

1st October 2023

Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

FIRST READING Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, You House of Israel; is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die?'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 24; 4-9

R. Remember you mercy, Lord.

Lord make me know your way. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.

R. Remember you mercy, Lord.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love, remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

R. Remember you mercy, Lord.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, He guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

R. Remember you mercy, Lord.

SECOND READING Philippians 2:1-5

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, all the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness in sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other peoples' interests instead. In your minds, you must be the same as Christ Jesus

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word and my father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 21 28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people ' What is your opinion/ aman has two sons, he went and said to the first, " My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, " I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly Sir" , but dd not go. Which of the two did the father's will? ' ' The first,' they said. Jesus said to them'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For john came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe hm, and yet the tax collectors and prostitiues did. Even after seeing that, you refuse to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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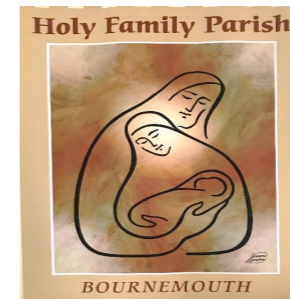
Remember your word to your servant O lord, which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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THE PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BOURNEMOUTH

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



You have probably seen the car stickers that say things like - "Insanity is hereditary: you get it from your children." That the capacity to drive others insane is something we're born with. The capacity for self-sacrifice, however, has to be acquired.

The capacity for self-sacrifice is the measure of authenticity in the Christian life. By contrast, the world around us encourages us to do what is contrary to the path that Christ asks us to walk. Instead of choosing self-sacrifice, we choose self-glorification and self-gratification. In contrast to Christ's path of self-sacrifice, we make sacrifices, but not of our selves. We sacrifice things to which we have no attachment, like the child on Ash Wednesday who proudly announces that he's giving up spinach and homework for Lent.

For sinners to grow in this capacity requires purification. For while it's true that each human being is conceived and born with free will, that free will is tempted from the start by selfishness. Any parent of a two-year-old can tell you that his favourite word is "No!", while his next favourite word is "Mine!" Unfortunately, self-will doesn't disappear on a child's third birthday. We human beings don't spontaneously become more selfless as we grow older. Instead, we learn social skills that help us mask our selfishness. Giving up our selfishness is something that comes only with difficulty. To accept a vocation in Christ is to recognize that my life is not "mine", but "His". To live a vocation in Christ is to say "Yes!" to God's Will for me. God our Father calls us to spend our earthly lives not like the first son in Jesus' parable: saying "No" to the father's will, and only later doing it. Nor does God will for us to be like the second, who's all talk and no follow-through. To call God our Father means to be a child who not only says "Yes" to Him, but also always puts the words that we mouth inside church into action during the week when we're outside church and in the world



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Dear Parishioners, Today is the Twenty Sixth Sunday in the Ordinary time.!

This week, 4th of October, on the Feast of St. Francis Assisi, the long awaited Synod on Synodality will start in Rome. It will be a day to remember in the history of the Church. There are 365 voting members apart from others acting as experts, facilitators, and spiritual assistants. Out of the voting members, 81 are women. We keep all of them in our prayers.

Thanks for last Sunday liturgy we celebrated for the Season of Creation;

A Prayer for the Season of Creation by Fiona Hutchings

In this season we give thanks for the beauty of Creation

We thank God for sunshine and rain For giving us crops to grow for food

Flowers to appreciate for their beauty or To give as gifts to brighten a day

For giving us trees to shade us in hot weather.

We thank God for our wonderful natural world For birds, wild and domestic animals Butterflies, bees, fish and farm animals; For slugs, and snails and wasps and gnats And all animal life that contributes to our ecosystem, For our loving pets who know us so well who depend on us for life and health.

In this season of Creation, we look around our world. And marvel at sunsets and sunrises, full moons

and starlit skies waves large and small. At rivers, woodland, and countryside.

We give thanks for the rainbow of colours that light up our days.

But most of all we give thanks for the miracle we see in the mirror.

What a wonderful unique creation each of us is!

There is no one like us. How amazing to have the gift of human life!

Creator God, Help us to notice and be grateful

Creator God, Help us to nourish your creation

Creator God, In my heart name my special natural space or animal or person

And I thank you from my heart I send waves of love

And gratitude to all Creation Amen

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

Reflection: *No one who goes to jail can be said to bear the total guilt for the crime. Past family upbringing and society also contribute to making a person what he is, but only to a certain extent. In fact, a free grown-up person is responsible for what he does. Judges, lawyers and psychologists wrangle with daily with the tension between the individual responsibility and collective guilt of the environment. Today's bible readings discuss this problem of man, the sinner related to God, his judge. We should be careful in judging others since we do not know how much a failing brother determined by the past; but knowing ourselves, we should be realistic and accept full responsibility for what we do and should do.* Fr. Chacko

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



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 30	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of The Twenty Sixth Sunday on Ordinary Time <i>St Jerome- Patron of Librarians</i>
Sun 1	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	Masses of The Twenty Sixth Sunday on Ordinary Time ANNUAL MASS COUNT
Mon 2	StB	6pm	Adoration followed by Mass at 6.30pm <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>
Tues 3			NOMASS
Wed 4			NO MASS <i>St Francis of Assisi - Patron of Ecologists</i>
Thur 5	CtK	9.30am	Mass <i>St Maria Faustina Kowalska</i>
Fri 6	CtK StB	9.30am 7pm	Mass followed by the Divine Chaplet <i>St Bruno</i> CAFOD FAST DAY
Sat 7	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of The Twenty Seventh Sunday on Ordinary Time <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>
Sun 8	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	Masses of The Twenty Seventh Sunday on Ordinary Time ANNUAL MASS COUNT

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St Bernadette's church celebrates it's 90th year!

The foundation stone was laid in September 1933 and was opened in January 1934.
Lets celebrate!!

If you would like to be part of the team to organise celebrations then please come to a meeting on Wednesday 11th October at StB Parish Room 7.15pm

Fireside Club Don't be lonely!

Make new friends in this amazing club held in the main hall at Pelhams Community Centre every Friday 1pm-3.30pm

Weekly entertainment, outings and refreshments - all for £2 All over 50's welcome!
For more information, phone Jacqueline (from StB) on 01202 951188



Family Fast Day appeal – Harvest Collection at Masses 7th/8th Oct

Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk
Please take an envelope this weekend and remember those who need us on CAFOD fast day— sacrifice a little to give those with nothing so much. Envelopes to be collected next weekend

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)
Places are limited for this FREE event so booking is essential. Email: caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

Don't forget to support Ben and Sophie with their run on 7th October raising money for Julia's House! You can donate to their JustGiving page
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/benjamin-dziduch-1694714812389?>
JustGiving sends your donation straight to Julia's House and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more.
Thank you for your support!

