

CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE NEWSLETTER



24 SEPTEMBER 2023

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IN GOD'S VINEYARD

The call to the vineyard (to the Church), through the gift of faith and the sacrament of baptism, is a gift for which we can never sufficiently thank God. If we remain in the vineyard and labour honestly, that is, if we cooperate with the actual graces God is continually giving us, we are assured of reaching heaven when our earthly days are ended. The work we have to do in God's vineyard is the fulfilling of the duties of our state in life. By carrying out these duties faithfully and honestly we are doing the will of God and earning heaven. The greater part of our day and indeed of our life will be taken up with tasks of themselves worldly, but these tasks when done in the state of grace and with the intention of honouring God, have a supernatural value. For this we have to thank God for His goodness and generosity.

He could have made the attainment of heaven so much more difficult and demanded the most extraordinary mortifications and renunciations and the reward (heaven) would still be exceedingly great. Instead He allows us to live our everyday life, to enjoy the love and friendship of our family and friends, to satisfy the natural desires of our bodies, within the commandments, and yet to merit a reward while so doing. As He tells us through St. Paul: *"Whether you eat or drink or whatever else you do, do all to the glory of God."*



Looking back on our past life, how many years have we really given to God since we came to the use of reason? Those school years, the time spent learning a trade or profession, the weeks, months, years working in an office or factory or farm, the hours among the pots and pans in the kitchen - have we earned some credit in heaven for all of this, or is it all crossed off our pay sheet through lack of right intention or through sin?

If so, those years are lost to us. We were "idle"
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MASS TIMES

Sun 24 Sept - 25TH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am
11.00am

Tuesday 26 September - FERIA

10.00am

Wed 27 September - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

10.00am

Thursday 28 September - FERIA

10.00am

Fri 29 September - THE HOLY ARCHANGELS

10.00am

Saturday 30 September - FERIA

No Mass

Sun 1 Oct - 26TH SUN IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am
11.00am

OUR PARISH

**OUR LADY IMMACULATE CHURCH
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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. Lk 19:38,2:14

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! 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.

IN GOD'S VINEYARD (from page 1) all that time. Today's parable, however, should give us new hope and courage. It may be the sixth or the ninth or even the eleventh hour of our life but we can still earn heaven if we listen to God's call and set to work diligently in His vineyard. If we put our conscience right with God today and resolve to be loyal to Him from now on He will be as generous to us, as the parable promises.

DO YOU HAVE A SKILL that you would like to share with the parish? Please speak to Fr. Leslie.

OUR DIOCESE in partnership with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is hosting an online seminar on Tuesday 21 November at 6.00pm for Catholics wishing to bring people closer to Christ. This will be led by evangelist Sherry Weddell. Tickets are £10.00 per person and can be purchased here. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/engaging-the-disengaged-how-to-accompany-non-religious-persons-tickets-646139539757>

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS, Saturday 30 September, 10.00am - 4.00pm, St. Peter's Church, Winchester. Book your place by visiting <https://shorturl.at/gBDP8>.

"LET JUSTICE AND PEACE FLOW", Saturday 30 September, 3.00pm, Southampton Common. Join parishioners as they gather in solidarity to pray together and celebrate this Season of Creation. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share.

FISH & CHIP LUNCH. Friday 6 October, 12.00pm, in the hall. Please sign up on the sheet on the noticeboard.

A DAY WITH MARY. Saturday 7 October, at Immaculate Conception Church, Southampton, *time to be confirmed*. Celebrate a Marian festivity through the eyes of the Filipino community. A day dedicated to Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary. Marian talks, Living Rosary with the procession of all Marian statues and icons. Concluding with Mass. All are welcome.

TALK: FINDING GOD IN THE NON-CHRISTIAN WORLD. Saturday 4 November, 10.00am - 3.30pm, St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. Book your place by visiting <https://shorturl.at/mvFOY>

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? Welcome! Please introduce yourself to our Parish Priest, Father Leslie Adams.

A MASS COUNT will take place this weekend and over the following two weekends.

VACANCIES. Visit the jobs page on the Diocesan website, which lists our current vacancies. For full details and how to apply, please contact recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER.

For people living on the margins. We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE. Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for our world leaders, that they allow compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine, Russia and for all the world. Amen.

THANK YOU for your continued generosity.

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CDP 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:

Mairead Holbrook, Cecilia Agnes Grimston,
Win Sheridan, Geoffrey Dixon,
Christopher Browne,
Teresa Wraith,
and Elizabeth Lubrow

Why be envious?

Jesus said to his disciples: *'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went.*

At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too."

In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat."

He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my



own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

THE PARISH WEBSITE. Our website is updated on a weekly basis to ensure that the newsletter is available to parishioners prior to the weekend. If you cannot see the latest issue, please close the web page you are viewing and open a new browser window (Google page). Type *Catholic Westbourne* into the search engine and press return. Once *Our Lady Immaculate Church* appears in the search results click on this link. You should now be able to see the live site.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER.

Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope at the back of the church or donate via the website cafod.org.uk. Thank you for your continued support.

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