

CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE NEWSLETTER



7 AUGUST 2022

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

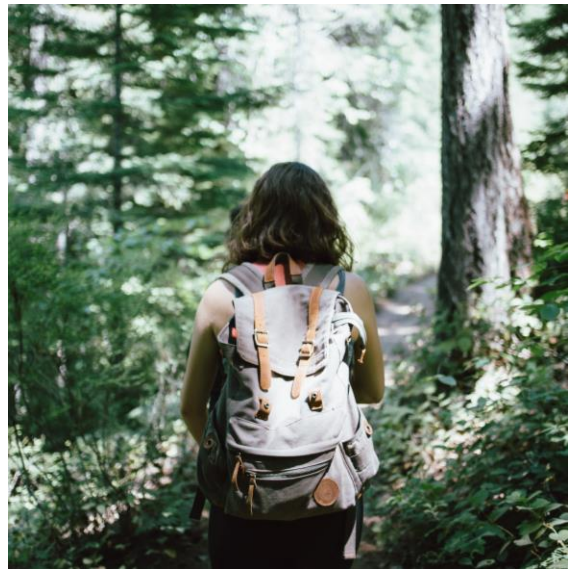
Faith into action

Today's Gospel opens with eight statements. Are they commandments? Suggestions? Warnings? Maybe numbers two through eight are actually a list of instructions for how to accomplish the first.

Jesus illustrates his instructions with metaphorical stories about servants and masters. He speaks of servants who can hardly wait for the householder to return; they linger at the door like kids waiting for Daddy to get home, pick them up and play with them. But what if he doesn't show up on time? There's something ominous about how the second and third watches of the night remind us of the Passion and the hours of Jesus' arrest and Peter's denial, when fear seemed to overwhelm hope.

Who among the disciples knew at what hour they would be put to the test? What kind of servants remain ready even when it seems the master may not return at all?

What Jesus asked of the disciples — to give away their goods, to be on the move, to be ready for what is coming rather than satisfied with what is — all of that was an invitation to put faith into action. He wanted them to act like they believed because that was the way to bring about the world they hoped to see.



This helps explain what Jesus says about what goes on behind closed doors when the master is out of town. Faithful servants act in the style of the master whether or not there is a security camera recording them. Their belief in the message continues to make the reign of God visible, even when they have nothing more than their hope that it will be fulfilled.

So, as we participate in our liturgy, instead of girt loins and sandals, let's don our metaphorical hiking boots and let our celebration launch us into the venture of faith that transforms hopes into reality.

Visit our website: www.catholicwestbourne.org

MASS TIMES

Sun 7 Aug - 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am

11.00am

Tuesday 9 August – ST TERESA

10.00am

Wednesday 10 August – ST LAWRENCE

10.00am

Thursday 11 August – ST CLARE

2.00pm - Funeral Mass - Brian Jupp RIP

Friday 12 August - FERIA

10.00am

Mass is followed by Adoration

Sunday 14 August – THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9.00am and 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 73: 20, 19, 22, 23

*Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget
not the life of your poor ones for ever.*

*Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and
forget not the cries of those who seek you.*

Gospel Acclamation - Mt 11:25

*Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the
mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.*

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon - Ps 147: 12, 14

*O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you
your fill of finest wheat.*

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.

HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS The Bishops' Conference has been asked to look into the possible resumption of the reception of Holy Communion under both kinds to the congregation. Having taken advice from Professor Jim McManus, it was thought that it would not be prudent to resume this at the moment, but that this would be kept under review as further research becomes available.

It was noted that most parishes are taking sensible options over the Sign of Peace. The shaking of hands have been replaced with nods. It was noted that clergy could decide for themselves if they wished to continue to wear face masks to distribute Holy Communion.

SAFEGUARDING Please be assured that we take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults very seriously. Our safeguarding representative is Matthew French. His email is: mail@matthewfrench.net.

PARISH NEWS

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.

ARE YOU GOING TO UNIVERSITY THIS YEAR?

Most universities and Higher Education Institutions have a dedicated Catholic Chaplaincy. This is a place for you to explore your faith as a young adult, to meet other young people and to get involved in activities and social outreach. If you already have a strong faith, this is a chance to deepen it. If you have questions, here is a place to share them in a supportive environment.

To find your local Chaplaincy, click on this link: www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk

BISHOPS' CONFERENCE REFLECTION ON THE SYNOD To read this reflection or the National Synthesis findings visit the Bishops' Conference website: www.cbcew.org.uk



BISHOP PHILIP EGAN 10th ANNIVERSARY MASS
Thursday 29 September, 12 Noon at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth 10 years ago, Pope Benedict XVI appointed Msgr. Cn. Philip Egan as Bishop of our Diocese. The Cathedral Chapter of Canons would like to organise a Thanksgiving Mass in his honour followed by a reception in the Cathedral Centre. We hope that everyone will be able to attend.

When approached by the Chapter, Bishop Philip was initially a little hesitant, as he did not want the focus to be on him – but it was assured that this is a Diocesan gathering which is important to celebrate. The Bishop particularly wanted this celebration to be open to the laity. For this reason there will be a reception after the Mass of drinks and nibbles. We hope everyone has the opportunity to join this celebration.

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

Gird your loins and light your lamps

Jesus said to his disciples: *'Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.*

'And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.'

BRIAN JUPP RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brian Jupp who died recently. Brian's funeral will take place on Thursday 11 August at 2.00pm.

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. Find out more by clicking on www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/our-mission/planning/ten-year-plan/

STILL COPING WITH COVID Infections are once more on the rise. Please continue to wear a mask, if possible, whilst attending Mass. If you feel unwell, do stay at home.

THANK YOU for your continued financial support to our parish. I would also like to pay tribute to those parishioners who volunteer in so many different ways in the parish.



WEEKDAY MASS As children are now on their holidays, why not encourage them to come to one of the weekday Masses with you? Let the Lord do the work.

CAN YOU HELP? Could you support CAFOD in its mission to inform and educate? They are looking for school volunteers to deliver assemblies and workshops. Please contact Jo portsmouth@cafod.org.uk for more info.

CONSULTATION A public consultation has been launched into the possibility of imposing a Public Safety Protection Order (PSPO) around the BPAS abortion centre at Ophir Road, This would stop assistance and counselling being offered to mothers near the clinic and it would ban anyone from leafleting or praying in the vicinity. BCP options allow designated area(s) within the zone, but with so many restrictions as to make them virtually useless.

Please use this link for the consultation proposal document and online form. The deadline is midnight 31 August: <https://haveyoursay.bpcouncil.gov.uk/ophir-road-pspo>