

CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE

NEWSLETTER



6 February 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

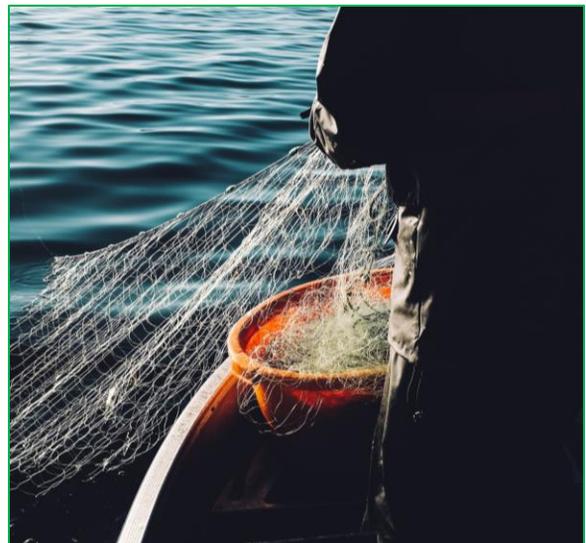
Do not be afraid

Jesus has just come from his hometown where he was rejected by everybody and almost killed there because they were so angry at him for disappointing them. Now he begins his work, which is to save the world and to have the whole gospel preached throughout the nations.

Yet, who does he pick as his audience? Fishermen who can't read nor write. Jesus arrived alone and walked along the lakeside to begin preaching. A small group begins to gather because his name is somewhat known. This then grows larger, so Jesus walks over to a place where there are boats and begins to preach sitting down in one of them.

It is here that he shows them a practical sign of his love. The fishermen have been out all night searching for fish and returned with their nets empty. Jesus urged them to throw their nets out once more and suddenly the nets were filled with fish. There were so many fish that when they were trying to get them into the boat, they had to call the next boat out again because there wasn't enough room. And they filled both boats and they were almost falling into the sea from the weight of the fish.

Simon Peter was overcome by this event and sank to his knees humbled by the experience.



"Depart from me, oh Lord, I'm just not worthy. I'm a sinful person." Jesus reached down and picked him up and looked him in the eye. He knew that Peter had fallen in love with him. He said to Peter: *"Do not be afraid. Come now. I will make you not a fisher of fish, but a fisher of men and women."* From that moment, every one of those fishermen left everything and followed him.

Deep down in our own hearts, we know that Jesus is there saying the very same thing to us that he said to Peter: *"Do not be afraid"*

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MASS TIMES

Sunday 6 February - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am *The Parish*

11.00am *With the sacrament of baptism*

Tuesday 8th February - FERIA

10.00am

Wednesday 9th February – FERIA

10.00am

Thursday 10th February - FERIA

10.00am

Friday 11th February – OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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 94: 6-7

*O come, let us worship God and
bow low before the God who made
us, for he is the Lord our God.*

Gospel Acclamation - Jn15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.*

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 106: 8-9

*Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.*

PARISH NEWS

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK. Perhaps consider making Ecosia the default browser on your iPhone. It is a 200% renewable company producing twice as much solar energy as it needs. It is committed to a worldwide tree planting programme which includes restoring lost Amazon rain forest in Brazil, restoring desertified land in Burkina Faso and restoring former palm oil plantations in Indonesia. Every time you click on a search you contribute to the scheme. Check it out for the full range of activity including planting trees around hospitals in the UK.

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK, Friday 11 February. This day was founded by St John Paul II in 1992. We are called to bring healing and hope to our world. The pandemic has brought sickness and suffering to people across the globe. Please join us for Mass at 7.00pm. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.00pm.



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

They left everything and followed him

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, *'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.'* *'Master,'* Simon replied, *'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will payout the nets.'* And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, *'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.'* For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, *'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.'* Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

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.



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.

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.

MARIANNE COPP RIP. Reception into the church, Thursday 17 February at 4.30pm. Marianne's funeral Mass will be on Friday 18 February at 2.00pm. May she Rest In Peace.