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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd August 2026

They all ate and were satisfied

Mass Times

Sat 1st	St Alphonsus Ligouri	12.00	
Sun 2nd	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30	Anthony Aga-in+
		11.00	People of the Parish
Mon 3rd	Feria	11.00	Those suffering from mental illness
Tue 4th	St John Vianney	10.00	Ill members of the McDonald family
Wed 5th	Feria	10.00	
Thu 6th	Transfiguration of the Lord		No Mass
Fri 7th	Feria	10.00	CWL
Sat 8th	St Dominic	12.00	Adrian Tabor+
Sun 9th	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30	
		11.00	People of the Parish

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
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 GroupFridays 10.30 when no Mother's Prayers
Friendship Club 14.00 Fridays
Safeguarding & Data Protection Officer
..... Mary Basing 07969 120264

Cycle of Prayer: Summer

A Deeper Understanding between Christians and
Jews, Those who suffer Persecution, Oppression,
and Denial of Human Rights, Europe, Human Life,
Seafarers



The Boss from the Lantern, Ely Cathedral, 1340

This week's Gospel invites us to reflect on how God meets us in our deepest needs, not only with words of comfort, but with real care. In the story of the loaves and fishes, we see a God who does not stand distant from human hunger, but who draws near, takes what we offer, and transforms it into abundance. For Catholics, this miracle points forward to the Eucharist, where Christ again takes bread, gives thanks, breaks it, and gives it to his disciples. In every Mass, we are invited to bring our 'five loaves and two fish'—our time, talents, struggles, and joys—and trust that Christ can multiply them for the good of us all.

Jesus' instruction to the disciples 'You give them something to eat' is not only a challenge to their faith, but also a call to active participation. God does not work alone; he invites us to be instruments of his providence. When we share what we have, however small it may seem, we become part of that wonderful miracle.

In a world often marked by inequality, anxiety, and the fear of not having enough, this Gospel is counter intuitive. It reminds us that God's economy is not one of scarcity, but of superabundance. Even when resources seem insufficient, faith opens the way for God's grace to overflow. As a community, are we willing to bring our gifts to Christ, trusting him to bless and multiply them? Let us pray for the grace to see our lives, our work, relationships, and service, as loaves and fishes placed in the hands of Jesus, ready to be transformed for the hunger of the world.

Father Alex's Departure

As you already know Father Alex will be moving on at the beginning of September and he will be replaced by a diocesan priest, Father Inna Gade from Guernsey. Father Inna has spent some time in the past here at Our Lady, Queen of Peace so he will be already known to many parishioners. Please give him a warm welcome. As with Father Alex, he will be the Priest in Charge and the Canonical Paish Priest will be Canon John Nelson at Boscombe.

**Worry is like a rocking chair ...
it gives you something to do
but it doesn't get you anywhere**

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 through the parish website.

Hospital Contacts

Royal Bournemouth Hospital & Christchurch Hospital Chaplaincy call 0300 019 4221 (Catholic Mass 1st Wed of month at 18.00) Poole Hospital Chaplaincy call: 0300 019 2167 (Catholic Mass Thurs 18.30).

Daily Mass

One of the wonderful things to note over the last eighteen months is the increase in the number of daily mass goers. It was about 12-15 but is now from 15-20 most days, sometimes up to 30. This is a real sign of the spiritual health of the parish. If going to mass on a weekday is not something you usually do, then why not think of coming to morning mass on the odd occasion. Those who do attend find that it greatly enhances their spiritual life.

**The first sign of a nervous breakdown is when you
start thinking
your work is terribly important**

Job Vacancy

St Peter's School are looking for a part-time administration assistant to work alongside the School Chaplain. 18 hours a week; term time only. Details at www.st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk Closing date 8am 3rd Sept.

Caritas Portsmouth

Caritas Portsmouth is the Diocesan social action team helping people to share the love and mercy of God. It helps parishes with their own projects supporting the vulnerable, addressing issues such as poverty, homelessness, isolation, domestic abuse, modern slavery, migrants and refugees in accordance with Catholic social teaching. See: portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/caritas.

Cancer Research

Angela Clarke's son, Chester is cycling from John O'Groats to Lands End for Cancer Research, in support of his wife who is undergoing treatment, and has set up a Just Giving page for it.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/chester-clarke-5?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=WA&utm_campaign=FR-heroes_FRPo_heroboard-intro_uk



Feast of the Assumption

The Feast of the Assumption always falls on 15th August which this year is a Saturday. The bishops have therefore transferred the feast to the Sunday, 16th August. This great feast commemorates Mary's bodily assumption into heaven at the end of her earthly life.

March for Life

The March for Life takes place in London on Saturday 5th September 2026. The Bournemouth Oratory has arranged a coach for this year's March for Life. It leaves St Joseph's Branksome at 6.45am, and the Oratory at 7am, and departs from London at 5pm. Places are limited to 37, so please secure your seat asap by paying £24 per person to the Oratory Parish Office.

Always Remember

Always remember to forget
The things that made you sad
But never forget to remember
The things that made you glad.
Always remember to forget
The friends that proved untrue.
But don't forget to remember
Those that have stuck by you.
Always remember to forget
The troubles that have passed away.
But never forget to remember
The blessings that come each day.

**Where you start is not as important
as where you finish**

Going to University this Autumn?



Each University and Institute of Higher Education in the country has its own dedicated Catholic Chaplain based either in the University or in a local parish. Masses each week are designed to meet the needs of the students.

The Catholic Chaplaincy is a place for you to explore your faith, to meet people with similar interests from a great range of backgrounds, and to get involved in activities and social outreach. If you already have a strong faith, this is a chance to deepen it. If you are full of questions and doubts, this is a chance to share them and search for some honest answers about life and faith. Everyone is welcome.

Recent Collections

Standing Orders £410, Sunday £459, Contactless: 99.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Readers: 9.30 & 11.00 Please see rota **Ministers:** 9.30 D Rogers 11.00 V Rochford **n/w Readers:** 9.30 & 11.00 Please see rota **n/w Ministers:** 9.30 M Smith 11.00 H Gardiner