  
brought us and our ancestors out of the land of  
Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those  
great wonders before our eyes and preserved  
us all along the way we travelled and among  
all the peoples through whom we journeyed?  
We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**PSALM**

Psalm 33

Response:

**Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the  
wicked

to destroy their remembrance from the earth.

The Lord turns his eyes to the just  
and his ears to their appeal. (R.)

3. They call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress.  
The Lord is close to the broken hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will  
save. (R.)

4. Many are the trials of the just man  
but from them all the Lord will rescue  
him.  
He will keep guard over all his bones,  
not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)

5. Evil brings death to the wicked;  
those who hate the good are doomed.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his  
servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be  
condemned. (R.)

**SECOND READING Ephesians 5:21-32**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Ephesians.

Give way to one another in obedience to  
Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as  
they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head  
of the Church and saves the whole body, so  
is a husband the head of his wife; and as the  
Church submits to Christ, so should wives  
to their husbands, in everything. Husbands  
should love their wives just as Christ loved the  
Church and sacrificed himself for her to make  
her holy. He made her clean by washing her in  
water with a form of words, so that when he  
took her to himself she would be glorious, with  
no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but  
holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands  
must love their wives as they love their own  
bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him  
to love himself. A man never hates his own  
body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that  
is the way Christ treats the Church, because  
it is his body – and we are its living parts. For  
this reason, a man must leave his father and  
mother and be joined to his wife, and the two  
will become one body. This mystery has many  
implications; but I am saying it applies to  
Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord,

and they are life:

you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

John 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
John.

After hearing his doctrine many of the  
followers of Jesus said, "This is intolerable  
language. How could anyone accept it?" Jesus  
was aware that his followers were complaining  
about it and said, "Does this upset you? What  
if you should see the Son of Man ascend to  
where he was before?

"It is the spirit that gives life,  
the flesh has nothing to offer.  
The words I have spoken to you are spirit  
and they are life.

"But there are some of you who do not  
believe." For Jesus knew from the outset  
those who did not believe, and who it was that  
would betray him. He went on, "This is why I  
told you that no one could come to me unless

the Father allows him." After this, many of his  
disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, "What about  
you, do you want to go away too?" Simon  
Peter answered, "Lord, who shall we go to?  
You have the message of eternal life, and we  
believe; we know that you are the Holy One of  
God."

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 Lord, who gained for yourself a people by  
adoption  
through the one sacrifice offered once for all,  
bestow graciously on us, we pray,  
the gifts of unity and peace in your Church.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

The earth is replete with the fruits of your  
work, O Lord;  
you bring forth bread from the earth  
and wine to cheer the heart.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,  
the healing work of your mercy  
and graciously perfect and sustain us,  
so that in all things we may please you.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

# Sunday Message

**THE WORD**

## WILL I STAY OR WILL I GO?

JOHN 6:60-69

In today's first reading, Joshua challenges the people of Israel. Make up  
your minds once and for all, he tells them. "If you will not serve the Lord,  
choose this day whom you will serve." It is decision time.

In today's Gospel, Jesus puts a similar challenge to his followers. Because of his teaching  
about the living bread, many of his followers turned their backs on him. They found his  
teaching too hard to stomach. They walked away. So Jesus asks the Twelve, "Do you wish  
to go away too?"

This is not simply a question from history. Jesus puts it to each of us today also: "Do you  
wish to go away too? Are you sick of my teaching about the living bread? Are you fed up  
with my talk about forgiving your enemies? Are my statements about justice and honesty  
too much for you? Are you turned off when I take the side of the marginalised? Are you  
embarrassed by the cross? Is the command to turn the other cheek a little OTT?"

It's decision time. It always is. Do you wish to go away, too? Or do you wish to stay? Either  
way, why? Before you answer, listen to the answers of the Israelites to Joshua and of the  
twelve apostles to Jesus. The Israelites say: "There is no way that we will forsake the  
Lord to serve other gods. Look at all God has done for us." And Peter takes it on himself  
to answer for the apostles: "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.  
We believe and we know that you are the Holy One of God." ■

**REFLECT**

It seems that every year, more and more  
people are walking away from the  
Church, and for a variety of reasons.  
Some, due to their sexuality or domestic  
situation, do not feel welcome; others  
feel betrayed by the long litany of church  
scandals; still others have been hurt by a  
priest or religious; some feel excluded by  
the Church's clericalism and misogyny;  
some have simply lost faith. Today's  
Gospel offers an opportunity to think  
about why we choose to stay when so  
many others have not. There are three  
main reasons why I choose to remain in  
the Church.

