

10th September 2023

Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

FIRST READING Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, ' Son of man, I have appointed you as centry to the House of Isreal. When yo hear the word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life. '

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 94 v1-2,6-9

R. O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring our our joy to the Lord; Hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.
R. O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Come in: let us bow and bend low, let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we, the people who belong to his pasture the flock that is led by his hands.
R. O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.
R. O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING Romans 13: 8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments; you shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: " If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or 2 others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But, if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. " I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven, whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name—I shall be there with them.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Like the deer that yearns for running stream, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

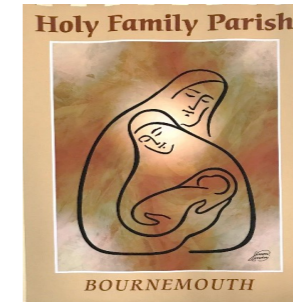
Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your word and heavenly sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved son's great gift that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

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THE PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BOURNEMOUTH

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



For where two or three meet in my name—I shall be there with them. How wonderful it is and feels to be together in Christ, even as just 2 or 3 but especially as a parish community... together allowing God's light to shine.....

A Light for God's house

In a mountain village in Europe, a nobleman wondered what gift he could present to his townspeople.

At last he decided to build them a church; no-one saw the complete plans for the church until it was finished.

When the people gathered they marvelled at its beauty, and then someone asked "But where are the lamps? , how will it be lit? "

The nobleman pointed to some brackets in the wall, then he gave each family a lamp, asking them to bring it with them each time they came to church.

*"Each time you are in church, the area where you are seated will be lit" the nobleman said.
"Each time you are not here, the area will be dark; this is to remind you that whenever you do not come to church, some part of God's home, will be dark!"*



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Dear Parishioners

Today is the Twenty third Sunday in the Ordinary time.

Today is also Education Sunday. It's a nationwide day of prayer for everyone involved in any aspect of education from school students to education employees. We pray for all our schools, especially our Christ The King School, its Teachers and students, just opened for a new academic year. May the good Lord grant them a fruitful Year!!! The theme of this Education Sunday is "The armour of Light" (Eph 1:17-18)

Jenny Gunstone reflects on the "Season of Creation 2023 – A parish Live Simply Journey

"Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24).

As part of our reflections during this [Season of Creation](#) (1 September-4 October), we asked the Holy Family parish in Bournemouth to share their environmental work and how it has impacted on the life of the parish. Jennifer Gunstone kindly agreed to share the parish journey so far. The beautiful image above is from their parish harvest festival.



The parish environmental journey formally began in 2012, when the Priest and a group of parishioners participated in an interfaith event called 'the Big Green Believers Agreement'. This initiative encouraged the parish to set up meetings and agree environmental actions. The group realised, however, that what they were planning followed CAFOD's Live Simply model to "live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor". They signed up to become a Live Simply Parish and in 2016 achieved the Award. Holy Family were the first parish to do this. The parish has undertaken a wide range of activities to listen to the [Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor](#) and put their faith at the centre of all their actions.

Fr. Chacks

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

POPE'S INTENTIONS for September 2023 For people living on the margins

We for those persons living on the margins of the society, in humane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.
www.thepopevideo.org

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Antony Panathara Canon George Carrick Noel Harris Kevin Moore Margaret Simpson
Sheila Shelley Tony Bateman Les Netherton Frances Smith Anna Browne
Jocelyne & Peter Cotrel Frances & Tony Herbert The Carter family



Please contact the Parish Office for your prayer and mass intentions



QR code to make offerings to the Parish - Thank you
Please don't forget to gift aid! It makes such a difference! Speak to Madeliene or complete a form at the back of the churches

DAY	CHURCH	TIME	CELEBRATION or FEAST DAY/ MEMORIAL
Sat 9	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of The Twenty Third Sunday on Ordinary Time
Sun 10	CtK	9.30am 11am	Masses of The Twenty Third Sunday on Ordinary Time
Mon 11	StB	6pm	Adoration followed by Mass at 6.30pm
Tues 12		9am	Adoration followed by Mass at 9.30am <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>
Wed 13			NO MASS <i>St John Chrysostom—Patron of preachers</i>
Thur 14	CtK	9.30am	Mass <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross</i>
Fri 15	CtK StB	9.30am 7pm	Mass followed by the Divine Chaplet <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows</i>
Sat 16	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of The Twenty Fourth Sunday on Ordinary Time <i>Sts Cornelius and Cyprian</i>
Sun 17	CtK	9.30am 11am	Masses of The Twenty Fourth Sunday on Ordinary Time ANNUAL MASS COUNT <i>EVANGELI GAUDIUM DAY—THE SPREAD of the GOSPEL</i>

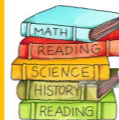
ANNUAL MASS COUNT

The Annual Mass Count takes place the 2 last weekends of September and the first 2 in October



EDUCATION SUNDAY — 10th September

For a love of learning, may we all desire to grow in our faith in God and our knowledge of the world he created.



For teachers, catechists and all who share what God has done; may they always be open to deepening their knowledge

Voluntary collection for the 'Catholic Education Service' after Masses

PARISH QUIZ

WHEN? Sat 16th Sept 7.15pm

WHERE? St Bernadette's Hall

WHY? To raise money for the parish and to practice for the next Diocesan Quiz (of which we are current champions!)

WHAT? 8 rounds including Septembers past and Music

HOW? Teams of up to 6 - can be formed on the night!

COST? £2 pp plus a raffle on the night!

Contact Mike 07519932238
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CARITAS SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth's September newsletter is now available to read online, full of uplifting news of Love in Action in our parishes and upcoming events.
Please use this link <https://tinyurl.com/ycktkp79>

If you would like a printed copy, please telephone Caritas on 01364 645360

OUR LADY of SORROWS - 15 September

"Why is there suffering in the world?" St. John Paul II said in his Apostolic Letter Salvifici Doloris (On the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering), "suffering is present in the world in order to release love, in order to give birth to works of love toward neighbour, in order to transform the whole human civilization into a 'civilization of love.'"

We reflect this day on Mary, She wasn't able to wipe her Son's face or dry His tears when he was on the cross, she couldn't take Him off the Cross or take His place on it.

She could have felt helpless and fallen into despair. But instead, she surrendered and had compassion. Mary, at the foot of the Cross, was the first to, as St. Paul later wrote, "make up what was lacking in the sufferings of Christ" (Col 1:24).

This is not to say that Jesus' redeeming sacrifice upon the Cross was not complete, but rather He invited His Mother into His sufferings so that the suffering of her heart - the sword that was piercing her heart as she watched her Son suffer and die a humiliating and excruciating death (Luke 2:34-35) - might have meaning: participation in the salvation of souls.



Jesus invites each and every one of us into that same embrace upon the Cross.