

FIRST READING 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said 'Ask what you would like me to give you,' Solomon replied 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this,' the Lord said, 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you asked. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118:57, 72,76-77,127-130

R. Lord, how I love your law

My part, I have resolved, O Lord is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold.

R. Lord, how I love your law

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant.

Let your love come to me and I shall live, for your law is my delight

R. Lord, how I love your law

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold.

That is why I rule my life by your precepts; I hate false ways.

R. Lord, how I love your law

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple.

R. Lord, how I love your law

SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-27

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

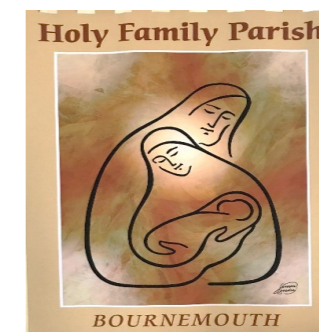
'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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incorporating the churches of Christ the King, Kinson & St Bernadette's, Ensbury Park



In the parables, Jesus explains the length people will go to once they have found true treasure..

Sell everything and trust in the joy and the fruitfulness of the treasure found.

What is our treasure?
What things would we give up in our own life and trust in the true treasure completely?

The parables of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price emphasise that finding the kingdom of heaven is worth sacrificing everything else; it encourages us to be open to God's work in unexpected ways and not let familiarity, challenges or rejections that we may encounter hinder our understanding of His divine plan.

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Dear Parishioners,

Today is Seventeenth Sunday in the Ordinary time!

This week begins the World Youth Day from 1st of August to 6th of August in Lisbon, Portugal. World Youth Day is the gathering of the young people from all over the world with Pope Francis. The theme is "Mary went with haste" (Lk.1:39). We pray for the success of World Youth Day



In his journey towards the Permanent Diaconate Ministry, Glenn will be commissioned with the ministry of Acolyte this Sunday. Let us keep him in our prayers as he begins his final year in the seminary in September.

Reflection: Jesus said to His disciples, "The kingdom of Heaven is like this. A man happens to find a treasure hidden in a field.....He goes and sells everything he has, and then goes back buys that field". (Mt13:44).

An elderly lady in Scotland was so poor her neighbours had to support her. They were happy to do this, but what bothered some of them was that her son had gone to America to become rich. The mother defended her son saying, "He writes to me every week and always sends me a little picture. See," she said, "I keep them in my Bible". Between the pages of her bible were hundreds of US bank notes. The woman had a treasure in her Bible but didn't realize it.

To what extend do I need to rediscover the treasure in my Bible...Jesus Christ?
Christ is not valued at all unless He is valued above all. (St. Augustine)

Fr Chacko

Together we are Church, together we are community, together we are Christ

POPE'S INTENTIONS for August 2023 For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives. www.thepopevideo.org



Please pray for the 39 people from Plymouth Diocese who are on pilgrimage to World Youth Day with the Diocesan Youth Service. They arrived this week and are spending some time at Fatima before You can follow them on the Diocesan Facebook page or on Instagram [dop_youth](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

We can never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass.
If you would like a Mass offered for your intention, please speak to Fr Chacko or Parish office
Mass request envelopes are at the back of church.

FIRE DRILL

Thank you to everyone who co-operated so well during our fire drill practice last weekend and thank you to our Fire Marshals.

DAY	CHURCH	TIME	CELEBRATION or FEAST DAY/ MEMORIAL
Sat 29	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus</i>
Sun 30	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	Masses of The Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS Glenn to receive ministry of Acolyte at 11am Mass
Mon31	StB	6pm	Adoration followed by Mass at 6.30 <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>
Tues1	CtK	9am 11am	Adoration followed by Mass at 9.30 Funeral Service for Patricia (Pat) Whitmore <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>
Wed 2			NO MASS <i>St Peter Julian Eymard & St Eusebius of Vercelli</i>
Thur 3	CtK	9.30am	Mass
Fri 4	CtK StB	9.30am 7pm	Mass followed by the Divine chaplet HOLY HOUR <i>St John Mary Vianney</i>
Sat 5	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of The Transfiguration of the Lord
Sun 6	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	Masses of The Transfiguration of the Lord

Ministry of Acolyte Please continue to pray for Glenn as he is instituted for this ministry of service to God's people. Glenn will begin his final year at seminary this September heading towards ordination next July.

DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY
A day of fun, games, Competitions

23 September 2023
@ St Rita's Honiton

We are looking to put together a team (or 2) from Holy Family Parish— Please let Michelle or Jo know if interested
More details to follow.....



World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

The aim of the day is to raise awareness of trafficking and to call upon governments, law enforcement, public services & society to improve their efforts to prevent trafficking by identifying and supporting victims. The theme this year is 'Reach every victim of trafficking, leave no one behind'.

For more information & how to notice the signs, visit: www.unseenuk.org/about-modern-slavery/spot-the-signs/
If you would like support or you are concerned about someone else, please contact:
The Safeguarding Office – 01364 645430
Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 4:30pm.
Unseen – A UK charity that provides safe houses & support in the community for survivors of trafficking and modern slavery.
24/7 Modern Slavery & Exploitation Helpline: 08000 121 700
Website: <https://www.unseenuk.org/working-with-survivors/>

OVER THE SUMMER, WHY NOT TRY SOME QUIZ QUESTIONS from our Parish Quiz nights...



1. Which island is said to be the birthplace of the Goddess Aphrodite?
2. 'Barnacle Bill' is the theme tune to which long running TV programme?
3. When were television licences were first introduced in the UK?
4. A 'kaleidoscope' is the official collective noun for which creature?
5. What is the largest lake in the UK?
6. In terms of UK currency, what is a Titan?
7. Ascorbic acid is a form of which vitamin?
8. Name the film that this famous quote is from: "You can't handle the truth!"
9. What is the name of the structure in the eye responsible for controlling the diameter and size of the pupil?
10. In which English county is the Prime Minister's country house, Chequers?

Thanks Mike, answers next week.....

DEMENTIA FRIENDS INFORMATION SESSION
Online lunchtime session on dementia awareness

This one-hour introductory session is for all members of the parish. People are welcome to just sit and listen in. Register using this link : <https://forms.office.com/e/1DijnZkMQk>



Tuesday 1st August 12– 1pm



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Antony Panathara Noel Harris Kevin Moore Margaret Simpson Sheila Shelley
Jocelyne & Peter Cotrel Tony Bateman Les Netherton Frances Smith Anna Browne
Frances & Tony Herbert Mike & Kathleen Carter Simon, Jennifer & Oliver Carter

