

CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE NEWSLETTER



25 SEPTEMBER 2022

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Greet the other

As we have seen, Luke's Gospel becomes more pointed as Jesus travels toward the culmination of his ministry in Jerusalem, and his emphasis on serving the poor continues to grow along with the cost of discipleship. Charles Dickens (who left school at the age of 12 when his father was put in debtors' prison) illustrated Jesus' values for the 19th century with a more hopeful version of this parable in his classic, *A Christmas Carol*. Dickens introduces Scrooge as a miser who believed that poor people were an unnecessary bother, unworthy of serious consideration. Happily, a ghost leads Scrooge through a review of his past, offering him a last-ditch opportunity to create a different present and a future in which he could put his 'mammon' to good use.

All the world cheers each December as the converted Scrooge celebrates Christmas with the family he had disparaged. Unfortunately, we can't count on ghosts to appear when people like us become blinded by wealth and its accoutrements. We have to discern what this Gospel suggests to us today on the personal and global level.

We should remember that the wealthy man in Jesus' story was not responsible for Lazarus' poverty. Similarly, few of us have consciously added to the impoverishment of migrants, refugees or street people. It would be hard to find any among us who effectively promoted the



aggression against Ukraine. But Jesus' parable had nothing to do with causes. He was talking about people who fail to respond to others' suffering and need.

It's one thing to care about the poor and even donate to them — that goes a step beyond the rich man's blindness. But prayers and donations don't free us from being trapped among the insiders. One of the parable's suggestions is obvious: our time is far more limited than our resources. This is our moment to meet and greet the 'other,' the migrant, the beggar and whoever will enlarge our circle of concern. Learning each other's names is the next step in a journey headed toward enjoying the bosom of Abraham together.

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MASS TIMES

Sun 25 Sept - 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am

11.00am - Eliona Alicia Suljevic (Baptism)

Tue 27 September – ST VINCENT DE PAUL

10.00am

Wednesday 28 September – FERIA

10.00am

Thu 29 September – THE HOLY ARCHANGELS
MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL

10.00am

Fri 30 September – ST JEROME

10.00am

Mass is followed by Adoration at 10.30am.

Sun 2 Oct - 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am

11.00am

CONFESSIONS after Mass or by appointment.

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

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 118: 49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

DATE FOR THE DIARY – PARISH CHRISTMAS

LUNCH You are invited to our Parish Christmas Lunch at The Riviera Hotel, Bournemouth on Saturday 17 December for a 12.30pm start. The menu and sign-up sheet are on the foyer noticeboard. We hope you can join us.

YOUR PARISH CONTACT DETAILS Have you moved since you first joined the Parish? Do you have your current email address? Have you added to your family? Help us to keep our database up to date. Thank you!

PARISH SICK LIST Do you know of someone who is ill? In need of prayers? Is housebound and would like Holy Communion at home? Please contact the Parish Office with their details.

UKRAINE 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. Visit the Caritas website www.caritasportsmouth.org.uk for news and regular updates on the crisis. Thank you for your continued generosity. Let us continue to keep the people of Ukraine in our prayers.

OUR PARISH

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PARISH NEWS

FISH AND CHIP SUPPER - Friday 7 October at 12.00pm in the hall. Please read the menu and sign-up sheet in the lobby to place your order. Payment must be made by Wednesday 5 October at the latest. Please pay by cash and leave it in the office post box. Cash bags, labels and pens can be found outside the office on the noticeboard. Please ensure you have clearly written your name on the label and include this with your cash payment.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT Over the next few weekends, parishes across all the dioceses of England and Wales will be undertaking their annual count of how many people are attending Sunday Mass.

WHAT IS A HOUSE OF PRAYER? We recognise that our churches are places of prayer, and that Jesus is truly present in the tabernacle waiting for us to visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Please use your time in church to talk to God and not to each other, so that we can keep our churches sacred as houses of prayer.

MARRIAGE A Loving4life Retreat. 8 - 9 October Wistaston Hall Retreat Centre, Crewe. CW2 8JS Retreat led by Aba & David Shields. Another special opportunity to reclaim your emotional intimacy as a sacramentally married couple. Contact 07387 645 211. You can also email them marriagefamilylife@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



MISSIO Sincerest thanks and best wishes from Missio and Mill Hill Missionaries to all current members and newly signed up members, following last Sunday's presentation from Fr Vincent. He gave a very entertaining homily detailing some of the work in which he has been involved. Fr Vincent has worked with Catholic communities in some of the poorer countries of the world.

A number of parishioners either took Red Boxes or signed Direct Debit forms, and we are very grateful for their support. If anyone would like further information, please speak to Suzanne in the office, as she can put you in contact with Ron Millington, our Missio Local Secretary.

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, Phillip Rockford,
Germain McAulay, Geoffrey Dixon,
Joe Bonnici and
Christopher Browne

They will not be convinced

'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there used to lie a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with what fell from the rich man's table. Even dogs came and licked his sores.

'Now it happened that the poor man died and was carried away by the angels into Abraham's embrace. The rich man also died and was buried. In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his embrace. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames."

'Abraham said, "My son, remember that during your life you had your fill of good things, just as Lazarus his fill of bad. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to prevent those who want to cross from our side to yours or from your side to ours."

'So he said, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." Abraham said, "They have Moses and the prophets, let them listen to them." The rich man replied, "Ah no, father Abraham, but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent."

'Abraham said, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."



SINGING If you are a strong, confident singer, please sit in the back pew near our organist, Louis, and support our congregation with the hymns.

A DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS This is the first time our Diocesan Catechists will have met since the pandemic. The Day for Catechists takes place in Winchester on Saturday 8 October from 10.00am - 4.00pm. We hope to offer a fantastic experience of fellowship, prayer and formation. The plans for the Diocesan formation and support of catechists will also be presented. Book

www.eventbrite.com/e/diocesan-day-for-catechists-registration-337127185487

NOTICES FOR THE NEWSLETTER Please send these to Suzanne by 9.00am on Wednesday. Thank you.