

**First reading** Isaiah 35:4-7 ·

The blind shall see, the deaf hear, the dumb sing for joy Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

The Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God*

**Responsorial Psalm** My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

*My soul, give praise to the Lord.*

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.

*My soul, give praise to the Lord.*

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

*My soul, give praise to the Lord*

**Second reading** James 2:1-5 ·

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him

The Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God*

**Gospel Acclamation**

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

**Gospel** Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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

**THE ANGELUS**

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. R. Be it done to me according to thy word. Hail Mary. . .

V. And the Word was made flesh. R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary. . .

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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

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

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Jesus' activity as he goes around 'doing all things well' is the coming of God into the world, the Day of the Lord when the tongues of the dumb will sing for joy.

Jesus is the sacrament of God. In him God is active in the world, bringing peace, healing and joy. In him people met and experienced God. His gestures of putting his fingers into the man's ears and touching his tongue with spittle are affectionate ways of showing that God is physically at work in him. In a modern hygiene-conscious world such gestures might be frowned upon.

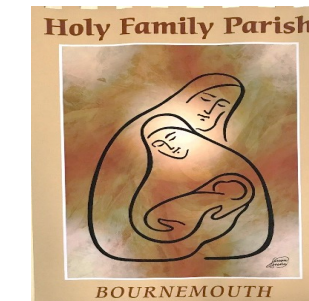
But if we are truly acting as the members of Christ's body in the world we cannot hold back, and from time to time will be involved physically and totally in helping others.

We too can bring Christ's healing in countless simple, but often costly and courageous, ways. *Universalis.com*

Speak Lord your servant is listening....

Let us be silent and offer ourselves to God to bring about His healing and joy to others..... he will show us the way.

We just need to listen and be courageous .....



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Dear Parishioners

Today is Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary time and it is EDUCATION SUNDAY. A day to thank God for the knowledge we do receive, and which should enhance our love and faith in God. It falls on the second Sunday of September (8 September, in 2024) just as the new academic year starts and is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 176 years ago in 1848. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead.

On Tuesday, this week, we have the funeral service of Neville Rogers. We do join the bereaved family of Rogers, and we fondly remember Vic and Barbara and Nevilles' children who are so much dedicated and committed to this parish. May his soul rest in peace.

On Tuesday, we also welcome Dave Wells to our Parish to give an inspiring talk on Parish. Please come along!

The Indonesians show their love for Pope as he makes his apostolic journey to Indonesia last week. Thousands gathered and waited for hours to show their excitement and love to Pope Francis

*REFLECTION: Jesus took the deaf-mute off alone, away from the crowd, put his fingers in the man's ears, and touched the mans tongue. Then He prayed.....At once the man was able to hear.....and he began to talk (Mk.7:33-35) Many awake each day not to the sound of an alarm on the table but to the whir of a vibrator under a pillow. Like the deaf-mute in the gospel, these people live in a silent world. For them turning on the radio is useless. Watching TV is a bland experience. Conversation is virtually impossible. But the plight of a physical deaf-mute is nothing compared to the plight of a spiritual deaf-mute, someone who can't hear God or talk to God in prayer. And all of us fall into this category at least at times in our lives. Spiritually we live in a silent world. Have I ever asked Jesus to take me off "away from the crowd" and heal me from my spiritual deafness and dumbness ?*  
Fr Chacko

**CHURCH COLLECTION and ATTENDANCE FIGURES**

	St Bernadette's	Saturday 31st August 2024	Collection £ 34.22	Attendance: 13
	Christ the King	Sunday 1st September 2024	Collection £ 29.81	Attendance: 36
	Christ the King	Sunday 1st September 2024	Collection £	Attendance:

Most parishioners pay by standing order. The figure for Standing Orders will be shown once received. Please, if you can, consider paying by standing order.

**Jubilee Year 2025** 'Hope' is the overarching theme of the upcoming Ordinary Jubilee of 2025, "May the Jubilee be a time to rediscover, proclaim and build Hope", says Pope Francis.

'SPES NON CONFUNDIT' (HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT).

