



PARISH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE

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MASS TIMES

Sunday October 3rd 27th Sunday in ordinary Time

9.30am- currently by advanced reservation only.

11am - currently by advanced reservation only *The Parish*

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

Confessions: After Mass or by Appointment.

Tuesday October 5th - of the day

Wednesday October 6th -of the day

Thursday October 7th *Our Lady of the Rosary*

Friday October 8th -of the day

Sunday October 10th 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am- currently by advanced reservation only.

11am - currently by advanced reservation only

The Parish

To request mass intentions, please see Father Leslie after Mass, or Email him:

ladams@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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



Congratulations to Ken and Joe Pearson who last week received a special blessing during Mass on Tuesday to mark their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

May they continue to be blest with love and happiness for many years to come.

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

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
- 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.

Account Name: PRCDTR Bournemouth Our Lady Immaculate

Sort Code: 30-93-04

Account Number: 00875075

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

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

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those
who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
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 Genesis 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis.
The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate." So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

"This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh!
This is to be called woman
for this was taken from man."

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 127

Response:

May the Lord bless us
all the days of our life.

- O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
- Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)
- Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! (R.)

SECOND READING Hebrews 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 10:2-16

(For shorter form, read between > <)

> A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" "Moses allowed us" they said, "to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce." Then Jesus said to them, "It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide." Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, "The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too." <

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little

children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

> 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,
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.

(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

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the sacrifices instituted by your commands
and, through the sacred mysteries,
which we celebrate with dutiful service,
graciously complete the sanctifying work
by which you are pleased to redeem us.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, almighty God,
that we may be refreshed and nourished
by the Sacrament which we have received,
so as to be transformed into what we
consume.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE WORD

Today, we have first a confrontation between some Pharisees and Jesus over the question of divorce. Mark tells us that "they were testing him".

Divorce was common in the Jewish world of the time, and there were different schools of thought as to the reason why a man – and it would be a man – could divorce his wife. For once, Jesus sides with the stricter interpretation of the Law and describes the concession in the teaching of Deuteronomy as due to "hardness of heart", closing one's understanding and emotions to the truth. He bases his view on the divine plan set out in Genesis as the ideal for marriage, one flesh in a permanent union.

The second section of the reading is one of the very few examples from the Bible or the wider literature of the time which concentrate on children: young people, from infants to the age of twelve, were not regarded as persons in their own right. Jesus, on the other hand, takes a positive interest in them, becoming "indignant" when the disciples, for reasons we are not given, try to prevent them being brought to him. Once again, Mark shows the disciples in a negative light, not understanding that the kingdom is a gift, or who can receive it. ■

REFLECT

The question of divorce – or more accurately, of the remarriage of divorced persons – is one of the most vexing problems in the Church today. But it is nothing new: Jesus said, according to Mark, that divorce is not possible; however, Paul and Matthew give exceptions to this blanket prohibition. Jesus puts forward the ideal of marriage as a permanent union which the husband ("no man") is not entitled to break. It is only fair to say that the concerns we may have today about a person's suitability to enter into marriage from a psychological point of view have only emerged in recent years. Whereas marriage was spoken of in the past in terms of a legal contract, it is now presented in the biblical language of a covenant, the sacred relationship between God and Israel, between Christ and the Church: a high ideal indeed, one which requires commitment and sacrifice by the partners involved. How to deal with people whose marriages have failed is an urgent pastoral problem, but as we can see from the New Testament scriptures, one which the disciples of Jesus have had to wrestle with from the beginning. It is for the community to find the answer.

The second section of the Gospel reading presents Jesus paying attention to figures who have no legal standing at all, who are totally dependent on others and receive everything as a gift, as they have no rights. Jesus is angry with his obtuse disciples who try to prevent the children reaching him: when they do, he hugs them, transfers power to them by laying on his hands and calling down God's blessing upon them. Might not divorced and remarried persons today be represented by those children? ■

SAY

"Let the little children come to me... for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."
(see Mark 10:14)

LEARN

There was no one official interpretation of the Jewish Law: there was a wide range of opinions.

At the time of Jesus, the two most influential rabbis were Shammai (strict) and Hillel (milder).

Jesus' approach is generally similar to that of Hillel, except for his teaching on divorce, which is nearer to that of Shammai.

DO

When you go forward to receive Holy Communion, remember that it is a gift, not a reward.



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SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER 2021

27TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



Year B

Welcome everyone into church today, perhaps by giving out the books.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

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

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask...

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



FIRST READING GENESIS 2:18-24

This story from the first book in the Bible explains that God does not want people to be lonely. The animals are all named by the man, who now has responsibility to look after them and take care of them. They are not enough to keep

the man company though. He needs someone like himself, so that they can work together and help each other. God makes the woman. Both the man and the woman are gifts from God, and they belong together.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. God has made people to be friends with each other and look after each other.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 127

May the Lord bless us
all the days of our life.

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



SECOND READING HEBREWS 2:9-11

God wants everyone to be close to him. God sent Jesus so that all human beings can have a good relationship with God. Human beings turned away from God, but Jesus came to put everything right. Jesus became

one of us so that we can enjoy God's glory. Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection mean that we can share his life and love. We are part of the same human family and are all brothers and sisters of Jesus.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN. Jesus became a human being, so that human beings could become closer to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

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



DO YOU KNOW?

Catholic Christians know God made the world, but do not believe that the accounts in Genesis tell us exactly how God created it. We believe these stories tell us why we are here and how much God loves us. One important truth we learn is that God does not want people to be lonely. Marriage is a gift from God and a way for us to show God's love to the world.



