

CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE NEWSLETTER



15 MAY 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

A new encounter

After all its extravagant symbolism, the Book of Revelation ends with this dangerously comforting vision of God's new heaven and earth. It's dangerous, not because of what it promises, but because we are so sorely tempted to skip the process that leads to this conclusion. We'd like to enjoy the comfort of the new without abandoning the luxury and splendid isolationism of *'the old order'* it replaces.

Paul and Barnabas caution us about this in today's selection from Acts, warning that hardships pave the road toward the reign of God. This reiterates Jesus' message in today's Gospel where, just as Judas has gone off to set the Passion in motion, Jesus announces that his glory is about to be revealed.

As we revel in spring, we might prefer to take a pass on the difficult character of the Easter messages and simply enjoy the weather as we anticipate events that mark this time of year. That's precisely what John wants to prevent. He wants us to believe that, like Jesus, we enter most profoundly into the realm of grace when we confront the powers of evil.

Paul and Barnabas tell us that we will need to pass through many hardships. Here we are not called to deprivation, but the challenge of



growing, of developing what Francis calls a *'culture of encounter'* through which we learn to appreciate the values of others, and particularly the poor. People on the margins can best reveal how our societies are structured to grant privilege to some at the expense of others and, on the personal level, they can help us discern the difference between what we need and what we love to hoard.

When we listen deeply to people who suffer, we become one family; their struggles become our own and we will be impelled to join them in confronting the evil that foments such suffering. Only then, after knowing the hope and pain of solidarity, will we know what it means for God to wipe away every tear that flows from our own and others' eyes.

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MASS TIMES

Sunday 15 May - 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.00am - *Judy Coltman RIP*

11.00am

Tuesday 17 May – 5TH WEEK OF EASTER

10.00am

Wed 18 May – 5TH WEEK OF EASTER

10.00am

Thursday 19 May - 5TH WEEK OF EASTER

10.00am

Friday 20 May - DEDICATION OF ST JOHN'S

6.00pm - NO HOLY HOUR

7.00pm - NO MASS

Sunday 22 May - 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.00am - *Doris Carroll*

11.00am

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SUNDAY MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 97: 1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation - Jn13:34

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

BAPTISMS Please keep Daniel Harmer in your prayers, as he will receive the sacrament of baptism today. Mikolay Dudek and Sofia Stefanczuk will also be baptised in the coming weeks.

BIG CHURCH DAY OUT - 3 AND 4 JUNE 2022

Join 35,000 Christians in worship together in the company of some of the best Christian artists in the world. Join parishioners and the CELEBRATE team for Mass at dawn and breakfast.

We don't want anyone to miss out on camping with CELEBRATE, so if you've not got your tickets yet, but would like to come, please don't delay! Booking with CELEBRATE means you'll get a discounted ticket price and all the details of the CELEBRATE campsite, Mass times, details of the Big Breakfast and an exclusive discount for a fish & chip supper on the Friday. You can also book day tickets. www.tickets.bigchurchdayout.com

VIVA VOCE The Easter edition of the Diocesan newsletter is at the back of the church.

PARISH NEWS

QUEEN'S JUBILEE PARTY Thank you to all who have registered their interest in attending the Westbourne Rotary Club Queen's Jubilee street party to be held in Lansdseer Road from 1.00pm to 5.00pm on Sunday 5 June. Suzanne in the office has the group ticket. More details are on the noticeboard for those attending.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS
Saturday 2 July, 11am St Bede's, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more anniversary? If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration and blessing at St Bede's Church. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to marriage.

If you would like to come, please email; anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01256 465 214 for a form. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a copy of your wedding photograph when you complete the form online. Alternatively, scan and send via email to the above email address or post with the form to St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX (*Please mark the envelope Significant Wedding Mass*).

REFRESHMENTS Please speak to Suzanne in the office if you are able to join our hospitality team and support this important ministry. Thank you in anticipation.



OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES

I am delighted to announce that we have 10 children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion. To celebrate this, I have invited the candidates to take a trip together on a steam train to Swanage.

I am most grateful to The Catenian Association, Bournemouth Circle for their very generous donation to fund this exciting trip. With special thanks to Mr Ron Millington, secretary of the Bournemouth Circle.

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.

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.

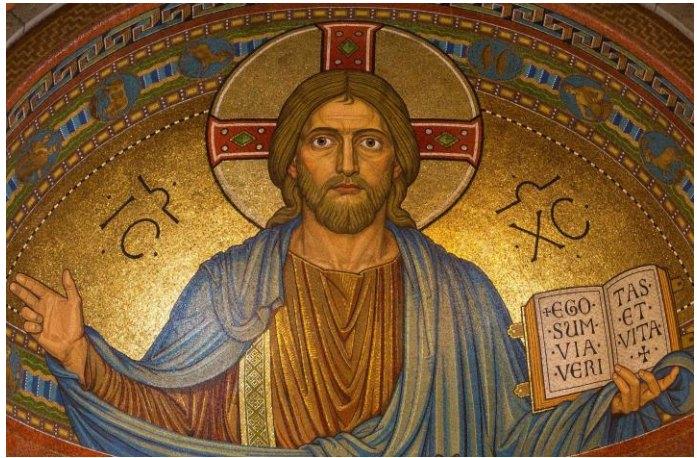
PRAYERS PLEASE

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

The Son of Man has been glorified

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY Let us pray for faith-filled young people! We pray for all young people, called to live life to the full; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service. On Thursday, we celebrated the feast of St Gianna Beretta Molla, patron saint of mothers and unborn children. We pray that we, like her, may have the courage to stand up for the lives of unborn children. Lord hear us.

MARRIAGE CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Could you help Marriage Care in its work? The team are looking for volunteer **Marriage Preparation Facilitators** to help prepare couples for the sacrament of marriage and **Trustees** to join the national board. Find out more about how you could help support couples and families by clicking on www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

ONLINE COURSES You will find a range of new courses being advertised on the noticeboard at regular intervals.

SUNDAY OBLIGATION The Catholic bishops of England and Wales have announced that the Sunday Obligation will be reinstated from Sunday 5 June, Pentecost Sunday.

KEEPING SAFE Please continue to sanitise your hands on entry and exit, and wear face masks, if possible, at all Masses for the safety of all. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

UKRAINE For more information on how you can support the Ukraine humanitarian efforts, visit www.caritasportsmouth.org.uk

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL May the Lord will deliver us from evil. St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in this day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust down to hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.