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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th February 2026

You are the Light of the World

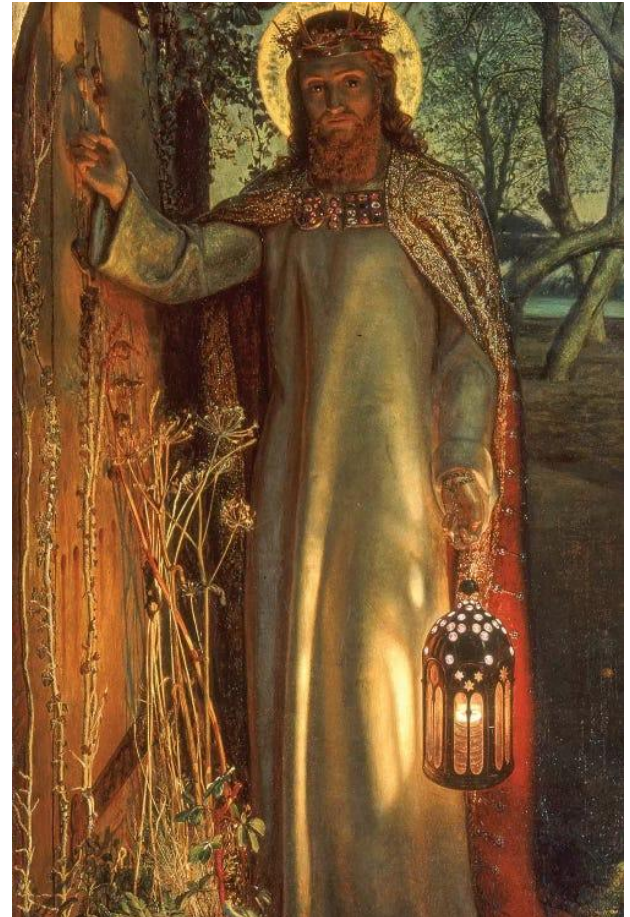
Mass Times

Sat 7th	Feria	
	12.00	Maria Martinez Perez+
Sun 8th	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9.30	Grace Warr+
	11.00	People of the Parish
Mon 9th	Feria	
	10.00	Tony Burgess+
Tue 10th	St Scholastica	
	10.00	Eva, Winifred & Eileen Feddis
Wed 11th	Our Lady of Lourdes	
	10.00	Thanksgivings for blessings received (Davies)
Thu 12th	Feria	
	No Mass	
Fri 13th	Feria	
	10.00	Michael Donlevy+
Sat 14th	SS Cyril & Methodius	
	12.00	Les Clark+
Sun 15th	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	9.30	People of the Parish
	11.00	Michael & Kathleen Danico+

Tea & Coffee in the Parish Hallafter Sunday masses
Children's Liturgy (Sign in required)..... Sunday 9.30
Holy Hourafter Wednesday morning mass
Confessions.....during Holy Hour Wednesday & at call
Choir Practice..... 18.00 Monday in Church
PsalterWeek 2
Sunday Readings: Year A
Weekday Readings: Year 2
Baptisms.....Contact the Deacon
Marriages:Contact the Parish Priest
Mother's Prayer Group..... 2nd & 4th Fridays 10.30
Rosary Group.....Fridays 10.30 when no Mother's Prayers
Friendship Club 14.00 Fridays
Safeguarding & Data Protection Officer
..... Mary Basing 07969 120264

Cycle of Prayer: Ordinary Time: Winter

Peace on Earth, Racial Justice, Christian Unity,
Victims of Human Trafficking, The Sick and those
who care for them, The Unemployed



The Light of the World William Holman Hunt 1851-3

In today's passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus calls us—His followers—to be **salt** and **light** in a world that can often feel bland and dark. Salt preserves, enhances flavour, and brings out the best in what it touches. As the 'salt of the earth,' we preserve goodness, combat moral decay, and add the flavour of Christ's love to everyday life through kindness, integrity, and compassion.

