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

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 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 5 Sep '26 17.00: Devotion ✠ Bournemouth ADMA Chapter First Saturday Reparation
18.00: Sunday Mass Vigil ✠ ORDINARY TIME XXIII ✠ MI Philomena Power (d 3 Sep 2014)
Sun 6 Sep '26 09.30: Sunday Mass ✠ ORDINARY TIME XXIII ✠ MI Pro populo
11.00: VOE Sunday Mass ✠ TRINITY XIV ≡ ORDINARY TIME XXIII ✠ MI Ralph m Barbara Anthony (FM 2017/2009)
12.30: VOL Sunday Mass ✠ PENTECOST XV ≡ Dominica XV Post Pentecosten
Wed 9 Sep '26 09.30: VOE Weekday Mass ✠ Trinitytide XIV:Wed ✠ MI Frederick m Edwidge Rising (FM 2011/2023)
Fri 11 Sep '26 09.30: Weekday Mass ✠ Ord Time XXIII:Fri ✠ MI Anthony Andrews (FM d 24 Sep 1992)
Sat 12 Sep '26 18.00: Sunday Mass Vigil ✠ ORDINARY TIME XXIV
Sun 13 Sep '26 09.30: Sunday Mass ✠ ORDINARY TIME XXIV
11.00: VOE Sunday Mass ✠ TRINITY XV ≡ ORDINARY TIME XXIV
12.30: VOL Sunday Mass ✠ PENTECOST XVI ≡ Dominica XVI Post Pentecosten
Wed 16 Sep '26 09.30: VOE Weekday Mass ✠ Ss Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Fri 18 Sep '26 09.30: Weekday Mass ✠ Ord Time XXIV:Fri
Fri 18 Sep '26 13.00: Meeting ✠ BCPA Clergy ✠ → Our Lady Queen of Peace and Bl Margaret Pole Southbourne RC Church
19.30: Meeting ✠ Bournemouth SPUC Branch
Sat 19 Sep '26 18.00: Sunday Mass Vigil ✠ ORDINARY TIME XXV ✠ MI George m Daisie Cox (RIP)
Sun 20 Sep '26 09.30: Sunday Mass ✠ ORDINARY TIME XXV
11.00: VOE Patronal Mass ✠ Our Lady of Walsingham
12.30: VOL Sunday Mass ✠ PENTECOST XVII ≡ Dominica XVII Post Pentecosten
Wed 23 Sep '26 09.30: VOE Weekday Mass ✠ St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Fri 25 Sep '26 09.30: Weekday Mass ✠ Ord Time XXV:Fri
17.30: Meeting ✠ Bournemouth ADMA Chapter with Rosary & Litany of Loreto
18.30: Weekday Mass ✠ Ord Time XXV:Fri ✠ Bournemouth ADMA Chapter Mass
Sat 26 Sep '26 18.00: Sunday Mass Vigil ✠ ORDINARY TIME XXVI ✠ MI Charles m Renee Sheath (RIP 2001/2001)
Sun 27 Sep '26 09.30: Sunday Mass ✠ ORDINARY TIME XXVI ✠ MI John McCann (d 30 Sep 2018)
11.00: VOE Sunday Mass ✠ TRINITY XVII ≡ ORDINARY TIME XXVI
12.30: VOL Sunday Mass ✠ PENTECOST XVIII ≡ Dominica XVIII Post Pentecosten
Tue 29 Sep '26 19.00: Meeting ✠ Bishop Philip to BCPA ✠ → Annunciation Charminster RC Church
Wed 30 Sep '26 09.30: VOE Weekday Mass ✠ St Jerome, Priest, Doctor
Fri 2 Oct '26 09.30: Weekday Mass ✠ Holy Guardian Angels
Sat 3 Oct '26 17.00: Devotion ✠ Bournemouth ADMA Chapter First Saturday Reparation
18.00: Sunday Mass Vigil ✠ ORDINARY TIME XXVII
Sun 4 Oct '26 09.30: Sunday Mass ✠ ORDINARY TIME XXVII ✠ MI Jim m Rosie Farrow (RIP 2018/2025)
11.00: VOE Sunday Mass ✠ TRINITY XVIII ≡ ORDINARY TIME XXVII
12.30: VOL Sunday Mass ✠ PENTECOST XIX ≡ Dominica XIX Post Pentecosten

§ NOTICE ITEM § DESCRIPTION

STM Iford Parish •ADVANCE NOTICE: FR DARRYL & LISA MOVING TO WATERSIDE PARISH OF HOLBURY AND HYTHE IN ADVENT.
•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.

St Peter's Schools •Part-time Chaplaincy Admin needed, 18hrs/week (term time); apply by Thu 3 Sep 08.00.
Details: st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk (s.v. 'school information...staff vacancies').

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 X'church PA •NEW: Alpha Course Taster Evening: Tue next 15 Sep 17.30-19.15, St Joseph & IC Christchurch. All welcome.
•Youth Mass: 1st Sun 17.00 followed by refreshments, Corpus Christi Boscombe. All welcome.

