

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE

# NEWSLETTER



10 JULY 2022

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Go and do likewise

In today's Gospel, Luke narrates one of Jesus' most well-known parables, one that never ceases to challenge us. It calls us to look anew at the maligned Samaritans of our day. Jesus' challenge becomes knife-sharp if we let the Samaritan represent not only marginalised people, but especially the people with whom we disagree most vehemently. Can you imagine what it would have felt like to be desperate and rescued by a member of that community? Needing the person we denigrate is the most uncomfortable image in the story.

It also offers a poignant depiction of Christ's mission. The Nativity tells us that God took on our vulnerability and the Passion shows us that the Incarnation led to Jesus' victimization by the very ones he wanted to save. Here, in the middle of Luke's Gospel, we get the parable that explains the motive of Jesus' mission.

When God sees suffering and need, the divine response is intimate, unbounded solidarity. As Luke describes the Samaritan's compassion, he uses the word *splanchnizomai*, which refers to being moved in your womb or guts. This portrays God in Christ as passionate for the wellbeing of creation. This tells us that God honestly assumes the pain of every person who suffers and bears the cost of their suffering. It is a deeply moving thought.



The work of the Samaritan, the being moved, binding the wounds, carrying the victim and commissioning his care describes God's response to the world's need. It tells us that God looks like an eternal first responder. It harks back to the day that Moses heard God say, *'I have witnessed the affliction of my people, I know well what they are suffering, therefore I have come down.'*

The parable of the good Samaritan tells us that God wears many faces, faces that are visible wherever human beings risk solidarity with others who suffer. What is the message for us? Looking at the poor and all innocent victims, he addresses us, saying: *'Go and do likewise.'*

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

## MASS TIMES

Sun 10 July - 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am  
11.00am

Tuesday 12 July – FERIA

10.00am

Wednesday 13 July – FERIA

10.00am

Thursday 14 July – FERIA

NO MASS

Friday 15 July - FERIA

NO MASS  
NO HOLY HOUR

Sun 17 July - 16TH 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 16:15**

*As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.*

**Gospel Acclamation - Jn10:27**

*Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 83: 4-5**

*The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.*

**MASS CHANGE** As from the beginning of July, Friday Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am. This will be followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

### 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.

**APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA** Today there is a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris).

**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](http://www.pffm.org.uk)

# 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](http://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](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk), as this is a scam. Send the text number to this email address [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto: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](http://www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/summer-camp) or call the Dominican Sisters on 01590 681 874.



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

**ROE v WADE DECISION** As you have probably seen in the media, on Friday 24 June, the US Supreme Court struck down the Roe v Wade decision, returning the matter of abortion legislation to individual states. Lord Alton has published an excellent piece on this subject. <https://thecritic.co.uk/reversing-atragic-half-century-of-lost-lives/>

**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.

## 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

# 'Go and do the same yourself'

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him.

Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

**NEWS ON UKRAINE** Please click on the link Caritas [www.caritasportsmouth.org.uk](http://www.caritasportsmouth.org.uk)



**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.