

CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE NEWSLETTER



22 MAY 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Our advocate

Our Gospel reading finds us in the middle of a conversation between Jesus and his disciples - sometimes referred to as his last discourse - where Jesus informs his disciples that he will be going away. However, he will not be leaving them empty handed. Jesus promises them that in his absence, an advocate - the Holy Spirit - will be coming to them to teach and remind them of all that he has said to them.

Interwoven into the text is the statement about loving Jesus and keeping his commandments. In each instance, there is the promise that this divine presence - the Holy Spirit - will come to those who abide by them. A parallel can be drawn between this and the demand of the covenant God of Sinai to be loved exclusively by his people and for his commandments to be obeyed. This is perfectly at home in the covenant language used at the Last Supper too. The promise of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit is reserved for those who love Jesus and obey his commands.

Having reassured the disciples of the Holy Spirit's coming, Jesus proceeds to offer them peace. He says quite literally: *'peace I leave to you.'* The verb *'to leave'* carries with it a sense of bequeathing. There is also some wordplay going on here with the traditional Hebrew



salutation, *'Shalom.'* In departing, Jesus says *'Shalom'* to his disciples; but his *'Shalom'* is not the thoughtless salutation of ordinary men.

The peace that Jesus bequeaths is different to the peace offered by the world. It has nothing to do with the absence of warfare, nor an end to psychological tension. Neither is it just a sentimental feeling of wellbeing. The peace being given to his disciples is a gift that pertains to salvation.

The covenant being created between Jesus and his followers involves his indwelling forever: an indwelling made possible through the Holy Spirit.

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MASS TIMES

Sunday 22 May - 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.00am - Doris Carroll

11.00am

Tuesday 24 May – 6TH WEEK OF EASTER

10.00am

Wed 25 May – 6TH WEEK OF EASTER

10.00am

Thu 26 May – ASCENSION OF THE LORD

10.00am

7.00pm

Fri 27 May - ST AUGUSTINE

6.00pm - Holy Hour

7.00pm - Mass

Sunday 29 May - 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.00am

11.00am

OUR PARISH

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SUNDAY MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Is 48: 20

*Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.*

Gospel Acclamation - Jn14:23

*Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me
he will keep my word, and my Father will love
him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!'*

Communion Antiphon - Jn 14: 15-16

*If you love me, keep my commandments, says
the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will
send you another Paraclete, to abide with you
for ever, alleluia.*

BAPTISMS Please keep Sofia Stefanczuk in your prayers, as she will be baptised next Sunday. 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

'Peace I leave with you'

'Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me.'

'I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you.'

'Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe.'

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 Find out more about how you could help support couples and families by clicking on the website www.marriagecare.org.uk or by emailing volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk



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.

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 next Sunday 29 May.