§ FINANCE ITEM § DESCRIPTION

Parish Bank Account: CDP Bournemouth St. Thomas More; sort code 30-93-04; a/c 00875415
13 Sep 2nd Collection: Catholic Education Service: Amount TBD.
August Offering: StOrders ✢ Envelopes ✢ Cash ✢ Total ✢ WeeklyAverage
£1,114.44 ✢ £278.50 ✢ £285.00 ✢ £1,677.94 ✢ £436.00

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Pastoral Area: BCPA (comprising Bournemouth & Christchurch) website: bccatholics.uk

Sunday after next ***https://www.theliturgyproject.com/sunday-next***
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) September 13, 2026

Commentary
Fr Tom Kleinschmidt

Today the Word of God speaks to us about something very beautiful, very difficult, and very necessary: forgiveness.

Sirach says, "Resentment and anger, these are foul things." Why? Because resentment poisons the heart. It is like carrying a bag of stones everywhere we go. We take it to work, to Mass, to bed, to family gatherings, even on holiday. And after a while we wonder why we are tired! Sometimes we are not exhausted by life itself, but by the bitterness we have chosen to carry.

In the Gospel, Peter asks Jesus, "Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?" Peter probably thought he was being generous. Seven times sounds quite impressive. Most of us feel heroic if we forgive someone twice, especially if they have annoyed us in the parish car park! But Jesus says, "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times." In other words, do not keep score.

Then Jesus tells the parable of the servant who owed an impossible debt. He could never repay it. Yet the king cancels everything. That is us before God. We stand before the Lord with a debt of sin, weakness, failure and selfishness that we could never repay by our own strength. And God, in His mercy, says: "I forgive you. Begin again." God is not reluctant to forgive us. He is not standing in heaven with folded arms, waiting to catch us out. He is the Father of mercy. He wants to forgive. He delights in mercy.

But Jesus is very clear: the mercy we receive must become the mercy we share. The forgiven servant refuses to forgive someone who owes him a tiny amount. That is the warning. We cannot come before God asking for oceans of mercy, and then hand others a teaspoon of mercy. We cannot ask God to open His Heart to us, while we keep our hearts locked against another person.

This does not mean forgiveness is easy. It does not mean pretending the hurt did not happen. It does not mean saying that injustice does not matter. Forgiveness is not the same as excusing, forgetting, or allowing someone to keep harming us. Sometimes boundaries are needed. Sometimes justice is needed. But forgiveness means I refuse to let hatred rule my heart. I refuse to let the wound become my identity. I place the person who hurt me into the hands of God.

We have seen powerful examples of this. Pope St John Paul II, after being shot in St Peter's Square, went to prison to meet the man who tried to kill him and forgave him. Brandt Jean, whose brother Botham was killed in Dallas, publicly forgave the woman responsible and embraced her in court. Immaculée Ilibagiza, who survived the Rwandan genocide and lost much of her family, found the grace to forgive those who had done terrible evil. None of these examples make pain small. They show that God's grace can be greater than pain.

So today we must ask honestly: is there someone I have not forgiven? A family member? A former friend? A neighbour? Someone in the parish? Someone who disappointed, betrayed, ignored, criticised or wounded me?

If the answer is yes, do not begin by looking at that person. Begin by looking at Jesus Crucified. Look at Him on the Cross: innocent, rejected, mocked, bleeding. And from the Cross He prays, "Father, forgive them." That is where forgiveness begins. The power to forgive does not come from our own emotions. It comes from God. We may have to pray many times: "Lord, I cannot forgive by myself. Give me Your mercy. Forgive in me."

Why carry resentment, anger and bitterness when Christ offers joy and freedom? Why remain chained to the past when Jesus wants to set us free? Today, let us bring our wounded hearts to the altar. Let us receive mercy. And then, with God's grace, let us share mercy - forgiving from the heart.

Liturgy notes
Sr Veronica Brennan

This Sunday focuses on the theme of forgiveness.

The first reading of today from Ecclesiasticus focuses on forgiveness. It reminds us that we must forgive others for our prayers to be answered. Our ability to forgive has a significant influence on others as well as on ourselves.

In the gospel from St Matthew, Christ takes forgiveness to a different and practical level. Christ's response reminds us that Christian forgiveness does not have limits. We must forgive all, always and forever, as the prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi says: "Wherever there is injury (offense or hurt), forgiveness." Forgiveness is the life blood of any Christian community. Real forgiveness cements a relationship leaving it stronger than it was before.

Some practical thoughts for the week

· The parable expands and stresses the petition in the Lord's Prayer "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive others". Perhaps during this week when we pray the Lord's Prayer we might reflect particularly on this petition

· Looking at our own need of forgiveness as well as those of those who have offended us

· Reflection the words of absolution: "God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his son has reconciled the world to himself and poured out the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the church may God grant you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit"

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