

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people the banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain, he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his peoples shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: see, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in who we hoped. We exalt and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 22

*R. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.*

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my dropping spirit.

*R. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.*

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness, no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

*R. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.*

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes, my head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

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Surely goodness and kindness will follow me all the days of my life. In the Lords own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

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**SECOND READING** Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything, anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the one who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! The word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him, he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22: 1-10

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven maybe compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. " Tell them who have been invited," he said " that I have my banquet all prepared , my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: One went off to his farm another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town, then he said to his servants " The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited prove to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding". So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests, he noticed one man was not wearing a wedding garment and aid to him " How did you get in here, my friend without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. The the king said tohis attendants, " Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.

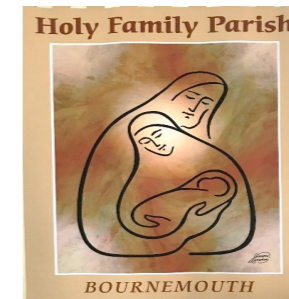
The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

The rich suffer want and go hungry but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing

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

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

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

What can a royal wedding feast tell us about God's kingdom? One of the most beautiful images used in scripture of heaven is like a wedding celebration. Whatever grand feast we can imagine on earth, heaven is the feast of all feasts because the Lord of heaven and earth invites us to the most important banquet of all, not simply as bystanders or guests but as members of Christ's own body, his bride the church!

*An invitation we cannot refuse.....* Those who had no claim on the king and who would never have considered getting such a invitation, did. The 'good and the bad' certainly referred to the Gentiles and to sinners.

This is certainly an invitation of grace—undeserved, unmerited favour and kindness.

But this invitation also contains a warning for those who refuse it or who approach the wedding feast unworthily. God's grace is a free gift, but it is also an awesome responsibility. God invites each of us as his friends to his heavenly banquet that we may celebrate with him an share in his joy.

Are you ready to feast at the Lord's banquet table?

*Lord Jesus, may I always know the joy of living in your presence and grow in the hope of seeing you face to face in your everlasting kingdom. Amen*

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Dear Parishioners,

The LSU (La Sainte Union Des Sacres Coeurs), Sr. Ines and Sr. Michele, say "Good Bye" to our parish:

LSU began their presence in our parish with Sr. Etna and Sr. Michele, making their community amidst us. Sr. Ines followed them at some later years, to say exactly, almost 10 years ago. Their Charism of "Union" united them close to the parish life and activities for 25 years with their time and talents, and that makes them dear to this parish. As we bid them farewell, we express our special thanks to God and to the LSU Society for availing them to our parish and we wish them both every success and blessings from the Lord in the days ahead wherever they may be !

Sr. Michele writes, "Our vocation as religious sisters call us to mission in different places, in response to varying needs. As we often say, 'we are here today and gone tomorrow'. Because of changing circumstances in our Congregation, we are both now called to serve elsewhere in new ways. So it is with a heavy heart that we say our good-bye today. Our time with you has been an enriching and grace-filled time. Thank you for the opportunities you have given us to share our life of faith, friendship and good times together. We regret that LSU is no longer able to continue as a presence here in the parish but are grateful for the love and support we all have received over the past 25 years. Each one of you will always be in our hearts and in our prayers as we go forth in our new mission.

With St. Paul, "We give thanks to God always, for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before God our Father your work of faith and love"(1 Thessalonians 1:2-3).

Sr Michele will be departing for Rome on 20th of October, Sr Ines will follow later. We will not have Mass in St. Bernadette at 11 am on Sunday as we will be bidding farewell to our sisters after 9.30 Mass.

**Synod on Synodality:** The 16th Ordinary General Assembly dedicated Thursday morning prayer especially for peace in the Holy Land, and the end of war in middle east and in Ukraine. Sometimes these wars are a wakeup call to all of us: for prophesying on the day of the Judgement of the Lord, Prophet Zephania says, "For Gaza shall be forsaken and Ashkelon shall be a waste" (Zephania 2:4).

