

CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE

NEWSLETTER



26 JUNE 2022

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FOLLOW ME

Today's liturgy asks, 'What does it take to be a follower of Jesus?' In his book *Jesus of Nazareth*, theologian Fr. Gerhard Lofink comments that there is no New Testament noun for followers of Jesus. The word *disciples* simply means students. The verb 'follow' occurs 80 times in the New Testament, but it is never rendered as a noun. There is no dogma, rule or rite that makes one a follower. Following is not a status, but an activity.

When a Samaritan village refused them hospitality, the disciples, imagining that they possessed some magical or divine power, proposed destroying it as if it were Sodom. Jesus (how exasperated was he?) simply told them to look for a more hospitable spot. Contrary to some traditions, Jesus and his Father are not in the business of obliterating unbelievers and evildoers. Love cannot be coerced.

Even with the precariousness of their venture, someone soon volunteers to join the group. Jesus responds with a poetic warning, saying that foxes and birds (probable allusions to Herod and the Romans) make themselves at home in the land, but that, from his birth through the day he walked to Emmaus, he would possess no place to lay his head. An important reminder.



We can recognize ourselves in the person who kept looking back whenever our comfort with the familiar or fear of being wrong prevents us from venturing out in risky hope. Disciples will surely make mistakes, but the worst mistake is to become stagnant.

St. Paul reminded the Galatians that the love that leads to following Jesus is a free response to God's love. Love alone frees us to follow Christ. When that love captivates us, danger, uncertainty and the lure of the past lose their power. We must not forget that while Jesus said he had no place to lay his head, he also said that those who leave home for him and the Gospel will find themselves enjoying hundreds of homes.

Visit our website: www.catholicwestbourne.org

MASS TIMES

Sun 26 June - 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am
11.00am

Tuesday 28 June – ST IRENAEUS MARTYR

10.00am

Wed 29 June – ST. PETER & ST PAUL APOSTLES

10.00am and 7.00pm

Thu 30 June – 13TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

10.00am

Friday 1 July - 13TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

6.00pm - Holy Hour
7.00pm - Mass

Sun 3 July - 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am
11.00am

CONFESSIONS after Mass or by appointment.
Contact Fr Leslie 01202 764027

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon - Ps 46: 2

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Gospel Acclamation - 1S3:9, Jn6:68

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 102: 1

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS WEDNESDAY

We celebrate the feast of St Peter and St Paul the Apostles this Wednesday. There will be Mass at 10.00am and 7.00pm.

DIOCESAN WEBSITE To keep up to date with the latest Diocesan news and announcements by the Bishop go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

REQUIEM MASS Marjorie Lee RIP This will take place on Wednesday 6 July at 10.00am, Our Lady Immaculate Church.

ARE YOU PLANNING ON 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. There may be the need to attend a marriage preparation course, so I look forward to hearing from any engaged couples. *Fr Leslie*

FLAME YOUTH GATHERING The largest youth gathering of Catholics is back, taking place at the OVO Arena, Wembley, on Saturday 4 March 2023, with the theme 'Rise Up!'. Put the date in your diary – more details to follow.

THE SACRED HEART The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

OUR PARISH

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PARISH NEWS

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY The Peter's Pence Collection is the way we, as members of the Catholic Church, unite ourselves to the concerns of the Holy Father. Donations to this collection support the charitable works of Pope Francis for the relief of those he meets who are marginalized and most in need.

UKRAINE For more information on how you can support the Ukraine humanitarian efforts, visit the Caritas website. This is updated with regular news updates, appeals and information. www.caritasportsmouth.org.uk

HARVESTERS MEN'S WEEKEND 15 - 17 JULY '22
The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Alfreton, Derbyshire DE55 1AU, UK. The weekend aims to provide men of all ages with the opportunity to reconnect with God, with themselves and other men in a safe, varied and inclusive way. For more information, please go to www.harvesters.org.uk

CATHOLIC VOICES We want to gather 1,000 passionate Catholic leaders on Saturday 17 September 2022, 9.00am - 6.00pm at Friends House, Euston, London to reflect on the mission of the Church after the pandemic in what will be one of the largest Catholic gatherings in the UK since the pandemic began. Find out more by clicking on the organisation's website www.catholicvoices.org.uk



VOLUNTEERING IN THE PARISH There are many opportunities within the Parish for putting your gifts at the service of the Lord. Please speak to Fr Leslie if you are able to help.

SAY GOODBYE SERVICE - 10 July at 3.30pm, WIMBORNE MINSTER This service is for those who have lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, in infancy, or who have been affected by family members or friends' loss. More details can be found at www.sayinggoodbye.org

FANNING THE FLAME - SUMMER CAMP 2022 15 – 19 August 'New Life in Christ' For those aged 11 - 21. This year's camp at The Priory, Sway will be looking at some of the incredible miracles performed by Jesus Christ. The cost is £130.

To book or for more information please visit www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/summer-camp or call the Dominican Sisters on 01590 681 874.

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

'Foxes have dens and birds have nests'

When the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem, and he sent messengers ahead of him. On the way they entered a Samaritan village to prepare for his reception there, but they would not welcome him because the destination of his journey was Jerusalem.

When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, *'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?'* Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they journeyed to another village. As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to him, *'I will follow you wherever you go.'* Jesus answered him, *'Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head.'*

And to another, he said, *'Follow me.'* But he replied, *'Lord, let me go first and bury my father.'* But he answered him, *'Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.'*

And another said, *'I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home.'* To him, Jesus said, *'No one who sets a hand to the plough and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.'*

SUSPICIOUS TEXTS If you receive a text that purports to be from a Catholic priest asking for money or goods, please report this to the Action Fraud website www.actionfraud.police.uk, as this is a scam. Send the text number to the following email address report@phishing.gov.uk. Please remain vigilant of scam texts and emails as these continue to cause problems.



MASS INTENTIONS Please submit your Mass intentions well in advance of the date of celebration so that we can more easily accommodate your requested date. Your support in this matter is much appreciated.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH BOARD Caritas helps and supports parishes and schools across the Diocese to reach out in charity to those in need. The activities of Caritas are supported and monitored by the Caritas Governance Board on behalf of the Trustees and the Bishop. The board wishes to recruit up to three additional members to join them in their mission. If you have a real heart for caring for the poor and for creation, and you have some experience at board level in a charitable organisation or similar, please contact the Chair of the Board, Gerry Penfold, for further details. gpenfold@portsmouthdiocese.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 welcome.