

CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE NEWSLETTER



29 MAY 2022

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Glory of God

The theme of today's readings is encounter and intimacy. The first reading from Acts features Stephen experiencing an encounter with the divine made possible through the gift of the Spirit. Although the reading makes reference to the *Holy Spirit* it wasn't until post-biblical times that the construct of the Christian Trinity came into being. Stephen encounters the glory of God and the risen Christ whom he sees standing at the '*right hand*' of God.

The theme of divine encounter continues in the second reading. John encounters the Lord through an auditory experience. He bears witness to the existence of the Godhead and the Christ who present him with a message that he is to proclaim to his community. It assures the community of the existence of the living Christ who desires an loving and mutual relationship with all people, symbolized by wedding imagery embodied in the generic reference to the Spirit and the bride.

The Gospel picks up on the theme of encounter and intimacy. The story describes the beautiful unity existing between the Godhead and Jesus. In dialogue with the divine, Jesus expresses his desire for those whom he loves, namely, that they also share in the same divine oneness that he shares in with his God.



It is a visible expression of God's love in the community and among its members that not only reveals something of the divine but also draws others to faith. The glory that will be revealed in and through the love of Jesus for his own is rooted in his love for the divine and the divine's love for him.

In sum, today's Gospel as well as the other readings for this Sunday invite us into a life of intimacy and encounter with the divine that deepens with time, a gift given not because of one's place or position in life but because of an abiding love that is forever self-revealing and distinctively unifying.

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MASS TIMES

Sunday 29 May - 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.00am
11.00am

Tues 31 May – THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10.00am

Wed 1 June – ST JUSTIN THE MARTYR

10.00am

Thu 2 June – 7TH WEEK OF EASTER

10.00am

Fri 3 June - 7TH WEEK OF EASTER

6.00pm - Holy Hour
7.00pm - Mass

Sunday 5 June – PENTECOST SUNDAY

9.00am
11.00am

OUR PARISH

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SUNDAY MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 26: 7-9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation - cf. Jn 14:18

*Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.
Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon - Jn 17: 22

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

BAPTISMS Please keep Sofia Stefanczuk in your prayers, as she will be baptised today. Mikolay Dudek will also receive this sacrament in the coming weeks.

THE PARADOX OF ABUNDANCE Over 800 million people go hungry each day, the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. Pope Francis says: *'Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet.'* Let us all respond to his call! Find out more by clicking on www.cafod.org.uk/food

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary came about in the 13th century. Please try and say the Rosary during the month of May. *'O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.'*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION The children will be taking their First Holy Communion at 9.00am Mass on Sunday 19 June at Our Lady Immaculate Church.

PARISH NEWS

QUEEN'S JUBILEE PARTY Please meet Theresa Wyman at the gate of the church at 12.45pm on Sunday 5 June. Theresa will have a tick list and name labels. As a group, you will all walk to Landseer Road. Theresa will then hand in the group ticket and give each of you your food ticket.

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*).

PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION EVENT Saturday 11 June, 9.00am - 2.00pm at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX Please see the poster on the noticeboard.



VIGIL FOR PEACE Sunday 12 June, from 2.00pm
Christ the King Church, 46 Durdells Avenue, Kinson, BH11 9EH. Please see the poster on the noticeboard for further details.

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

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD Deacon James Lewis is going to be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday 22 July 11.00am at St John's Cathedral. Everyone is very welcome. Do try and come to this occasion of grace and seek his '*first blessing*' afterwards. A wonderful occasion for our Diocese.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS Please speak to Suzanne in the office if you are able to help.

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

Christ would suffer and rise again

Jesus said to his disciples: *'Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.'*

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.

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ST PETER'S SCHOOL YEAR 5 INFORMATION EVENING on Tuesday 14 June at 6.00pm. This is for prospective students who are interested in joining Year 7 in September 2023. The evening will outline the admissions process for families, & inform you of the deadlines for applications. For more information click on the website www.st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk/

COURSE The Jesuit Institute is running an online retreat *'See All Things New'* for adults in their 20s and 30s. Tickets are available on Eventbrite, just search the title above to find it. The event commences at 7.00pm Wednesday 27 July and will conclude with an evening meeting on Monday 1 August.



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

ARE YOU GETTING MARRIED? Congratulations! Please note that you need to give a minimum of 12 months notice to the parish that you'd like to get married in. *Father Leslie*

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.

SECOND COLLECTION We will hold a collection for the Catholic Communications Network today. Thank you for your support.