

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE

# NEWSLETTER



27 February 2022

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Finding fault

The Gospel is taken from St. Luke (6:39-45). These statements of Christ spoken centuries ago to his fellow Jews of Palestine are as true and as crystal clear today as they were in the year 29 A.D. They are the words of Him who was the Truth. They are put before us today for there are few amongst us who do not need to be reminded of their lesson. We are all so prone to see the neighbour's faults and shortcomings and so inclined to cover up or deny our own.

While we are blind to, or wanting in, many necessary virtues, we can spot the faults of others and have the audacity to offer to lead them on the right road. We are often lacking in the basic knowledge of the teachings of our faith and yet we can find a thousand issues in the official doctrine of the teaching Church. We can all criticize minor defects in our neighbour's Christian behaviour whilst our own Christian way of living is giving far greater scandal.

What we should all be saying is: *'How truly our Lord read my heart. How many times in the past week have I criticized people without knowing all, or any, of the true facts.'*

***'Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own?'***



When our Lord spoke these words, his purpose and intention was not to condemn his listeners, the vast majority of whom were guilty of the defects he mentioned, but rather to open their minds and their hearts to their shortcomings so that they would change for the better and learn to live with other people's faults.

It is for the very same purpose that the Church has selected this particular lesson for us. We are all guilty of rash judgment and unjustified criticism, to a greater or lesser degree. Let us turn the spotlight on ourselves, and judge ourselves honestly and sincerely and in a short while we may, with God's grace helping us, notice a change in our Christian conduct.

Visit our website: [www.catholicwestbourne.org](http://www.catholicwestbourne.org)

# MASS TIMES

**Sunday 27 February - EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9.00am

11.00am - With the Sacrament of Baptism

**Tuesday 1 March – ST DAVID**

10.00am

**Wednesday 2 March – ASH WEDNESDAY**

10.00am

7.00pm

**Thursday 3 March**

NO MASS

**Friday 4 March – FERIA**

NO MASS

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

**Sunday 6 March:** There will be a short CAFOD talk after each Mass by Richard Arthur.

## OUR PARISH

**OUR LADY IMMACULATE CHURCH  
SEAMOOD ROAD, WESTBOURNE,  
BOURNEMOUTH, BH4 9AE**

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**Parish Administrator – Suzanne Quinn**

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## SUNDAY READINGS

**Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 17: 19-20**

*The Lord became my protector.*

*He brought me out to a place of freedom;  
he saved me because he delighted in me.*

**Gospel Acclamation - Cf. Ac16:14**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 12: 6**

*I will sing to the Lord who has been  
bountiful with me, sing psalms  
to the name of the Lord Most High.*

# PARISH NEWS

## CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – LENT APPEAL:

Every child should grow big and strong. Family Fast Day is Friday 11 March, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support mums around the world, like Amie in Sierra Leone, with expert training in growing and making healthy food. Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

**LENTEN PRAYER AND REFLECTIONS ‘KNOWING JESUS - THE EMOTIONAL JESUS’** Every Thursday in Lent, 7.30pm - 8.15pm via Zoom Our Lady & St Edmund Parish of Abingdon invite you to join their Lenten prayer and reflections. The focus will be on Gospel stories revealing ‘*the emotional Jesus*’ and will include discussions, and the opportunity for prayer. For info contact Pauline at [pehanley@hotmail.com](mailto:pehanley@hotmail.com) or call 07506 753 085.

**NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH (FROM MILL HILL MISSIONARIES)** between 10-18 March 2022. People may follow the Novena Masses online each weekday evening at 7.30pm, on Saturday at 10.00am and on Sunday at 11.00am. These Masses will be held at St Joseph’s, Maidenhead. For more information, see [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena)

**This Family Fast Day, please give to help those who are protecting God’s creation.**

Donate at [cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis](http://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis)

**CAFOD**  
Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

**climate crisis appeal**



**PREPARING FOR LENT:** Ash Wednesday 2 March. Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting.

We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. Let us start to prepare for this 40+ days season of grace. Confessions are available on request or after Mass.

## 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:**

Teresa Wraith,  
Win Sheridan, Kathleen Wood,  
Phillip Rockford, Germain McAulay,  
Geoffrey Dixon, Joe Bonnici,  
Marjorie Lee

# Your brother's eye

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: *'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.'*

*'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'*

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – FRIDAY 4 MARCH:**

This year the World Day of Prayer service is being held at East Cliff Church URC, Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH1 3RG at 10.30am.

## **DON BOSCO BOYS CAMP - 24 to 30 JULY 2022:**

We are delighted that the camp will be going ahead again this summer for boys of secondary school age at St. Cassian's, Kintbury: sport, outings, competitions and fun and games to ensure that boys will have a fantastic few days. This will continue to take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic Faith.

The cost of the camp is £220 (part bursaries may be available on application). Please email: [dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**ASH WEDNESDAY - 2 MARCH**, 10,00am and 7.00pm. The law of fasting requires a Catholic between the ages of 18– 60 years to reduce the amount of food they would normally eat.

**GDPR FORM:** To ensure we comply with General Data Protection Regulations, please can you fill in the relevant form in the lobby or on our website. By filling in this form, you will be granting us permission to store your personal details on the parish database for another year.

Please return your completed form to our Parish Administrator, Suzanne Quinn, by leaving it in the black postbox to the left of the front door. This can also be left in the office box in the hall, or handed to Suzanne on Wednesday mornings.

**MAUREEN JOLLY RIP:** Her funeral Mass will take place on Friday 11 March at 10.30am. The burial will be at North Cemetery. May she Rest in Peace.