

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE NEWSLETTER



19 JUNE 2022

CORPUS CHRISTI

## The Eucharist

Today's feast offers us an opportunity to pause and ask ourselves an obvious question, 'Why do we do this?' 'Why do we gather on Sunday for Eucharist?' Many of us are from a generation where we were told that it was a mortal sin not to! However, with Covid restrictions, the fact is that a lot of people have simply fallen out of the habit of 'Mass' attendance. They haven't been going and the sky didn't fall in so why go? The answer lies in looking at the opening line of the Gospel for today. *'Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the Kingdom of God and he cured those who were in need of healing!'*

Eucharist is the place where we are welcomed by the Lord. Eucharist is where the word of hope that is the Reign of God is shared with us. Eucharist is where we gather in our brokenness for healing. This opening line in the Gospel sets the scene for everything that follows. We are indeed in a lonely place here, and that is precisely where Jesus meets us, aware of our need for nourishment in a world where our internet diet of social media and news feeds leaves us hungry for a word of hope that takes us beyond the endless blame games and point scoring that surround us. Jesus invites us to sit together, not in judgment of one another but simply aware of our need and he asks us to be open to the blessing he wishes to share with us.



Here we can eat and be satisfied because here we learn that the risen Christ is still present to us and wants us to live well in this world as his disciples, going out from our gathering to witness to the power of his love. It is worth remembering that the reason Paul is reminding the Corinthians what happened at the last supper in today's second reading is that they have forgotten the why of their gathering and instead their Eucharist has become a shambles where the poor are ignored, and petty divisions and pride are to the forefront.

So, there is nothing *'automatic'* about our Sunday celebration of presence – we need to work at being together and to keep reminding ourselves of the why!

Visit our website: [www.catholicwestbourne.org](http://www.catholicwestbourne.org)

## MASS TIMES

**Sunday 19 June – CORPUS CHRISTI**

9.00am - First Holy Communion  
11.00am - Baptism of Mikoloj Dudek

**Tuesday 21 June – FERIA**

**Wednesday 22 June – FERIA**

10.00am

**Thu 23 June - NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**

10.00am

**Friday 24 June - SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

6.00pm - Holy Hour  
7.00pm - Mass

**Sun 26 June - 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9.00am  
11.00am

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

## OUR PARISH

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## SUNDAY MASS READINGS

**Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 80: 17**

*He fed them with the finest wheat  
and satisfied them with honey from the  
rock.*

**Gospel Acclamation - Jn6:51**

*Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which  
has come down from heaven, says the Lord.  
Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.  
Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon - Jn 6: 57**

*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.*

**BAPTISMS** Mikoloj Dudek will receive the sacrament of baptism today. Please keep Mikoloj in your prayers.

**SECOND COLLECTION** There will be a collection after Mass today for a Day for Life.

**DIOCESAN WEBSITE** To keep up to date with the latest Diocesan news and announcements by the Bishop go to [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://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*

**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. Do try and come to this occasion of grace and seek his 'first blessing' afterwards.

# PARISH NEWS

**SECOND COLLECTION – 25 JUNE** 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.catholicvoices.org.uk)



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** The children will be taking their First Holy Communion at 9.00am Mass today. There will be tea and cakes in the hall afterwards. Please keep the children in your prayers. Thank you to our wonderful Catechists who have helped the children to prepare for this encounter with the Lord Jesus.

**VOLUNTEERING IN THE PARISH** There are many opportunities within the Parish for putting your gifts at the service of the Lord. Help is needed with cash counting, serving coffees/teas, teaching or helping at Children's Liturgy of the Word, singing, reading, washing altar linen or church maintenance.

Many of the roles are on a rota basis. If you are interested, please speak to Father Leslie or Suzanne. Thank you to everyone who supports our parish already.

## 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

# 'Give them some food yourselves'

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. As the day was drawing to a close, the Twelve approached him and said, *'Dismiss the crowd so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions; for we are in a deserted place here.'*

He said to them, *'Give them some food yourselves.'* They replied, *'Five loaves and two fish are all we have unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people.'*

Now the men there numbered about five thousand. Then he said to his disciples, *'Have them sit down in groups of about fifty.'* They did so and made them all sit down. Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.

**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 on Monday 1 August.

**SAY GOODBYE SERVICE - 10 July at 3.30pm, WIMBORNE MINSTER** This service is for anyone who has lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, in infancy, or who has been affected by family members or friends' loss. More details can be found on the website [www.sayinggoodbye.org](http://www.sayinggoodbye.org)



**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](mailto:gpenfold@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**WORKSHOP FOR READERS** Saturday 18 and 25 June - 10.00am to 1.00pm. For further details please take a look at the noticeboard in the porch.