First, and most important, is the person  
of Jesus Christ. For me, Jesus is the one  
who gives life meaning. For me, Jesus is  
the Way, the Truth and the Life – literally.  
For me, life makes sense only because  
God's Son took on flesh like mine and

died on a cross to save me from oblivion.  
In the difficult times, when scandals  
threaten to overwhelm me, I always try  
to distinguish between Jesus and his  
Church, which is made up of fallible  
human beings. Even when the Church  
lets me down, Jesus never lets me down.  
Even when the Church disappoints, Jesus  
never disappoints. We should never let  
the failures of the Church cut us off from  
Jesus.

Second, I stay because of the example  
of so many people who by their lives of  
love and service show me the meaning of  
Christianity. People like Fr Peter McVerry,  
who out of love God and neighbour, has  
devoted his life to caring for the young  
homeless of Dublin and elsewhere. People  
like 27-year-old American Jean Donovan  
who was martyred in El Salvador 40 years  
ago. She knew she was putting her life

**SAY**

Say with Peter: "Lord,  
you have the words of  
eternal life. I have come  
to believe and to know  
that you are the Holy  
One of God."

**LEARN**

Each Christian is called to say a personal  
"yes" to Jesus.

Following Jesus means having to make hard  
choices.

**DO**

Think about the faith that you profess.  
What does it mean to you to say you are a  
Catholic? Can other people see that you are?

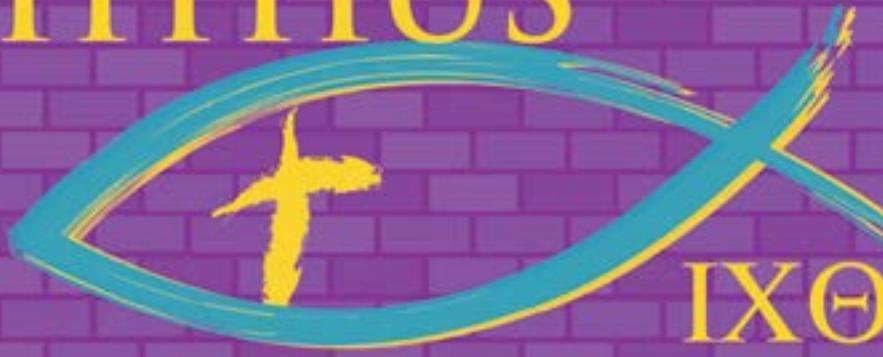
**PRAY**

Pray for those you know who no longer go  
to church or no longer believe in God. Pray also  
for those who introduced you to the faith  
and brought you up in it.

at risk by remaining in that war-ravaged  
country, but she stayed there anyway.  
She stayed out of love of God and God's  
people. She followed Jesus even to the  
cross.

Third, I stay because of the consoling  
knowledge that we are a Church of  
sinners. I'm not perfect. Despite my best  
efforts, I fail all the time. I can be moody  
and hard to live with. But I look around,  
and I see this is something we all have in  
common in the Church from the top down –  
we are all frail, fragile, broken people,  
who sin and fail, and sin and fail again.  
But I know that, even despite my failures,  
despite the Church's failures, God loves  
me – loves us – anyway, and that God will  
never abandon me. God is always on my  
side, and with God always on my side,  
there is no good reason why I should walk  
away. ■

# ICHTHUS



SUNDAY 22 AUGUST 2021

21ST SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

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Come, Holy Spirit, and fill me with your power.



## ENTRANCE ANTIphon



Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

We say these words  
or sing a hymn as the  
priest approaches  
the altar.



## COLLECT

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful  
to unite in a single purpose,  
grant your people to love what you command  
and to desire what you promise,  
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,  
our hearts may be fixed on that place  
where true gladness is found...

We ask for God's help.  
Listen now to the  
priest as he offers  
this prayer.



## JOSHUA 24:1-2. 15-18

Having been wandering  
in the desert for forty  
years, Joshua has  
brought the Israelites to  
the Promised Land. Now  
he has an important  
question for them. Joshua  
gathers all the people  
together and asks if they  
are going to serve God or

turn to the gods of the  
neighbouring tribes?  
The Israelites are clear.  
They have no intention of  
deserting the God who  
has saved them, looked  
after them on their  
journeying and brought  
them to safety. They will  
serve the Lord, their God.

LOOK at the reader  
and LISTEN.  
Will the Israelites  
make a choice for God  
or not?

The cantor or psalmist  
sings or says the psalm.  
Listen to the verses,  
and then respond by  
using these words.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 33



Taste and see that the Lord is good.



