

CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE NEWSLETTER



24 JULY 2022

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord's Prayer

This is a prayer of self-offering when we look forward to the coming of God's kingdom. God does not promise to rain down bread from heaven, but to empower us to share and to encourage others to do the same. In this vision, we are not relating to a faraway God who must be cajoled into caring and acting; we are communicating with the God who is as near as we are to ourselves, the God whose grace empowers us with the strength and creativity to collaborate with the divine plan.

Today's Gospel began with the disciples' request that Jesus teach them to pray. What was his theology of prayer? First, we see that the Lord's Prayer can be summarized by any of its phrases, and most particularly by the one Luke saved for Jesus' prayer in the Garden: *'Thy will be done.'* 'When we pray like this, we make ourselves totally available to God's grace working in and through us. When we understand prayer as a union of our will with God's, we are praying, as our eucharistic prayer says, *'Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the union of the Holy Spirit.'*

When we pray with and in and through Christ, we come to know God's presence with and among us in everything. God may not keep us from all harm, but because God's love is expressed in the Spirit and through others, we



will never face harm alone.

When we allow Christ to teach us to pray, we stop asking God to do our bidding and join Christ in doing everything we can for the coming of God's kingdom. ***'Thy kingdom come; thy will be done as on earth as it is in heaven.'***

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MASS TIMES

Sun 24 July - 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am

11.00am - *James Monaghan RIP*

Tuesday 26 July – FERIA

10.00am - *Mrs Stol-Lar-Jick*

Wednesday 27 July – FERIA

10.00am

Thursday 28 July – FERIA

10.00am

Friday 29 July - FERIA

10.00am - *Miss E. M. Waters*

Mass is followed by Adoration

Sun 31 July – 18TH 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 67: 6-7, 36

*God is in his holy place, God who unites
those who dwell in his house; he himself
gives might and strength to his people.*

Gospel Acclamation - Jn1:14,12

*Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh
and lived among us: to all who did accept
him he gave power to become children of
God. Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon - Ps 102: 2

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget
all his benefits.*

BAPTISMS Please pray for Sofia Dudek and Hanna Dudek who will be baptised at 11.00am Mass today.

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.

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

HOLIDAYS Loving Father, during this time of rest and relaxation, please repair in me whatever is weary or broken, and revive my drooping spirit. Let this holiday be a graced time of recollection and rejuvenation, of deeper self-awareness and eager self-giving. May it be an occasion of refreshment and reinvigoration, a time to reclaim my friendship with Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. Amen.

SAFEGUARDING Please be assured that we take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults very seriously. Our safeguarding representative is Matthew French. He can be contacted at mail@matthewfrench.net.

PARISH NEWS

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY - Monday 25 July 2022 We will celebrate this special occasion at our Masses on Sunday 24 July. Grandparents provide a vital contribution to the family, the Church and our society.

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

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 Saturday 4 March 2023, with the theme '*Rise Up!*' Put the date in your diary – more details to follow.



WORLD YOUTH DAY – LISBON 2023 If you are going to be aged 16 or above by July 2023, you are invited to join with like-minded young people from across the diocese to journey on pilgrimage to Lisbon for World Youth Day with Bishop Philip. This could be a life changing experience. Please register your interest ASAP to get your name on the list. Plans are in the early stages, but we will provide more information as soon as possible. For more info email the team at wyd@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

DIOCESAN 10-YEAR PLAN Can we invite you to digest this huge reflection and gathering of data, that has come out of the consultations with you over the last 18mths or so. This will have an impact on our parish community in the years to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/our-mission/planning/ten-year-plan/

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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

'Lord, teach us to pray'

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them: 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'



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.

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.

THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE conducts research on behalf of our bishops and provides education to the Catholic community. They have a new website which has lots of resources, which will benefit parishioners who are doctors, nurses, or others who work or study in fields related to health and social care. You can access their website at www.bioethics.org.uk. You can also sign up to their monthly digest for the latest news, events, etc at: <https://bit.ly/ABC-subscribe>