

CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE

NEWSLETTER



13 February 2022

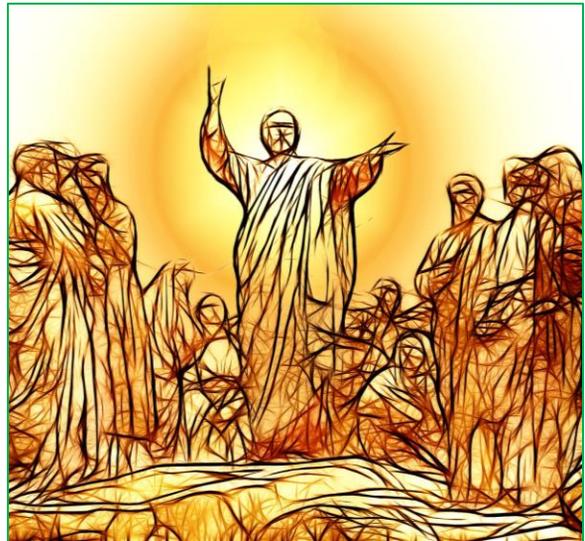
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God among us

Last Sunday we heard Jesus call Peter to be his disciple. Jesus then travels with Peter and the other disciples. Luke reports acts of healing (a person with leprosy and a paralytic man) and the call of Levi, the tax collector. Jesus also replies to questions from the Pharisees regarding fasting and the observance of the Sabbath. In the verses immediately before today's gospel reading, Jesus is reported to have chosen 12 men from among his disciples to be apostles. *Apostle* is a Greek word that means "one who is sent."

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in Matthew 5:1-7,11 that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings. When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments.

As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke



presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us. Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God.

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MASS TIMES

Sunday 13 February - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am
11.00am

Tuesday 15 February - FERIA

10.00am

Wednesday 16 February – FERIA

10.00am

Thursday 17 February - FERIA

10.00am

Friday 18 February - FERIA

2.00pm Funeral Mass for Marianne Copp RIP
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 30: 3-4

*Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your
name.*

Gospel Acclamation - Mt11:25

*Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the
mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.
Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon - Ps 77: 29-30

*They ate and had their fill, and what they
craved the Lord gave them; they were not
disappointed in what they craved.*

PARISH NEWS

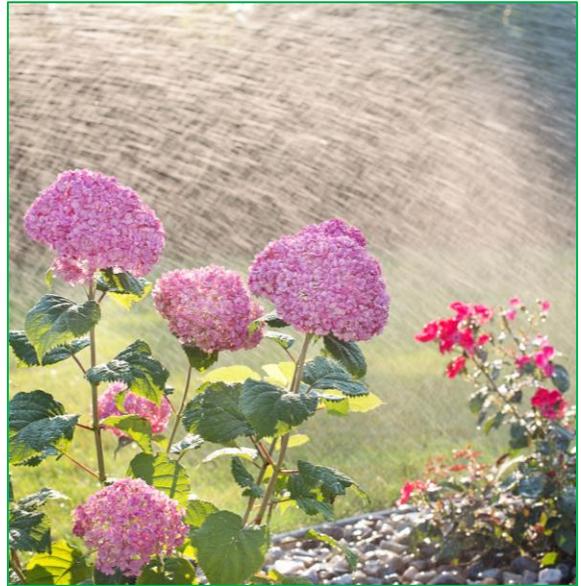
WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO THE CHURCH?

Tuesday 1 March from 6.00pm until 7.00pm

A unique, live, online event with Fr. James Mallon, Bishop Robert Barron, and Revd. Nicky Gumbel which explores the enormous challenges we have faced, but also the exciting new opportunities to proclaim the Gospel. Divine Renovation will host a one-hour webinar exploring what the last two years have revealed about the Church, what we have learned, and what we need to focus on as we look to the future in the context of evangelisation and discipleship. To register visit the website: www.divinerenovation.org/what-is-god-saying-event

BEQUESTS - A gift to the Church? When one makes or changes a Will, one will obviously be thinking about family & friends. You could also make a gift to the Church. Many Catholics feel this is a wonderful way to thank God for the blessings that they have received during their lifetime, help the Church proclaim the Good News of Jesus and meet the needs of the next generation.

GETTING MARRIED? Congratulations! Please note that you need to give 12 months' notice. If you're a Catholic and not Confirmed you will need to join 'Journey into Faith' in order to celebrate Confirmation. Contact Fr Leslie to find out more information.



YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU: To enable our Parish to move forward in 2022 we need more volunteers to help us. Could you fill one of the following posts?

- Gift Aid Coordinator
- Property and Finance Committee member
- SVP member

If you are able and willing to help, please contact Suzanne in the Parish Office, Fr Leslie or Pam O'Neill. Full training will be available. We look forward to hearing from you. Thanking you in anticipation.

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

Happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY – 13 FEBRUARY: We will be holding a second collection today to support the promotion of racial justice in the world.

PRAY FOR OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

CANDIDATES: Jasmyn, Carlo, Hugo, Isabella, Tony, Valeria, Carlos, Esther, Tommy and Leon.



MARIANNE COPP RIP: Marianne will be received into the church on Thursday 17 February at 4.30pm. Her funeral Mass will be on Friday 18 February at 2.00pm.

PATRICIA KOWALEWSKA RIP: Patricia's funeral Mass will take place on Friday 25 February at 10.00am, officiated by Fr Andrew Wagstaff. This will be followed by her burial at North Cemetery.

REFRESHMENTS: Tea, coffee and soft drinks are provided in the hall after the 9.00am Mass on Sunday and 10.00am Mass on Wednesday.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY: We pray for religious and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

BRIDGE CLUB: Now meeting in the church hall each Monday at 1.30pm. All newcomers welcome, beginners or experienced.