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Iford Parish ✠ Bournemouth ADMA ✠ Bournemouth LMS ✠ Bournemouth OLW ✠ Bournemouth SPUC

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2026 ✠ SUNDAY CYCLE A ✠ WEEKDAY CYCLE II

§ EVENT DATE TIME § TYPE Legend VOE:Vetus Ordo English (Anglican Use/Ordinariate) | VOL: Vetus Ordo Latin (Traditional Latin)

Sat 1 Aug '26 16.30: Baptismal Rite ✠ Chloe Amelia Marie Coulter, Daisy Mabel Kerry Coulter, Milly Georgia Reilly Coulter
17.00: Devotion ✠ Bournemouth ADMA Chapter First Saturday Reparation
18.00: Sunday Mass Vigil ✠ ORDINARY TIME XVIII ✠ MI Ray Gallet (RIP d 4 Aug 2021)
Sun 2 Aug '26 09.30: Sunday Mass ✠ ORDINARY TIME XVIII ✠ Hymns:C37,C355; Setting:Clavinova ✠ MI Frank m Magdalen Andrews (FM)
11.00: VOE Sunday Mass ✠ TRINITY IX ≡ ORDINARY TIME XVIII ✠ Hymns:C37,C355; Setting:MariaMagdalena ✠ MI Pro populo
12.30: VOL Sunday Mass ✠ PENTECOST X ≡ Dominica X Post Pentecosten
Wed 5 Aug '26 18.00: Hospital Mass ✠ Ord Time XVIII:Wed ✠ → Royal Bournemouth Hospital
Thu 6 Aug '26 16.30: Funeral Vigil ✠ Linda Sprague (d 28 Jun 2026)
Fri 7 Aug '26 12.00: Requiem Mass ✠ Ord Time XVIII:Fri ✠ Linda Sprague (d 28 Jun 2026)
13.30: Burial Rite ✠ Linda Sprague (d 28 Jun 2026) ✠ → Christchurch Cemetery
Sat 8 Aug '26 18.00: Sunday Mass Vigil ✠ ORDINARY TIME XIX ✠ MI Laura Lafferty (d 14 Apr 2017)
Sun 9 Aug '26 09.30: Sunday Mass ✠ ORDINARY TIME XIX ✠ MI Kevin Burnham (d 11 Aug 2020)
11.00: VOE Sunday Mass ✠ TRINITY X ≡ ORDINARY TIME XIX ✠ MI Pro populo
12.30: VOL Sunday Mass ✠ PENTECOST XI ≡ Dominica XI Post Pentecosten
Sat 15 Aug '26 18.00: Sunday Mass Vigil ✠ ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY ✠ MI Ken Poole (d 12 Aug 2018)
Sun 16 Aug '26 09.30: Sunday Mass ✠ ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY ✠ MI Pro populo
12.30: VOL Sunday Mass ✠ ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY ≡ In Assumptione Beatæ Mariæ Virginis
Fri 21 Aug '26 00.00: Meeting ✠ Bournemouth SPUC Branch
Sat 22 Aug '26 18.00: Sunday Mass Vigil ✠ ORDINARY TIME XXI ✠ MI Daphne Bennet (d 15 Aug 2024)
Sun 23 Aug '26 09.30: Baptismal Rite ✠ Luca Woods
09.30: Sunday Mass ✠ ORDINARY TIME XXI ✠ MI Pro populo
11.00: VOE Sunday Mass ✠ TRINITY XII ✠ MI David m Jo Cassidy (FM 2010/2015)
12.30: VOL Sunday Mass ✠ PENTECOST XIII ≡ Dominica XIII Post Pentecosten
Fri 28 Aug '26 17.30: Meeting ✠ Bournemouth ADMA Chapter with Rosary & Litany of Loreto
18.30: Weekday Mass ✠ St Augustine of Hippo, Bishop, Doctor ✠ Bournemouth ADMA Chapter Mass
Sat 29 Aug '26 18.00: Sunday Mass Vigil ✠ ORDINARY TIME XXII ✠ MI Paddy m Merville Pidgeon (RIP 2003/2018)
Sun 30 Aug '26 09.30: Sunday Mass ✠ ORDINARY TIME XXII ✠ MI Pro populo
11.00: VOE Sunday Mass ✠ TRINITY XIII ✠ MI Ralph m Barbara Anthony (FM 2017/2009)
12.30: VOL Sunday Mass ✠ PENTECOST XIV ≡ Dominica XIV Post Pentecosten
Tue 1 Sep '26 19.30: Parochial Meeting ✠ Pastoral Council ✠ → Meeting Link

