

CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE NEWSLETTER



17 JULY 2022

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Martha and Mary

The Martha and Mary story we hear today has been variously interpreted as a sign of women's discipleship, an affirmation of the value of the contemplative over the active life, as a critique of excessive busyness in the ministry, and — just about anything else you want to suggest.

As we listen to this story, we should realize that although our translation says that Mary chose the *'better,'* Luke quoted Jesus as saying, *'Mary has chosen the good part.'* After the story of the good Samaritan, it would seem unthinkable to suggest that preaching or studying the word takes absolute priority over direct service.

We should notice that in this story, both Martha and Mary step out of women's traditional roles. Martha's service is described as literally diaconal; she was serving like Jesus served. Mary was sitting at the feet of her rabbi, a physical position and communal role traditionally restricted to men.

In reality, almost any time that Jesus was a guest or shared a meal, conflict came to the table. He consistently stretched accepted limits. Jesus scandalized many of his contemporaries because he ignored rules that restricted anyone's full participation in God's reign. According to Jesus, that resembles a banquet as lavish as the spread Abraham



offered his guests and remains open to anyone who desires it, no matter their social or religious status.

Today, if we want to enjoy the company of Christ, we need to find the balance between action and contemplation. This will allow us to join in Jesus' rejection of roles, rules and regulations that demean others. Whenever Jesus came to a house, he became the host. Then he made a place at his table for everyone. The only requirement for communion with Christ is acceptance of the others he invites. We choose the good part when we enjoy his open and lavish banquet.

Visit our website: www.catholicwestbourne.org

MASS TIMES

Sun 17 July - 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am
11.00am

Tuesday 19 July – FERIA

10.00am

Wednesday 20 July – FERIA

10.00am

Thursday 21 July – FERIA

10.00am

Friday 22 July - FERIA

10.00am

Mass is followed by Adoration

Sun 24 July - 17TH 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 - Ps 53: 6, 8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Gospel Acclamation - cf. Ac16:14

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon - Ps 110: 4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Application forms are now available. Please speak to Fr Leslie if you have any queries. Both courses will start in September.

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.

CALLING ALL READERS, CATECHISTS AND THOSE INVOLVED IN CHILDREN'S LITURGY and all looking for opportunities to develop their faith. Have you visited the Formation for Mission team's website? Visit www.pffm.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS Please submit your Mass intentions well in advance of the date of celebration so that we can honour your request.

PARISH NEWS

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS - TEACHERS OF THE FAITH Saturday 8 October in Winchester.

Are you interested in teaching the faith to your friends and other parishioners? You are warmly invited to the annual day for Catechists for formation. www.pffm.org.uk/catechists

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 this email address report@phishing.gov.uk.

ST BERNADETTE, VISITATION OF RELICS Her relics will be welcomed to St John's Cathedral in Portsmouth from Thursday 8 September to Friday 9 September. This event provides an invitation for all of us to know the story of St Bernadette and to give her a place in our devotion. We recall the very successful occasion when the Cathedral welcomed the relics of St Therese of Lisieux.

FANNING THE FLAME - SUMMER CAMP 2022
15 – 19 August 'New Life in Christ' For those aged between 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 info go to www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/summer-camp or call the Dominican Sisters on 01590 681 874.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TRIP The First Holy Communion children had a wonderful time in Swanage. The children had an exciting ride on the steam train and once they had arrived in Swanage they enjoyed a delicious meal together. Afterwards, the children had fun on the beach, took their chance on the slot machines in the amusement arcades and, of course, enjoyed the obligatory ice cream! With thanks to the Catenians for their generous donation towards this fantastic afternoon.

LOURDES PRAYER PETITIONS The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 18 - 22 July. If you would like the Bishop to carry a special intention that you'd like him to bring to the Grotto, please email your petitions in confidence to the following email address lourdespetition@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Please keep us in your prayers.

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

'Mary has chosen the better part'

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me.' The Lord said to her in reply, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.'



COVID Continue to be cautious in terms of COVID infection. We don't need to alter our activities and social engagement with others, but we do need to be thoughtful when in a crowd or when speaking to someone. Statistically we have 3, 4 or 5 people with COVID at Sunday Masses!! Hence the request for those who receive the Eucharist on the tongue to come to the altar last. As with all things, we must think of others.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATION Thank you to all those who contributed in any way to making this special celebration such a success. It is a wonderful testament to marriage that there were so many couples able to join us on the day. To view the photos go to www.mypro.photos/WEDDINGanni

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY The Pope has prayed '*that in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship*', against polarization and populism.

THANK YOU for your generous offerings. This financial support is much appreciated.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS Arranging a funeral whilst grieving is difficult. This can be made all the harder if the person making the necessary arrangements is not a practising Catholic and has no idea what is available or what their loved one would have wanted.

You are offered the opportunity to make it easier for your family and friends by writing down your funeral arrangements and handing this in to be stored in the church office. It could be as simple as one sheet of paper with your name, address, date of birth and a request for say, a Requiem Mass followed by cremation. However, you may prefer to include more details e.g. body received into the church, readings, hymns and music. Include the things that are important to you. If you want to change it at any time, submit a new list.

All the paperwork would be stored securely until required and the existence of this file would be made known to any new priest at handover. Please make a note somewhere at home that you have made these arrangements or tell a loved one.