THINK

Jesus wants the children to come to him, even though the disciples think they are a nuisance. Jesus loves especially anyone who is ignored and overlooked by other people. What great news!



GOSPEL MARK 10:2-16

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

People were often questioning Jesus. They worried that his teaching might be different from their understanding about God. Here, some religious leaders ask Jesus about marriage. They want to see if he is following Moses' teaching. Jesus explains that God created people to love each other and live together

in marriage. Marriage is a gift from God. A small child might be overlooked and ignored, but even unimportant people can understand what is important in life. Love is at the heart of God's kingdom and what we hope marriage shows to the world. We come close to Jesus when we love other people.

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

"Then he put his arms around them..."

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me. I can feel your love wrapping me up and keeping me safe. Help me to remember your blessing if other people are ignoring me.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I am thinking today about all the people who are finding it hard to be married. Please help them to find the practical support and understanding they need. Lord, hear my prayer.

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.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about a time this week when you were sad and then another time when you were really happy and full of joy. Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.

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



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?

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



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

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



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for always welcoming me and calling me closer to you. Help me to respond to you with an open and loving heart. Amen.



IXΘΥΣ

is the Greek word for "fish" and was used in the catacombs as a sign for early Christians. It is made up from the first letter of five Greek titles for the Lord:

- I (Jesus)
- X (Christos)
- Θ (Theou/God's)
- Υ (Uios/Son)
- Σ (Soter/Saviour)



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

Go in peace.





Sunday 3 October 2021
 Mark 10:2-16
 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

My name is _____

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

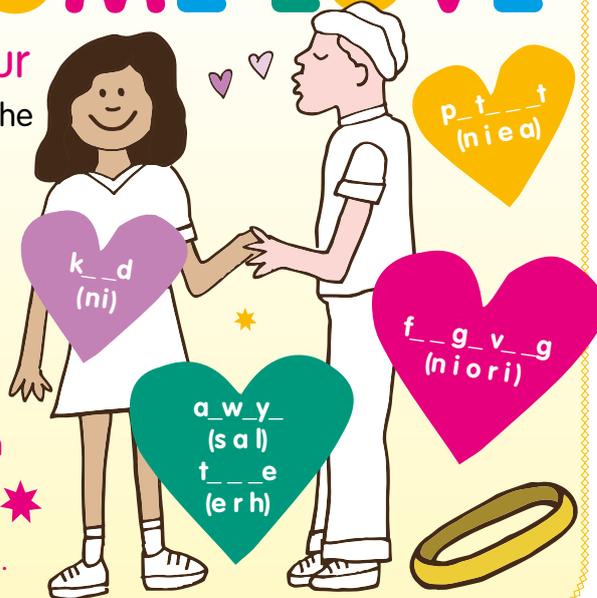
God has made people to love each other. Jesus wants us all to welcome God into our hearts, just as he welcomes the children who want to come to him.

WELCOME LOVE

A picture to colour

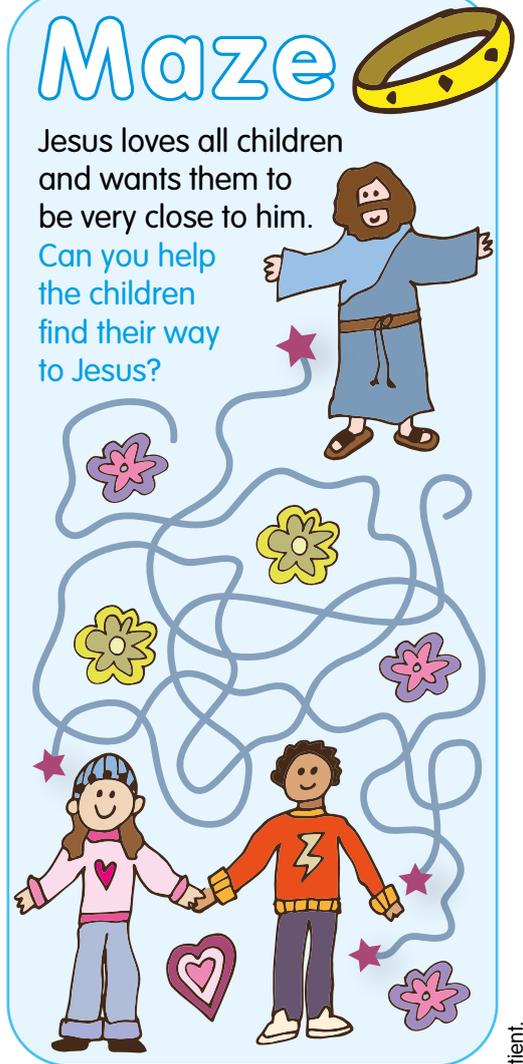
Fill the missing letters in the hearts to find out what God is like. **Joseph and Grace are married.**

They love each other very much and want to be together for ever. We can see by looking at them what love is like. They show us what God is like.



Maze

Jesus loves all children and wants them to be very close to him. Can you help the children find their way to Jesus?



Which does not belong?

Here are some pictures of Grace and Joseph showing how much they love each other.



Spot the rings

People who are married wear a ring. A ring has no ending. It shows that love goes on forever. Can you find the 4 lost wedding rings on this page?

A PRAYER TO SAY

Please, God, help all the people who are married to stay friends always. Sometimes people can't stay married. Please help them to know that God's love for them will never end. Amen.

Answers: kind, always there, forgiving, loving, patient.