§ NOTICE ITEM § DESCRIPTION

STM Iford Parish •WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES ON WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS ARE CANCELLED IN AUGUST.
•New Mass Books: Please consider sponsoring one or more at £6 each. Donation cards are on the Font Table.
•Small Group: "How To Pray" (Sycamore Series). Mon 19.00 (monthly). RSVP: Claire Riche-Gallet 01202 423431
•Confessions: Sat 17.30; Masses in Modern English: Sat 18.00 & Sun 09.30; Fri 09.30; Holydays 18.30
•Housekeeping & Pet Care by parishioner Alana Morris. Details: 07907 066 989|domestic-goddess.co.uk/
•FIRE EXITS: In case of a fire/drill, the assembly point is on the pavement on the corner over the road.
Bournemouth ADMA •Chapter Prayer Meeting & Mass: 4th Fri 17.30 & 18.30. Reparations to Our Lady of Fatima: 1st Sat 17.00
B'mouth LMS •Masses in Traditional Latin (Extraordinary/Tridentine Form): Sun 12.30; Holydays 17.00
B'mouth OLW •Masses in Traditional English (Anglican/Ordinariate Use): Sun 11.00, Wed 09.30, Holydays 09.30
•POOLW YouTube Channel (usually) with weekly podcasts on the Sunday Propers: youtube.com/@OLWOrdinariate
B'mouth SPUC •Branch Meeting: 3rd Fri 19.30. SPUC defends our created human nature against Moral Nihilism. |spuc.tv/
B'mouth Xchurch PA •YOUTH MASS @ Corpus Christi Boscombe: First Sundays at 17.00 followed by refreshments. All welcome.

§ FINANCE ITEM § DESCRIPTION

Parish Bank Account: CDP Bournemouth St. Thomas More; sort code 30-93-04; a/c 00875415
July Offering: StOrders ✢ Envelopes ✢ Cash ✢ Total ✢ WeeklyAverage
£1,114.44 ✢ £228.00 ✢ £272.42 ✢ £1,614.86 ✢ £404.00

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Hospitals: UHD NHS Chaplaincy Team: Bournemouth & Christchurch 0300 019 4221 ✢ Poole 0300 019 2167
Pastoral Area: BCPA (comprising Bournemouth & Christchurch) website: bccatholics.uk

Sunday after next https://www.theliturgyproject.com/sunday-next
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
August 9, 2026

Commentary
Deacon Andrew Collins
I am lucky enough to live on the coast. One of the things I love most is my daily drive along the seafront, seeing the Solent both on the days when the sky is blue and the water calm, with barely a ripple to be seen, is the stillness, but more especially on those days when the wind is raging, the white capped waves hurtling across to the beach, before the waves crash against the shoreline. It is a truly awe-inspiring vision of the power of nature.

In our readings today, we find Elijah and the disciples encountering God during or after stormy encounters. Their experience of God's presence, like our own, can be a dramatically impressive one, or one found in the stillness, a moment of utter quietness. It is never something which is under our own control, because it is always God's initiative which drives these encounters, often when we have lost control of our lives and when our defences are at their weakest, when we are most aware of how frail our own nature is. It is in these moments that we feel God's touch most keenly.

In our first reading, Elijah is on the run. He is in fear of his life after Jezebel, the vengeful wife of King Ahab, vows to kill him as he has done to the priests of Ba'al. Reversing the path taken by the Israelites on their journey from Egypt, after40 days and nights, he arrives at Horeb, the Holy Mountain where the covenant had been signed. Here, he witnesses a great display of nature's forces, signs in the old Testament of God's self-manifestation. Not here, however. God is not present in these wonders, but in the silence which follows, Elijah leaves his place in the rocks and goes to his encounter with God.

In our Gospel reading, the disciples encounter with God takes place in much harsher conditions. They are battling against a headwind, storm-tossed seas, which despite their experience as fishermen, they struggle to maintain control. Jesus comes to them across the water, having spent the night in prayer. They are terrified before Jesus calls to them. Peter, impulsive as ever, heads out across the water to meet with Jesus, before succumbing to doubt as he felt the force of the wind. Here, he stands for all the disciples in Jesus' rebuke. "O you of little faith, why did you doubt."

This story has a deep resonance for us all. In our own storms as we pass through life. In obedience to Christ, we leave our own boat in a concrete venture of obedience, going beyond our own limitations and experience both our own failures and the Lord's support. We can read here, how we can exceed our limitations in faith while in the midst of despair, fear, misfortune, suffering and guilt. What helps us is the light from the other shore, Christ, the light that shines out in the darkness, drawing us to himself across these stormy seas and rocks of this world, to his loving arms.

Liturgy notes
Sr Veronica Brennan
This week we discover how quietly and simply the Lord can appear in our lives. In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah the Lord appears in a whisper rather than in a mighty manifestation as one often expects.

This Sunday's Gospel speaks to us about the Christian Ministry which emerges from a deep faith and trust in the Lord.

Perhaps we are being asked this week to reflect on the quiet and simple moments in our lives and how we can in such stillness be ready to listen to his call for each one of us.

Take sometime each day this week to be alone even for a few minutes during a busy day. Take time to be alone with the Lord to be ready to listen to his call for you. Take heed of the words of Jesus to the disciples during the storm:

"Take courage. It is I, do not be afraid!"

Mother Teresa, renowned for her selfless service to the poor, experienced a prolonged sense of spiritual darkness and felt the absence of God for much of her ministry. Her private letters, published posthumously, revealed this struggle, which she described as a "dark night of the soul." You might like to read this article online:

https://ewtn.co.uk/article-mother-teresas-spiritual-darkness-was-not-depression-or-loss-of-faith-scholar-explains/

Some questions to ask ourselves:

Do we rely totally on God and sense his presence in those simple moments of life?

Do I find him in the kind words of another, a peaceful inner thought, in personal silent prayer?

Where are the storms in my life? It may be anxiety over the future the loss of someone close uncertainty in our troubled world?

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