

CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE

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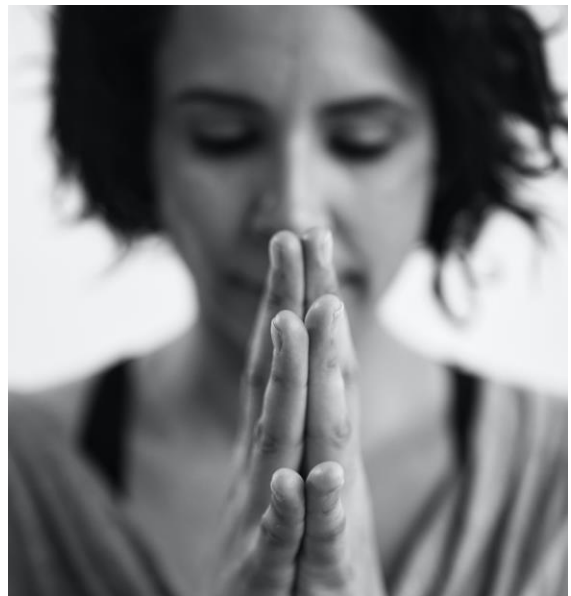
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I DO NOT KNOW

When someone asks Jesus a question, it's a setup as clear as the line: *'A man walked into a bar...'* We should get ready for a story that turns expectations inside out. Today's scene spotlights a fellow whose inquiry subtly suggests that few people (other than himself) will be saved. Jesus circumvents the discussion of numbers by switching the focus to the difficulty of gaining entrance to the master's mansion.

Jesus' story warns that the passageway into the dwelling of the saved is narrow and that the entrance could well be locked when expectant applicants arrive. When they protest, *'But we ate and drank with you!'*, Jesus has the master reply, *'I do not know where you are from.'* Does this not sound like a warning that it will never be enough to say, *'We sat through the homilies, blessed ourselves and received Communion every single Sunday'?*

In today's reading from Isaiah, God says, *'I know your works and thoughts'*. God didn't say, *'I saw your church attendance card.'* God then goes on, like Jesus in the Gospel, promising that people of all nations will participate in the joy of divine glory. In this final chapter of Isaiah, God calls all the nations, not just a chosen people, adding that not even the once-hereditary priesthood can be restricted to a certain class.



All of this leads us to recognize that *'eating and drinking'* with Christ is genuine only when our table is as open as Jesus made his.

Being known by Christ requires more than the gestures and rituals of worship. It implies listening so deeply that Christ's word lives in us. Jesus intimates that he really knows only those who have allowed him into their lives so completely that they reflect and actually represent him in their own context. This is Luke's version of *'I know mine and mine know me.'*

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MASS TIMES

Sun 21 Aug - 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am
11.00am

Tuesday 23 August – FERIA

10.00am

Wednesday 24 August – FERIA

10.00am

Thursday 25 August – FERIA

10.00am

Mass is followed by Adoration at 10.30am.

Friday 26 August - FERIA

10.00am - Funeral Mass

Sun 28 Aug – 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am
11.00am

CONFESSIONS after Mass or by appointment.
Contact Fr Leslie 01202 764027

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SUNDAY MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 85: 1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Gospel Acclamation - Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Ps 103: 13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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 has 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.

St BERNADETTE OF LOURDES RELIC TOUR UK

The relics of St Bernadette (a section of bone from her thigh in newly built reliquary) for the very first time will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland and Wales. This event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the charisms of Lourdes. Her relics will come to St John's Cathedral from Thursday 8 September, 9:30am, o/night to Friday 9 September, 10.00am

PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU FROM DAVID BARNES Last Sunday at 9.00am Mass, I was admitted into full communion with the Church and received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you to Father Leslie for all your help and advice in preparing me for this part of my journey of faith and making it such a special and heart-warming day.

My thanks to Sarah for her love and guidance as a sponsor and to Pam and Denise for the surprise party afterwards, complete with cards and cakes (my favourites). I was deeply touched by all the thought that had been given to this special occasion and the warmth of the welcome I received from the congregation. Thank you all!

JOB OPPORTUNITY Pastoral Coordinator for Evangelisation. This role will be based at the Pastoral Centre, St Peter and Winchester Martyrs, Winchester. For further details please contact recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or contact mhogan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

COVID Thank you for your continued vigilance.

MARRIAGE CONCERNS Retrouvaille is a Catholic programme that is open to married couples of any faith, or none. It is offered as a gift from the Catholic Church to any married couple who wishes to heal the difficulties they are experiencing in their marriage. Visit the website www.retrouvaille.org.uk for further information.



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.

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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 and
Christopher Browne

The last shall be first and the first last

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.'

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.'

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

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.

SAVE THE DATE Bishop Philip will be celebrating Mass at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth on Saturday 17 September at 2.00pm, in thanksgiving for our two Bamenda priests, Fr Bern and Fr George who are soon to return home.



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>