

CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE NEWSLETTER



1 MAY 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

COME AND SEE

In today's Gospel, John wants us to remember the past two Sundays when Jesus broke into the disciples' hiding place and commissioned them to carry on his ministry of forgiveness. We'll see that John really wants us to look to the call of the first disciples and, in light of that, to understand that the Gospel ends with our call to discipleship.

St. Ignatius of Loyola would suggest that John is inviting us to contemplate this Gospel by stepping consciously into the roles of Jesus' disciples so that we too hear the invitation to *'come and see.'* John is preparing us to behold a revelation, and it's one that could not have taken place before this moment. This last story of the Gospel closes the narrative of the call of the first disciples. This is written for us latter-day disciples who never knew Peter or the others, & it invites us to share their experience and their faith.

We tend to think that John has clued us in to understand what the disciples were supposed to discover in this story. He introduced this as an incident in which Jesus revealed himself and let us in on the secret that Jesus was the stranger on the shore. When we hear that the stranger called out, literally asking if they had any food, we think we're in on all the secrets. But John is never that simple.



This Gospel, *'written so that we may believe,'* like a well that never runs dry, continually offers us new insights. Today, John's last story invites us to return to the beginning of the Gospel. Now, instead of being spectators from another era, we are urged to receive it as Christ's self-revelation to us, for our day.

As we do so, we will be confronted with Jesus' question, *'What do you seek?'* His response, *'Come and see,'* is the invitation to follow him anew, to be opened to life in abundance, and to do as he did, by feeding his sheep.

In each step along the way, Christ is waiting to reveal himself again. Thus our *'once upon a time,'* or *'after these things,'* will become a *'forever and ever.'*

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MASS TIMES

Sunday 1 May - 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.00am
11.00am

Tuesday 3 May – Ss PHILIP AND JAMES

10.00am

Wed 4 May – THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

10.00am

Thursday 5 May - 3RD WEEK OF EASTER

10.00am

Friday 6 May - 3RD WEEK OF EASTER

6.00pm - Holy Hour
7.00pm - Mass

Sunday 8 May - 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.00am
11.00am

OUR PARISH

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SUNDAY MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 65: 1-2

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.*

Gospel Acclamation - cf. Lk24:32

*Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the
Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within
us as you talk to us. Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon - Lk 24: 35

*The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.*

SECOND COLLECTION Next Sunday we will be holding a collection for the Clergy Training Fund. Please see the poster in the porch for further details about this important resource.

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN RUSSIA AND UKRAINE

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine, Russia and for all the world. Amen.

UKRAINE The Diocese, through Caritas, is working to keep parishioners informed as to the current situation while we wait for the UK Government to clarify the role that faith organisations and other charities will play in the formal response to refugees entering the UK. Please continue to keep the Ukrainian people in your prayers.

<https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk>

PARISH NEWS

SAFEGUARDING Please be assured that we take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults very seriously and adhere to Diocesan guidelines at all times. Our safeguarding representative has a special responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people and adults at risk. Our safeguarding representative is Matthew French. He can be contacted at mail@matthewfrench.net. Ruth Attfield is our Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator. She can be contacted by calling 023 9421 6486.

YOU ARE INVITED We have been invited to the Westbourne Rotary Club Queen's Jubilee street party to be held in Lansdseer Road, Westbourne from 1.00pm to 5.00pm on Sunday 5 June. As numbers are restricted, please add your name to the list on the noticeboard if you would like to attend.

KEEPING SAFE Please continue to sanitise your hands and wear face coverings, if possible, at Mass. Please refrain from attending church if you are unwell.

THERE IS now a defibrillator located outside the Westbourne pub in Poole Road. This device gives a high energy electric shock to the heart of someone who is in cardiac arrest. You don't have to be trained to use this as full instructions are included.



PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Bishop Philip Egan will be leading the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes and invites you to join him. It will take place from 18 - 22 July 2022. www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/lourdes or email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or phone 07780 221686

EASTER EDITION OF VIVA VOCE The Easter edition of our quarterly Diocesan newsletter is at the back of our church. This bumper edition has a special focus on what some of our parishes, schools and families are doing to celebrate Easter. There is also an item on the Synod, as well as news from Caritas. Canon John Cooke discusses the importance of parish welcome and hospitality, and there is a special schools feature on Passion Plays. Make sure to collect your copy!

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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

Jesus stepped forward and took the bread

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, *'I'm going fishing.'* They replied, *'We'll come with you.'* They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, *'Have you caught anything, friends?'* And when they answered, *'No'*, he said, *'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.'* So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, *'It is the Lord.'* At these words *'It is the Lord'*, Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, *'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.'* Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, *'Come and have breakfast.'* None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, *'Who are you?'*; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped



forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, *'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?'* He answered, *'Yes Lord, you know I love you.'* Jesus said to him, *'Feed my lambs.'* A second time he said to him, *'Simon son of John, do you love me?'* He replied, *'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.'* Jesus said to him, *'Look after my sheep.'* Then he said to him a third time, *'Simon son of John, do you love me?'* Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, *'Do you love me?'* and said, *'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.'* Jesus said to him, *'Feed my sheep.'*

'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.'

In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, *'Follow me.'*