Find out more: [www.jubilaeum2025.va/en.html](http://www.jubilaeum2025.va/en.html)



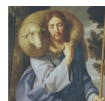
8 Sept Sunday	1 Maccabees 7
9 Sept Monday	2 Maccabees 8
10 Sept Tuesday	2 Maccabees 9
11 Sept Wednesday	2 Maccabees 10
12 Sept Thursday	2 Maccabees 11
13 Sept Friday	2 Maccabees 12
14 Sept Saturday	2 Maccabees 13

**PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION OF A BISHOP OF PLYMOUTH**

O God, eternal shepherd, grant in your boundless love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and show us watchful care.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever, Amen.

St Cuthbert Mayne, pray for us. St Boniface, pray for us



**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 take an envelope from the back of church and give to Fr Chacko.

**POPE'S INTENTIONS for September 2024**

**For the cry of the Earth**

Let us pray for the cry of the Earth; that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climate change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live

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DAY	church	TIME	CELEBRATION or FEAST DAY/ MEMORIAL
Sat 7	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary time <i>Mass Int: Mrs B Roskilly RIP</i>
Sun 8	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	Masses of Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary time <i>Mass Int: Michael J Burt RIP</i> <span style="float:right">EDUCATION DAY</span>
Mon 9	StB	6pm	Adoration at 6pm followed by Mass
Tues 10	CtK	9am 12pm	Adoration followed by Mass at 9.30am <span style="float:right">Feast of St Gregory the great –patron of musicians</span> Burial Mass of Neville Rogers RIP
Wed 11			NO MASS <span style="float:right">Memorial of St Cuthbert</span>
Thurs12	CtK	9.30am	Mass
Fri 13	CtK StB	9.30am 7pm	Mass followed by Chaplet of Divine Mercy HOLY HOUR
Sat 14	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time
Sun 15	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	Masses of Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time <span style="float:right">EVANGELII GAUDIUM DAY</span>

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM DAY—15th September** Mandatory Collection at weekend masses 14th/15th



**PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Dear Parishioners,  
Next week, **Tuesday 10th September**, will be our AGM, I hope you will be able to get along.

There will be a talk by the inspirational speaker David Wells (see <https://davidwellslive.com/>). This is part of our work to keep the Spirit of Mission alive and thriving in Holy Family Parish.

Please e-mail me at [saint.michael@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:saint.michael@hotmail.co.uk) to let me know if you are able to attend.

The AGM, where the members of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) are elected for the coming year, will take place in the Church Hall at St Bernadette's Church, Draycott Road. It will start at 7.00pm and aim to finish by 8.30pm.

Please come along not only to hear from David but it is an opportunity to hear what is happening in the Parish, ask questions from the PPC and share your ideas on your Parish.

Yours in Christ, Michael Stead  
Chair of the PPC



**Dorset Deanery Meeting** - Tuesday 10th September @ St Catherine's, Wimborne 10am—12pm  
All welcome—please come and join in the discussions

**\*\*\*\*\* PARISH QUIZ \*\*\*\*\***

Sat 4th - StB hall at 7.15pm £2 pp plus a raffle.. Bring your own drinks and nibbles plus plenty of laughter!  
Please let Mike know you are coming—if you have no team, we can make one! Mike 07519932238

**PARISH LITURGY MEETING** Monday 16th September @7.15pm at StB's

**A TRAINING DAY FOR ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION** Julia Beacroft from the Evangelisation & Catechesis Team of Plymouth Diocese will be offering this day for all ministers and also those interested in becoming one.

**Sat 5th Oct at 10.30am at St Catherine's.** The training day will consist of 3 modules of learning:

Module 1: The Body & Blood of Christ – Source & summit of the Catholic faith.

This module explores scriptural historical references, including the co-operation between God & humankind.

Module 2: A Way of Life. - Examines all practical aspects of ministering; at the altar & taking Holy Communion to the sick & housebound.

Module 3: An encounter with Jesus - What other service can Eucharistic Ministers provide?

Please come and join us whether you are a new or experienced Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Great training or refresher... All Welcome! No need to register—just come along!



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS**

Noel Harris, Sheila Shelley, Anna Browne, Margaret Simpson, Tony Bateman, Frances Smith, Jockeyne & Peter Cotrel, Margaret Place, Frances & Tony Herbert, The Carter family