## SECOND READING EPHESIANS 5:21-32

When Paul was writing this  
letter to the Christians in  
Ephesus, women did not  
enjoy the same rights as  
today. Although we might  
question some of Paul's  
ideas, he is actually  
challenging people at  
that time – as well as  
giving us something to

think about. Men and  
women should treat each  
other with mutual love  
and respect. Real love  
for someone else means  
putting them before  
ourselves. Jesus shows  
us how to put love into  
action and we want to  
follow him.

LOOK at the reader  
and LISTEN.  
Jesus loves the  
Church just as a  
husband and a wife  
love each other.



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your words are spirit, Lord,  
and they are life:  
you have the message of eternal life.  
Alleluia!

We give a shout of  
praise to God, using  
these words taken  
from the Bible.



## DO YOU KNOW?

Tuesday 24 August is the  
feast of St Bartholomew,  
**Apostle**. He was one of  
Jesus' twelve special  
friends and is sometimes  
thought to be called  
Nathaniel in John's Gospel.  
We don't know much  
about Bartholomew, but  
believe he spread the  
message of God's love until  
he was killed because of his  
faith in Jesus.



## THINK

Joshua asked the Israelites  
to make a choice: **to serve  
God or not**. We might  
make a **big choice for  
God**, perhaps when we are  
preparing to be confirmed.  
But every day we make **little  
choices for God**. Will we  
make the choice to **be kind,  
to stand up for someone or  
to help out at home?**



## GOSPEL JOHN 6:60-69

The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St John.

Many of the people listening to Jesus cannot accept his teaching. It is all too much for them and makes no sense. Jesus knows that they are not happy and tells them that everything he says is true. Some of Jesus' disciples are still unhappy. Many of them leave Jesus at this point

and stop following him. So Jesus turns to his twelve special friends and asks them if they are going to leave as well? Simon Peter answers for them all. They are going nowhere. They believe Jesus. Jesus has the words of eternal life. Jesus is the Holy One of God.

**STAND to LISTEN**  
to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel.

What does the priest or deacon do to the book when he has finished reading the Gospel?



## PRAY

"The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save."

Talk to God about any sadness in your life. Ask God to bless anyone you know who is sad. Trust in God's healing love.

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. This is a prayer you could say privately.

Watch as the gifts are made ready and the priest washes his hands and prepares for the Eucharistic Prayer.

We listen to the prayer of praise and thanks to God.

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's celebration.



## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for anyone who is facing a difficult choice today. Help them to see clearly what is true and right. Lord, hear my prayer.



## OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about a sad time this week and then think about a time when you were happy and enjoying life.

Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.



## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Today's special prayer thanks God for fulfilling all God's promises to us.

What can you give special thanks for today?



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us.

## COMMUNION ANTIphon

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.



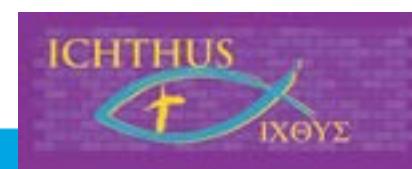
## MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for showing me the truth of your love. Help me to always stay close to you. Amen.



We take Jesus with us to carry on the work that he did on earth, until we meet again next Sunday.

Go in peace.



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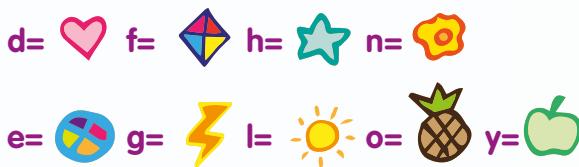
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# JESUS IS MY FRIEND



Crack the code and see who Jesus is.



Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_

## True or false?

The disciples knew that what Jesus taught them was true. Are these statements **true** or **false**?



All fish have legs.



Apples are vegetables.



We need water to live.



All birds have wings.



Footballs are square.

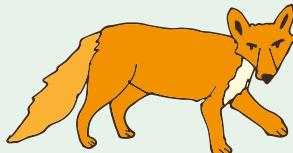
✓ Tick the ones that are **true**.



Jesus teaches us about God.

## Something special

Fill in the spaces with the first letter of each picture.












## True friends

Jesus' friends loved him very much. True friends stay with you no matter what happens.



Friends are **FUN** and **KIND**. They **CARE**, **SHARE**, **UNDERSTAND**, **LISTEN** and **LOVE**. Fit these words into the grid. What word can you read down the red column?

## A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, help us to always have faith in you and what you teach us about God our Father. May we be like the disciples and stay with you no matter what happens. Amen.