

**FIRST READING** Ecclesiasticus 27:30, 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keep strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then please for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear you neighbour ill will; remember the covenant with the most High, and overlook the offense.

The word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 102: 1-4, 9-12

*R. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.*

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, All my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.

*R. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.*

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals everyone of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.

*R. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.*

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever.

He does not treat us according to our sins, not repay us according to our faults.

*R. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.*

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so strong is his love for those who fear him,  
as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our sins.

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**SECOND READING**

Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak Lord your servant is listening, you have the message of eternal life.. Alleluia!

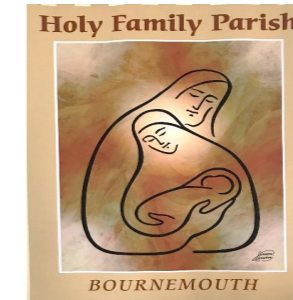
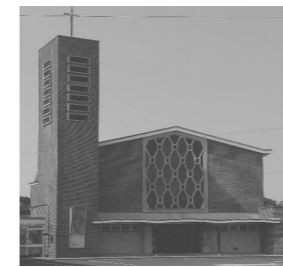
**GOSPEL** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, "Lord how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?" Jesus answered, "not seven, I tell you, but seventy seven times. And so the kingdom of heaven maybe compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed 10,000 talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, to together with his wife and children and all his possession, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his masters feet, "give me time" he said, "and I will pay the whole sum". And the servants master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him 100 denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him "pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you" and his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt and this is how my heavenly father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord  
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

**THE PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BOURNEMOUTH**

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

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM DAY**

*"We cannot forget that evangelisation is first and foremost about preaching the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus Christ or who have always rejected him. Many of these are quietly seeking God, led by a yearning to see his face... Christians have the duty to proclaim the Gospel without excluding anyone."*  
*Evangelii Gaudium, §14*

**A Call to Mission in England and Wales**

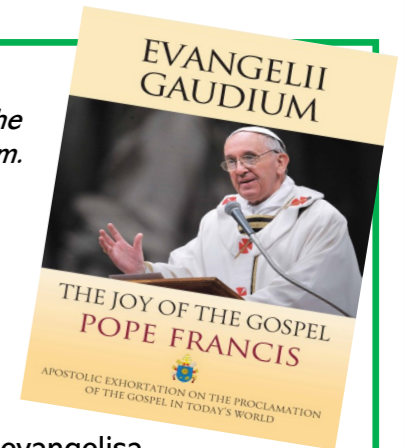
In 2013, the first year of his pontificate, Pope Francis released an Apostolic Exhortation on the joy of the Gospel titled Evangelii Gaudium.

In it, he encouraged the Christian faithful to "embark on a new chapter of evangelisation" marked by this joy, whilst striving to find new paths to proclaim the Gospel in today's world.

**A New Direction**

Pope Francis calls on the Church to embark on a fundamental change of direction when it comes to evangelisation, no longer relying on past structures and actions but to read the signs of the times and act passionately in proclaiming the unique message of the Gospel that brings joy to all people who receive it with an open heart.

He says: *"I dream of a 'missionary option', that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world rather than for her self-preservation."* EG, §27  
Pope Francis' calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme Pilgrims of Hope. The Holy Father has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee in the two years prior and details will follow on how.



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Dear Parishioners

Today is the Twenty fourth Sunday in the Ordinary time.

Today is also Evangelii Gaudium Day – (The Spread of the Gospel). The Third Sunday in September, formerly called Home Mission Sunday, is now *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday*. Named after Pope Francis' first (solo) Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel, the day offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. Just as we had a mandatory collection on Home Mission Sundays, it will be there of Evangelii Gaudium Sunday as well.

Annual Mass count will take place this week end and the coming weekends.

We will have a Parish Pastoral Council Extraordinary meeting on Wednesday this week.

**Reflection: "Be Kind and merciful"**

The lesson of today may run counter to certain opinion of what it means to be a "man", a strong person, a person who stands for principles which are not for sale. Where do the values of Lord Jesus fit into this traditional picture of strong and unyielding personhood? One thing is certain, Our Lord did not come to destroy human nature; He came to elevate it, to preserve the best in us, to ennoble us to what a Christian man or woman should be. Hatred, revenge and anger are human vices The law of the past "an eye for an eye" find in Old Testament ethics, surely is not Christian. Jesus refers to Old Testament ethics and says "But I tell you....." Have a realistic look at ourselves and check where our personality should be "Christianized". The "human" in us may be vengeful, but God, whom we should follow, is different. Today's responsorial psalm says "The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy".

*Fr. Chacko*

*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](http://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  
Jocleyne & 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 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 <b>ANNUAL MASS COUNT</b> <i>EVANGELI GAUDIUM DAY—THE SPREAD of the GOSPEL</i>
Mon18	StB	6pm	Adoration followed by Mass at 6.30pm
Tues19		9am	Adoration followed by Mass at 9.30am <i>St Theodore of Canterbury</i>
Wed20			NO MASS <i>St Andrew Kim Tae-gon &amp; Paul Chong Ha-sang</i>
Thur21	CtK	9.30am	Mass <i>Feast of St Matthew the Apostle</i>
Fri 22	CtK StB	9.30am 7pm	Mass followed by the Divine Chaplet HOLY HOUR <i>Feast of the dedication of the Cathedral</i>
Sat 23	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of The Twenty Fifth Sunday on Ordinary Time <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</i>
Sun 24	CtK	9.30am 11am	Masses of The Twenty Fifth Sunday on Ordinary Time <b>ANNUAL MASS COUNT</b>

**ANNUAL MASS COUNT**

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



**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 us this link <https://tinyurl.com/ycktkp79>

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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME INVITATION**

For parents of children Year 3 and up, a 'Come and see' meeting on Wednesday 27th September at 7pm in the Parish Lounge at CtK. Children sessions are held on Saturday mornings.



**PARISH QUIZ**

**WHEN?** THIS SATURDAY 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 malaika13@yahoo.co.uk or just turn up!!



**WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 2023**

**DAY OF REFLECTION AT ST RITA'S HONITON 14 OCTOBER**

10.30 to 3.30pm Lunch Provided

*"Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tob 4:7)*

All are welcome to come and spend the day at St Rita's to pray and reflect on Pope Francis's message for the 7th World Day of the Poor and how we are called to respond.

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth are thrilled to be joined by two thought-provoking guest speakers with national and international reputations - Jenny Sinclair, founder of Together for the Common Good and David Wells, a well-known author and popular motivational speaker from our own diocese. We are confident they will leave participants feeling uplifted.

In this year's message, Pope Francis says 'Let us thank the Lord that so many men and women are devoted to caring for the poor and the excluded; they are persons of every age and social status who show understanding and readiness to assist the marginalized and those who suffer. They are not super-heroes but "next door neighbours", ordinary people who quietly make themselves poor among the poor.

Join us to celebrate those who give their time to others and reflect on how we reach out the hand of welcome.

Places are limited for this FREE event so booking is essential.  
Email: [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk) or use the QR code here

