

CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE

NEWSLETTER



30th January 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Hold onto faith

Early in his public life, Jesus went through Galilee, spoke in many towns and villages, and received a wonderful reception. The expectations of the people began to grow that perhaps this was the long awaited Messiah, the Anointed One, who would come and inaugurate the Kingdom of God, the realm of God, among them.

So it was that his reputation reached the place where he lived in Nazareth. Now Nazareth was not the place of Jesus' birth, which was Bethlehem, but it was where he grew up and where Mary conceived him, because the Annunciation took place in Nazareth where Mary and Joseph lived. So the people of Nazareth knew Jesus very well. They saw him as a baby, they saw him as a child, they saw him as a young man, and they saw him as a carpenter. It was to here Jesus returns.

Now when he entered the synagogue, as we remember last week, his reputation went before him, so he was given the privilege of reading the scripture for that day. When he had finished reading all eyes were on him as everyone knew it was a messianic text. They had prayed for a thousand years for the coming of the Messiah, and their hopes were high. However, doubt set in and they struggled to



believe. They lacked faith. Jesus understood them. He knew that they were his people. He said, *"Yes, it is true. Even the prophets were not accepted in their own town."*

It is not just the people of that ancient town who struggled; millions of people find it difficult to *'Let go and Let God!'*

When Jesus says, *"Believe in me,"* he says, *"Give me your life."* He won't take it out of fear, only love. That is the gift that you will give him when you follow him. This is the meaning of God coming into the world to show his love and to receive our love.

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MASS TIMES

Sunday 30th January - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am - *The Parish*

11.00am

Tuesday 1st February - FERIA

10.00am

Wednesday 2nd February – THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

10.00am

Thursday 3rd February - ST BLAISE

10.00am

Friday 4th February - FERIA

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 - Ps 105: 47

Save us, O Lord our God!

*And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.*

Gospel Acclamation – Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says
the Lord; No one can come to the Father
except through me.*

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon – Cf. Ps 30: 17-18

Let your face shine on your servant.

*Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me
never be put to shame, for I call on you.*

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 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 has returned as our Parish Administrator. Suzanne previously held the role and is therefore very experienced. Office hours to be confirmed.



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS. Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of souls who called the apostles to be fishers of men, raise up new apostles in your holy Church. Teach them to serve you is to reign; to possess you is to possess all things.

Kindle in the young hearts of our sons and daughters the fire of real zeal for souls. Make them eager to spread your Kingdom on earth. Grant them courage to follow you, who are the Way, the Truth and the Life; who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen. Mary Queen of the Clergy, pray for us. Help our students who are preparing for the priesthood.

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

No prophet is ever accepted in his own country

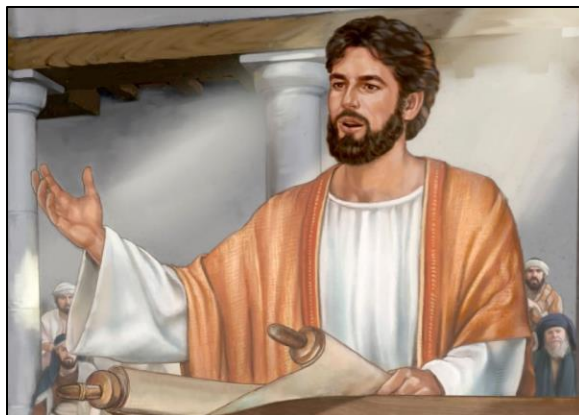
Jesus began to speak in the synagogue: *'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'* And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, *'This is Joseph's son, surely?'*

But he replied, *'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."'*

And he went on, *'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'*

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY – 13 FEBRUARY. We will be holding a second collection on this day to support the promotion of racial justice in the world. RJS is a call for all Christians to engage in the righteous struggle for racial justice because racial justice is everyone's business.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY.

For those who suffer religious persecution: *"that those who suffer discrimination and suffer religious persecution, may find in the societies in which they live the rights and dignity that comes from being brothers and sisters"*.

ARE YOU CONSIDERING A VOCATION TO THE SACRED PRIESTHOOD?

Canon John Cooke, our Diocesan Vocations Promoter invites you to join others in a similar position at the Seeker Group which meets on the first Friday of every month from 7-9pm... If you would like to attend, please contact Canon John Cooke at 01329 31886.

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.

DOUAI ABBEY PASTORAL PROGRAMME.

Days of Reflection and Retreats for the first half of 2022. www.douaiabbey.org.uk