**Burial of Fr. Barry:** Funeral of Fr. Barry Hallett, will be at Sherbourne on 18th October, Wednesday.

*Reflection:* "Jesus concluded "Many are invited, but few are chosen" .

The Cast of characters in Jesus' parable is as follows:

The King is : God;

The wedding feast: God's Kingdom;

The first guests: God's Chosen People;

The later guests: Gentiles and sinners

Jesus' parable invites me to ask: To what extend am I, a chosen one, responding to God's invitation to the Wedding Feast? -The way the first guests did: giving priority to my own business rather than to the Invitation?

"Christianity is a battle - not a dream" Wendal Phillips,

Fr. Chacks

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS**

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



QR code to make offerings to the Parish - Thank you  
 Please don't forget to gift aid ! It makes such a difference!

DAY	CHURCH	TIME	CELEBRATION or FEAST DAY/ MEMORIAL
Sat 14	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of The Twenty Eighth Sunday on Ordinary Time
Sun 15	CtK StB	9.30am NO MASS at StB	Mass of The Twenty Eighth Sunday on Ordinary Time <i>SPECIAL CELEBRATION MASS to say farewell to Sr Michele and Sr Ines</i>
Mon16	StB	6pm	Adoration followed by Mass at 6.30pm <i>St Hedwig &amp; St Margaret Mary Alacoque</i>
Tues17	CtK	9.30am	Mass <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>
Wed18			NO MASS <i>Feast of St Luke the Evangelist</i>
Thur19	CtK	9.30am	Mass <i>St Isaac Jogues, St John de Brebeuf &amp; St Paul of the Cross</i>
Fri 20	CtK StB	9.30am 7pm	Mass followed by the Divine Chaplet HOLY HOUR with Rosary
Sat 21	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of The Twenty Ninth Sunday on Ordinary Time
Sun 22	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	Masses of The Twenty Ninth Sunday on Ordinary Time <b>WORLD MISSION DAY</b>

*Important Dates*  
and **INFORMATION**

1st Nov ALL SAINTS Mass CtK 9.30am StB 7.30pm  
 2nd Nov ALL SOULS Mass CtK 9.30am StB 7.30pm  
 19th Nov BEREAVEMENT SERVICE 3pm StB  
 3rd Dec ADVENT BEGINS  
 8th Dec CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE 7pm CtK



Sr Michele and Sr Ines

May God's infinite love be by both your sides as you start a new adventure.

There will be refreshments after 9.30am Mass at CtK to say farewell  
 There will be NO Mass at StB on Sunday

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES**



8TH-14th October

For all in prison and their families that they may know the Lord's compassion and love.  
 For the judicial system; may it practice both justice and mercy

**CRAFT FAIR**

Saturday 4th November  
 10am—3pm CtK Lounge  
 Jewellery, Cakes, Knitted Goods, Cards  
 Quilling Pictures, Christmas 'Bits'!  
 Phone 01202 041067 £5 to book a table



**POPE's INTENTIONS for October 2023**

For the synod

We pray for the church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world. [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org)



**ST FRANCIS PRAYER GROUP**

Thurs 19th October  
 7pm in StB Lounge  
 All welcome

**OCTOBER—MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY**

October is designated by the Catholic Church as the "Month of the Rosary" because in this month the Church celebrates the Marian advocacy of "Our Lady of the Rosary" on Oct. 7. The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, also celebrated as Our Lady of Victory or Victories, was established by Pope St. Pius V in 1571 to celebrate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on Oct. 7 of that year. Previous to the decisive battle, St. Pius V had requested all Western Christians to pray the rosary; thus he attributed the victory to the power of the Marian prayer rather than the power of ships and cannons.

St. John Paul II called the rosary his favourite prayer, "in which we meditate with Mary upon the mysteries which she as a Mother meditated on in her heart (Lk. 2:19)."

During October, the Holy Rosary will be recited during the Holy Hour on Fridays at 7pm at StB

