

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE NEWSLETTER



31 JULY 2022

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Vanity of vanities

*'Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!'* and *'Take care to guard against all greed ... for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions.'* The phrases from this Sunday's reading are a prophetic voice addressing the 1% of people who own the world's wealth. It is no secret that money has power, and power is gained through money. Some of the wealthiest oligarchs reside in the world's wealthiest empire nation, the United States. These oligarchs, together with the techno feudal lords, are reshaping the global economy and the future of the planet.

This Sunday's readings are a clarion call to realize that all efforts rooted in self-aggrandizement and enrichment are nothing more than *'vanity of vanities,'* steeped in political and economic greed that has funded people into powerful positions who create and support new forms of ideology and idolatry, often sustained by untruths.

For a country professing *'one nation under God'* in its Pledge of Allegiance, how far away many of the nation's oligarchs and leaders are from the spirit, the Divine, instead embodying a belief in an imperial, hegemonic deity as portrayed by male biblical writers and now embraced by many Christian and Catholic evangelical fundamentalists.



Let us pray for a conversion of both hearts and minds. *We pray, Lord, that this might be the day when their hearts are opened by the Spirit of God, their hearts become receptive, that day when they believe in Jesus Christ who died and rose for them, and they enter upon the miracle of birth into Your family and come under the providence of Your care. We pray, Lord, that this might happen in many hearts this morning.*

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## MASS TIMES

**Sun 31 July - 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9.00am

11.00am - *Joseph Duffy RIP*

**Tuesday 2 August – FERIA**

No Mass

**Wednesday 3 August – FERIA**

10.00am

**Thursday 4 August – FERIA**

10.00am

**Friday 5 August - FERIA**

10.00am

Mass is followed by Adoration

**Sun 7 Aug – 19TH 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 69: 2, 6**

*O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.*

**Gospel Acclamation - Jn17:17**

*Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon - Wis 16: 20**

*You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.*

### 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.

**PLEASE KEEP** Connor Holmes and Rosie Morrison in your prayers as they prepare to be married on Tuesday 2 August at 12.00pm.

**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

**APPEAL** A fourth season of failed rains is causing one of the worst droughts East Africa has seen in decades. In Turkana, in northern Kenya, crops won't grow in the parched ground and animals are beginning to die. An estimated 50% of children in Turkana are malnourished. Please support Mary's Meals if you can, it costs just £15.90 to feed a child for a year. For more details visit [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

**UKRAINE** What can we do here in the UK, here in Portsmouth Diocese? Donate money to the DEC appeals to allow the relief agencies including Caritas to continue their work with refugees as they arrive in neighbouring countries. Assistance with physical and emotional, psychological and spiritual needs starts from the moment they arrive. Visit the Caritas website for more information on how you can help: [www.caritasportsmouth.org.uk](http://www.caritasportsmouth.org.uk) Please donate cash rather than collect and send donations-in-kind because of the fast changing nature of this emergency: or click on the website [www.cafod.org.uk/ukrainecrisis](http://www.cafod.org.uk/ukrainecrisis)

**'FLAME' YOUTH Saturday 4 March 2023 at Wembley.** The largest youth gathering of Catholics is back! The theme is *'Rise Up!'*. Rise up after the pandemic. Rise up as young Catholics. It is for all young people in Year 9. Contact [youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or telephone 07780 221 686.



**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](mailto: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 18 months 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/](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/our-mission/planning/ten-year-plan/)

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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**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

## This very night your soul will be demanded of you

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

**THE DIOCESAN VISION** Bringing People Closer to Jesus Christ through His Church – that is the aim that should unite and inspire everything we do as a Diocese, parishes and schools, families, groups and individuals. But what does this mean? Over the last few years, we have developed a clear understanding of what this means. The overall aim is to grow in holiness, that is, each one of us deepening in faith in order to become more effective witnesses to others.

**STILL COPING WITH COVID** Infections are once more on the rise. Please continue to wear a mask, if possible, whilst attending Mass.



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**WEEKDAY MASS** School Holidays - why not encourage the children to come to one of the weekday Masses with you? Let the Lord do the work.

**THE ANSCOMBE BIOETHICS CENTRE** conducts research on behalf of our bishops & 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 by clicking on [www.bioethics.org.uk](http://www.bioethics.org.uk). You can also sign up to their monthly digest for the latest news, etc at: <https://bit.ly/ABC-subscribe>