

LITURGICAL CALENDAR This week all masses are feria except: Tues 31: St John Bosco Thurs 2: The Presentation of the Lord

## FOURTH SUNDAY of Year A 29th January 2023



THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (on February 2nd) "commemorates the Jewish ritual in which a mother comes to the temple to be purified 40 days after giving birth to her child. Thus, Mary and Joseph come to the temple with Jesus for the prescribed purification.

Luke's gospel tells us that there in the temple the holy family met Simeon and Anna. Simeon, a man led by the Spirit, had been longing for the salvation promised by God. When he saw the holy family, he took the infant Jesus into his arms and prayed with fervour; he thanked God for the joy of meeting the long-awaited source of salvation for the whole world. He recognizes Jesus as both the glory of

Israel and the "light" to the Gentiles. Anna, too, similarly recognizes in the child Jesus a source of great joy because of the redemption that will come to the world because of him.

It strikes me that this feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple is a wonderful celebration for the liturgical period called Ordinary Time. In it Jesus is presented in all his ordinariness. He is an infant and his parents are poor and they meet ordinary folks in the Temple, Simeon and the prophetess Anna. Then, when they leave Jerusalem they return to Nazareth and Jesus continues the "hidden" life about which we know so little from the gospels. Only after a long 30 years does Jesus open the public dimension of his life. His public life is the familiar territory of the gospels: it includes inviting disciples to join in his work, a ministry in Galilee, and the long journey back to Jerusalem where he completes his life in the passion and death and, finally, the resurrection by the power of his Father.

But for now his life is quite ordinary and hidden. The hidden life of Jesus is more than just preparation for his public life. In the hidden life we discover how Jesus fully enters into our ordinary human life. Most of our lives are ordinary; and so the hidden life of Jesus is instructive for us.

Jesus teaches us above all that the extraordinary is found in the ordinary. His was indeed an extraordinary life from beginning to end. It was extraordinary precisely because of his faithfulness to the ordinary occurrences and events of life. **Lord**, let me see that you are found in the ordinary, everyday events of my life. Let me consider my everyday life with its joys and sorrows as crucially important because that is where I experience your life-giving presence. Help me to be thankful for the lessons that you teach through your "hidden" life and your faithfulness to the ordinary." **Amen.** By Tom Shanahan, S.J. From https://dspace2.creighton.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/10504/51438/020205.html?sequence=2&isAllowed=y

<u>LENT IS COMING:</u> Ash Wednesday is 22nd February there will be mass at 10am and an evening service at 7.00pm. *(not 7.30pm as previously stated)* 



<u>STATIONS OF THE CROSS - CAN YOU HELP?</u> During Lent, on Fridays, we would like lay volunteers to help with leading the Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm, so please hand in your name and dates you can do (24th Feb to April 7th - Good Friday (inc)) to the Parish Office.

STATIONS of the CROSS On Fridays in Lent there will be mass at 7.30pm after Stations.



**MARGARET BOWERY RIP** There will be a funeral Mass for Margaret tomorrow, Monday 30th January, at 10.00am Mass. *May she Rest in Peace.* 

<u>RICHARD TISSOT RIP</u> There will be a funeral Mass for Richard at 11.30am on Wednesday 8th February. *May he Rest in Peace.* 

**STEPHEN FOLEY RIP** There will be a Funeral mass service for Stephen on Thursday 9th February at 10.00am Mass. *May he Rest in Peace.* 

ACI FAMILY (Links of Love) Meeting Monday 30th January at 11.00am approx. in the Memorial Room at Corpus Christi Church. Sr Noella ACI will be present. A funeral mass is at 10.00am for Margaret Bowery, well known to the Sisters and the ACI Family followed by a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament prior to our meeting. The ACI Family is a lay community affiliated to the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. More information from .Io Henwood. Email : josephinehenwood@virginmedia.com

SVP The SVP attempt to create a warm room has not been successful. The numbers coming over the five weeks have been very small indeed and it does not make sense to continue with the idea. We will look to commence the afternoon gatherings again as the weather gets warmer. SVP



INTERNATIONAL CARE NETWORK are looking for donations of Men's clothing. "We are currently collecting men's clothing donations for asylum seekers and refugees in our local area who are in need. We are in search of: Shoes/Sandals; Tracksuits/Pants; Underwear/socks; Winter clothing (Hats/Beanies/Gloves/ Scarfs); Jackets/Jumpers/Sweaters.

If you have any of the above (in good or reasonable condition) please drop off at the ICN office at 200 Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AS, between 9.15-16.30 Monday-Friday. Donations all need to be freshly washed, unless brand new. Underwear and socks must be new and unused. We are so grateful for the support shown by this community to us and those we serve!" If you are unable to take your donation there, please contact Kevin on 01202 429034, who may be able to help.

SEEKING UKRAINIAN SPONSOR "Would you be able to sponsor (provide a home) for a lady who has spent much time getting refugees out of the Ukraine but who, with her partner, now needs to flee the war? If so please contact Kevin Flynn on 01202 429034, who would be happy to pass on any kind offers.



RECRUITING NOW "Shore Harmonix" Come and join our intermediate mixed adult vocal group Singing a wide range of styles, With an opportunity for solo and duet performances Suited for those looking for a new musical challenge for 2023 No audition required but you must be able to hold a tune. Tuesdays 7pm-9pm £14 per month. First 2 weeks FREE. In Corpus Christi Parish Centre. For more information Call Debs (musical Director) 07999 338562 Email debra.ozanne@hotmail.co.uk Look forward to seeing you.

UNIVERSITY MUSIC CONCERT. On Saturday 18th February at 7.30pm, University Music's Orchestra and Choirs will present a concert of reflective music in Christchurch Priory including Durufle's Requiem and Allegri's Miserere. Tickets from £12 available from the Priory website or at the door. Please join us.

VACANCY FOR MUSIC TEAM LEADER, WINCHESTER Part time: 21 hours per week, including weekends and major feasts (for Masses). 18 months, fixed term contract. Competitive salary. For a full job description and person specification, plus details of how to apply, please contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk To request an informal discussion about the role, please contact the Parish Office by Email: office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk, or by Telephone: 01962 852804 Closing date : Thursday 16th February 2023, 12 Noon Interview date tbc.

**VOCATIONS:** "Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters..." We are all called to bear witness to Christ in our lives. Could you be called to do so as a priest, deacon, or consecrated religious? Contact Cn. John Cooke on vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

**INTENTION:** For those called to service for the Lord as priests, sisters and brothers, that they will be encouraged to follow the Lord and faithful to His choice of them, we pray to the Lord.

FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS are at Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. Gifts may be dropped off in the church porch. Also Friday mornings collections - 10.30-11.30am, at side entrance to the Parish Hall, in St James's Square. Thank you for all your generous contributions to those in need.

**Quote for the week:** "People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centred. *Forgive them anyway*.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you. Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight. Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow. Do good anvwav.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God. It was never between you and them anyway."

~~Mother Teresa~~

TO SET UP A STANDING ORDER (Can be Gift Aided) Go to your bank: You will need the parish 🖬 business bank details, which are: CDP BOURNEMOUTH CORPUS CHRISTI Sort code 30-93-04. Parish Account number: 01786041 Or donate online website: at our http://www.corpuschristiboscombe.org.uk/ or on our Facebook page or to donate via Give As You Live, click on the QR CODE

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