

CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE NEWSLETTER



12 DECEMBER 2021

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FOUR PRIORITIES

Bishop Philip Egan has outlined four priorities for our diocese.

To go out on mission to everyone

That we enable many more to hear the Gospel and to come to know, serve and love Jesus Christ in the saving communion of His Catholic Church, so that, persevering in faith, hope and charity, they may one day reach the happiness of Heaven. *"Go, make disciples of all nations"* Matthew 28: 19

To be totally dependent on the Holy Spirit

That shifting from maintenance to mission, we trust more completely in God through prayer, imploring the Holy Spirit to inspire our clergy and our laity with constant joy and creativity to develop and realise new, innovative ministries and ways of Christian living. *"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you"* Acts 1:8

To convert Catholics

That we assist all Catholics, especially those who are not yet practising, to reach a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist, to be more intentional disciples and, discerning their charisms, to become more actively engaged in the Church's mission. *"He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me, and I live in him"* John 6:55-56



To Become outward-looking servants

That all our parish and our school communities become ever more outward-facing service centres, brighter beacons of mission, dialogue and service to everyone around, especially to the poor, the homeless, those in need. *"In so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me"* Matthew 25:40

As a parish, what can we do to help make our Bishop's Vision a reality? Your thoughts are welcome.

Visit our website: www.catholicwestbourne.org

MASS TIMES

Sunday 12th December, 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)

9.00am: *The Parish*

11.00am: *Charles O'Donnell RIP*

Tuesday 14th December, ST JOHN OF THE CROSS

10.00am: *Jan Faulkner RIP*

Wednesday 15th December, THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

10.00am

Thursday 16th December, THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

10.00am

Friday 17th December, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6.00 - 6.45pm

Friday 17th December, THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

7.00pm: Friday: *Christopher Ager RIP*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Entrance Antiphon: (*Phil 4 4-5*) Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Responsorial Psalm: (*Isaiah 12*) Response: Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: (*Is 35: 4*) Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

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PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE: This will take place on Wednesday 15th December at 7.00pm here at Our Lady's. There will be refreshments with mulled wine and mince pies. Doors open at 7.00pm. There is no need to book but numbers may have to be restricted, so please arrive early to avoid disappointment.

We will be holding a retiring collection in aid of Julia's House.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Father Leslie would like to meet with those parents whose children will be preparing for their First Holy Communion. There will be an initial meeting on Saturday, 8 January, 2022 at 10.30am. Please bring your diaries.

REFRESHMENTS: Tea, coffee and soft drinks are provided in the hall after the 9.00am Mass on Wednesdays. Please do join us if you can.

SUNDAY OBLIGATION: As the Sunday Obligation to attend Mass remains suspended, please continue to attend Mass when you feel confident to do so. The Sunday Obligation remains 'stretched' across the weekdays so if you find Sunday Mass too daunting at this stage then consider attending a weekday Mass when there are fewer people present.



CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: The Christmas collection is our way of thanking our parish priests for all the dedication, guidance and care they give to their parishes week in, week out. If you would like to give a gift to support Father Leslie in his vocation and mission this Christmas, please visit our parish website. www.catholicwestbourne.org

You are also welcome to pass on your contribution to Fr Leslie if you'd prefer. Thank you for your continued generosity.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

You can donate directly into the bank account:

**PRCDTR Bournemouth
Our Lady Immaculate**

Sort code: 309304 Account: 00875075

Thank you for your continued support.

PRAYERS PLEASE

Please remember all the sick and housebound of our parish especially:

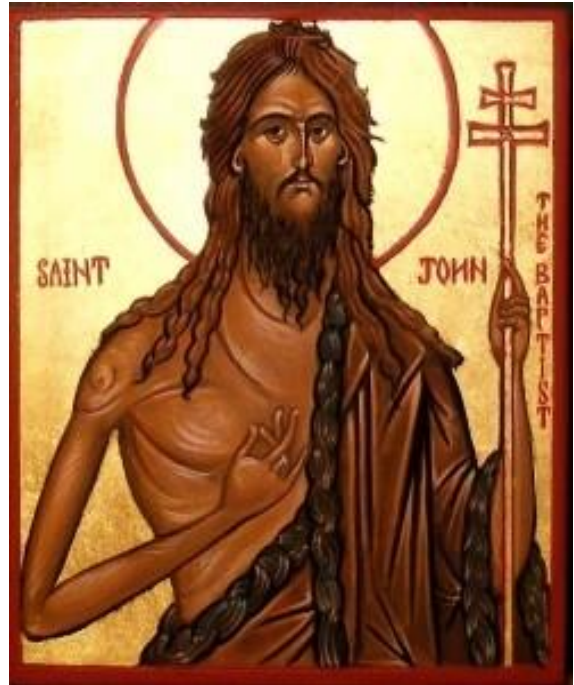
Marianne Copp, Patricia Kowalewska,
Win Sheridan, Kathleen Wood,
Phillip Rockford, Germain McAulay,
Geoffrey Dixon, Joe Bonnici,
Marjorie Lee

'Someone is coming...'

When all the people asked John, *'What must we do?'* he answered, *'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.'* There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, *'Master, what must we do?'* He said to them, *'Exact no more than your rate.'* Some soldiers asked him in their turn, *'What about us? What must we do?'* He said to them, *'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'*

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, *'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'*

As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.



'Master, what must we do?'

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

FRIDAY 24TH DECEMBER

Vigil Mass, 5.30pm

SATURDAY 25TH DECEMBER

9.00am and 11.00am

SUNDAY 26TH DECEMBER

The Holy Family

9.00am and 11.00am

