

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE NEWSLETTER



23rd January 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## This scripture

A well-known stage actor commenting on the cast jitters present on the opening night of a new Broadway show would say: *"You can cut the tension with a knife."* Well, Our Lord certainly had no such problem as He took His turn at the lectern of the tiny synagogue in Nazareth. The audience at least at the beginning had to have a special enthusiasm for what He would say. He read in a confident voice words from great Isaiah.

Centuries later we can note that here the very Word of God in person was reading the Word of God in writing. Luke wants us, his readers, to recognize that this was the opening Day of one very special Man's ministry. Jesus, reverently rolled up the scroll and speaks boldly but calmly, being both resolute and self-assured. Then He drops what I might call a verbal bomb: *"Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."*

Our reading ends there. Unless you go to your bible when you get home to discover for yourself, you'll have to wait until next weekend to learn what followed. Spoiler alert: it wasn't pretty. That is because Our Lord cited the fact that Yahweh did not always hold Israel in such high esteem as to neglect other nations. He illustrated for them how good things often came from God to the so-called *"lowly ones"* instead of the elect.



That brings forth some ways of reacting to truth. Most of the time we find truth enlightening, attractive and beautiful. But every now and then the truth can be inconvenient, especially when it contradicts a common conviction of ours. It then quickly deteriorates into something ugly, unwelcome and enraging. The alcoholic at first denies he or she has a problem with drink. The fashion plate denies that a certain clothing ensemble is unflattering.

The townspeople of Nazareth resented what Jesus told them. That will happen frequently in other groups Jesus would have to chide. We well know what the power brokers of their day eventually did to silence Him.

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# MASS TIMES

**Sunday 23rd January, THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9.00am

11.00am

**Tuesday 25th January, CONVERSION OF ST PAUL**

10.00am - *Pam Ansell and Pearl Eccles*

**Wednesday 26th January, ST TIMOTHY AND ST TITUS**

10.00am - *Czeslaw Wilezynski RIP*

**Thursday 27th January, FERIA**

10.00am

**Friday 28th January, ST THOMAS AQUINAS**

6.00pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7.00pm

**CONFESSIONS:** After Mass or by appointment.

## OUR PARISH

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## SUNDAY READINGS

**Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 95: 1, 6**

*O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.*

*In his presence are majesty and  
splendour, strength and honour  
in his holy place.*

**Gospel Acclamation - Lk 4:18**

*Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord has sent me  
to bring the good news to the poor,  
to proclaim liberty to captives.*

*Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 33: 6**

*Look toward the Lord and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.*

## PARISH NEWS

**COULD YOU HELP CAFOD?** As a volunteer in our church community you can mobilise parishioners to act for global justice and help connect our community with our sisters and brothers in the poorest places in the world to lift themselves out of poverty. Make a difference! If you would like to know more about becoming a CAFOD Parish volunteer, please contact Jo Lewry on the following email: [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or 07710 094 447.

**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD**  
Wednesday February 2nd. This feast day concludes the season of Christmastide and is traditionally marked with the blessing of candles, symbolising Christ as the light of the world.

If you would like to have any candles blessed bring them along on the day and place them on the table in front of the altar. Alternatively, if you are unable to attend Mass that day, place them in the box at the back of the church marked '*Candles to be blessed*', so you can identify them when you collect them later on.

**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR.** We are extremely pleased to announce that Suzanne Quinn is returning as the Parish Administrator. Suzanne previously held the role and is therefore very experienced. Office hours to be confirmed.



**This weekend** we take the annual second collection in support of your Cathedral in Portsmouth. Appeal envelopes are available at all Masses for those who do not have gift aided planned giving envelopes for second collections. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocese. We have created a 'Give as you Live' page: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/cathedral-annual-appeal-1>

Understandably, we all are aware that these are difficult times for us all, but please give generously to support your cathedral, gift aiding your donation wherever possible.

### 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

# This text is being fulfilled...

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

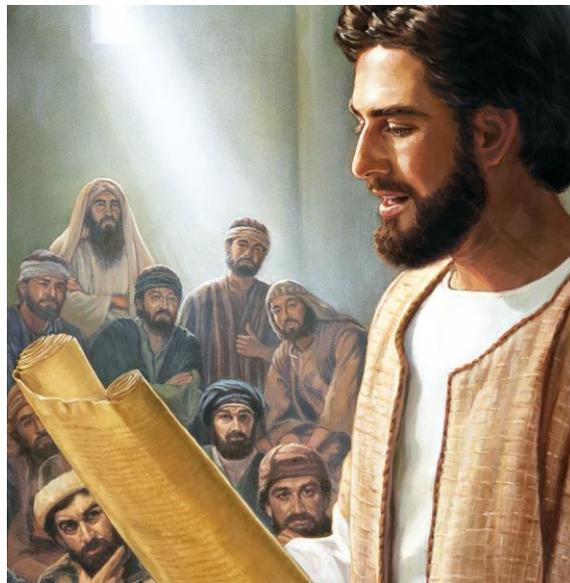
Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

*The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,  
for he has anointed me.  
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,  
to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight,  
to set the downtrodden free,  
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.*

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, *'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'*

**REFRESHMENTS.** Tea, coffee and soft drinks are provided in the hall after the 9.00am Mass on Sunday and 10.00am Mass on Wednesday. Please do join us if you can.



**Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th June 2022.** Come and join the CELEBRATE community at Big Church Day Out. Join over 30,000 people from across the UK and beyond to worship together in the jaw-dropping surroundings of the Wiston Estate, Sussex in the company of some of the best Christian artists in the world. As well as hosting Mass each day, the weekend includes community, activities and fun for all ages.

<https://tickets.bigchurchdayout.com/south/join-us/groupplus/1694/celebrate2022>.

