

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE NEWSLETTER



18 SEPTEMBER 2022

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Worthy of our time

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns, '*You cannot serve both God and mammon.*' Mammon is defined as '*wealth regarded as an evil influence or false object of worship and devotion.*' However, Jesus seems to be saying that mammon has questionable value in itself, but can and should be used to do some good.

In his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis makes this same point. He looks to St. John Chrysostom, one of the Fathers of the Church who taught: '*Not to share our wealth [think mammon] with the poor is to rob them and take away their livelihood. The riches we possess are not our own, but theirs as well.*' Francis also cites St. Gregory the Great, who said, '*When we provide the needy with their basic needs, we are giving them what belongs to them, not to us.*'

As Luke moves toward the climax of his Gospel, his emphasis on reverence for the life and thriving of the poor only grows stronger. Today's Gospel, praising the wily manager, is a gentle introduction to what will be coming later.

Francis wrote *Fratelli Tutti* as a reflection on the solidarity that humanity could have created when faced by our common vulnerability. Francis described the pre-COVID world as one that, perhaps like the hacienda owner, fed on dreams of grandeur and consumed distraction, insularity, and solitude.



Francis' prescription for such a world goes to the heart of the wily manager's methodology. He calls us to cultivate a shared passion and a community of belonging and solidarity '*worthy of our time, energy and resources.*' It's that simple and that challenging.

We might take that last idea as the takeaway from today's Liturgy of the Word. Amos shows us how to look at reality with eyes that perceive how our societal norms grant excess to some, leaving others to languish. Is it not time to ask which of our social systems are truly worthy of the respect they are given in the law? When the unrighteous manager went around the law, might we say that he advanced a community of solidarity? Might Jesus just tell us, '*Go and do likewise?*'

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

## MASS TIMES

Sun 18 Sept - 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am  
11.00am

Tue 20 September – ST ANDREW KIM TAEGON  
AND COMPANIONS

10.00am

Wednesday 21 September – ST MATTHEW

10.00am

Thu 22 September - FERIA

10.00am

Fri 23 September – PADRE PIO

10.00am

Mass is followed by Adoration at 10.30am.

Sun 25 Sept - 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am  
11.00am - *Eliona Alicia Suljevic (Baptism)*

**CONFESSIONS** after Mass or by appointment.

## SUNDAY MASS READINGS

### Entrance Antiphon

*I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.*

### Gospel Acclamation - cf. Ac16:14

*Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!*

### Communion Antiphon - Ps 118: 4-5

*You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.*

### 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.

## OUR PARISH

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**YOUR PARISH CONTACT DETAILS** Have you moved since you first joined the Parish? Do we 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.

**MARRIAGE** A Loving4life Retreat. 8-9 October Wistaston Hall Retreat Centre, Crewe. CW2 8JS Another special opportunity to reclaim your emotional intimacy as a sacramentally married couple. Covering both relational, (based on scientific research) and the spiritual (the Good News of Jesus Christ) aspects of marriage. Retreat led by Aba & David Shields. Contact 07387 645 211. You can also email the team at marriagefamilylife@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or visit [www.loving4life.co.uk](http://www.loving4life.co.uk)

# PARISH NEWS

**DIOCESAN 10-YEAR PLAN** We encourage you to digest this huge reflection. This will have a significant impact on our parish community in the years to come. You can access the document on our website. Please contact the Parish Office if you cannot access the internet.

There is a designated Diocesan Feedback Form. Copies of the form can be found in the foyer. We are asking all parishioners to give their feedback, so we can collate this together and return it to the Diocese as one single document (as per the request of the Diocese). All feedback needs to be returned to the Parish Office by Thursday 1 December.

**SECOND COLLECTION - Home Mission Sunday**  
Today is the day in the Church's calendar when the Catholic community in England and Wales is invited to pray for, celebrate and support the work of evangelisation in England and Wales. Your offering can be via BACS (ref Home Mission), cash or cheque (in an envelope labelled Home Mission) or via the link:  
<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/home-mission-sunday>

**CAFOD DEC** (Disaster Emergency Committee) Appeal Record monsoon rains and flash flooding across Pakistan has killed at least 1,100 people and left 10 million homeless. To support this emergency appeal visit <https://cafod.org.uk/>



**TODAY** we welcome Father Vincent Oates MHM. He will be visiting to talk about the Red Box appeal.

**MARIAN MUSICAL ORATORY 7.00pm Friday 23 September** Music, readings, reflection, and prayer, on the Eve of the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham, and two pieces in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Year. Entry is FREE but please book seats by phone 01202 411140 or by email [sacredheart@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:sacredheart@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

**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 for more information on how you can help: [www.caritasportsmouth.org.uk](http://www.caritasportsmouth.org.uk)

## 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 and  
Christopher Browne

# No servant can be the slave to two masters

He also said to his disciples, *'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer."*

*"Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."*

*'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," he said. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down and quickly write fifty."*

*To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," he said. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty." "The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.'*

*'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into eternal dwellings.*



*Anyone who is trustworthy in little things is trustworthy in great; anyone who is dishonest in little things is dishonest in great. If then you are not trustworthy with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you are not trustworthy with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?*

*'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or be attached to the first and despise the second. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'*

**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.

**POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER** *Let us pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.*