Light illuminates, guides, and reveals truth. As the 'light of the world,' we reflect Jesus, the true Light, by living visibly faithful lives. We don't hide our faith under a basket—we let it shine through good deeds, so others see God's presence and give glory to Him.

Jesus warns that salt can lose its taste if diluted or compromised. Likewise, if we conform to the world instead of transforming it, our witness weakens. But when we stay close to Christ through prayer, sacraments, and charity, our saltiness and brightness remain strong.



Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

We will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick at mass on 11th February, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is World Day of Prayer for the Sick and so it is a most appropriate day to receive this special sacrament.

**In the evening of life,
we will be judged on love**

St. John of the Cross

Support Your Parish

Contactless payments can be made by the machine in the Church. Cheques should be payable to 'CDP Bournemouth Our Lady of Peace'. For Standing Orders go the parish website for the form or inform your bank of our details: 30-93-04 00875180. Donations can be made online or through the parish website.

Marriage in 2026

If you are considering getting married in 2026 it is important that you contact Father Alex so that the preparation process can be started in good time. Six months' notice is normally required.

First Communion



We recently had a meeting for parents and children who wish to make their First Communion in 2026. Classes commence on Sunday 15th March after the 9.30 mass.

The other dates for classes are: 22nd March, 19th & 26th April, 10th & 17th May. The rehearsal will be on Friday 5th June with the First Communion itself on Saturday 6th June at 12.00. To register interest contact Angie on fhcteam.olqp@gmail.com.

**If you can find a path with no obstacles,
it probably doesn't lead anywhere**



Mardi Gras Masked Ball Dinner Dance

After the huge success of this event two years ago, it's back again and it's going to be even better than before! The Masked Ball will take place on Saturday 28th February 2026 in the Parish Hall from 19.00 - 22.30. Join us for an incredible evening of musical genius with James Stead. What a treat for everyone to have James come and entertain us. A long dress for the ladies and black tie for the gents please, plus a mask which is a MUST! Tickets £15 per person. More details to follow. Please contact Nicola for info on 07966 222463

St Josephine Bakhita



St Josephine Bakhita, whose feast day is this Sunday, was born in 1869 in Sudan, she was kidnapped by slave traders at the age of seven. She was sold and resold into slavery five different times and was tortured by her various owners. As a result, for the rest of her life she bore 144 physical scars on her body.

Despite not knowing Christ or the redemptive nature of suffering, she bore her pain valiantly. Eventually she was purchased by the Italian consul, who later gave her to a friend who brought her to Italy. This was the first time she was not mistreated. While she was with the family, she was given a gift of a small silver crucifix. She would later say that looking at the Crucified Christ she felt something she could not explain. In 1888, Josephine and the daughter of the family were sent for a time to be guests at an institute run by the Canossian Sisters in Venice. There she began her journey of faith.

Soon after she was baptised and took the name Josephine Margaret. Desiring to dedicate her life to God, she won a legal battle to remain in Italy and entered the Convent in 1896. She dedicated the rest of her life to assisting her community and teaching others to love God, and she died on 8th February 1947. St Josephine was beatified in 1992 and canonized in 2000 by St John Paul II. She is the first person to be canonized from Sudan and is the patron saint of the country as well as the patron saint of all victims of human trafficking.

**When the sea was calm all ships alike
showed mastership in floating**

Shakespeare

Recent Collections

Standing Orders £408, Sunday £333 with thanks.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Readers: 9.30 E Taylor, S Crump 11.00 B Nanovo, H Gardiner **Ministers:** 9.30 S McCaffrey 11.00 V Rochford **n/w Readers:** 9.30 T McCaffrey, L Pritchard 11.00 B Nanovo, H Gardiner

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Forthcoming Dates

Ash Wednesday 18th February
Mardi Gras 28th February
Easter Sunday 5th April

The Catholic Women's League and The Knights of St Columba meet monthly: CWL first Monday at 1:45pm, KSC second Tuesday at 2:30pm. Please contact the office for further information.

See the porch notice board for details of Catholic Jobs and community events.