# SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

**WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY 20 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 19 Sep '26 10.00:* Meeting ✠ Bournemouth SPUC Branch; Honor Roberts presents her Tiny feet initiative
*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 ≡ Sunday ✠ MI Pro populo
*11.00:* VOE Sunday Mass ✠ TRINITY XVI ≡ ORDINARY TIME XXV
*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 ✠ MI Pro populo
*12.30:* VOL Sunday Mass ✠ PENTECOST XVIII ≡ Dominica XVIII Post Pentecosten
*Tue 29 Sep '26 18.30: 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 ✠ MI Pro populo
*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
*Wed 7 Oct '26 09.30:* VOE Weekday Mass ✠ Our Lady of the Rosary
*18.00: Hospital Mass ✠ Our Lady of the Rosary ✠ → Royal Bournemouth Hospital*
*Fri 9 Oct '26 09.30:* Weekday Mass ✠ St John Henry Newman, Catholic Education Co-Patron, Priest, Doctor

*§ NOTICE ITEM § DESCRIPTION*

*STM Iford Parish* •ADVANCE NOTICE: FR DARRYL & LISA MOVING TO WATERSIDE PARISH OF HOLBURY AND HYTHE IN ADVENT.
•Brother Lionel's Reaching the Unreached Sponsored Walk. Sun 4 Oct. Info & sign-up sheet in Narthex.
•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 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.
*20 Sep 2nd Collection:* Home Missions: Amount TBD.
*September Appeals:* RTU Brother Lionel Fund: rtu.org.uk/donate/donate/5/credit-card
*August Offering:* StOrders ✢ Envelopes ✢ Cash ✢ Total ✢ WeeklyAverage
£1,114.44 ✢ £278.50 ✢ £285.00 ✢ £1,677.94 ✢ £436.00

*§ CONTACT ITEM § NAME/ROLE ✢ DETAILS (IF NONE LISTED USE PARISH OFFICE)*

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*Fabric & Finance:* Chair & Treasurer: Peter Britton (STMI); Secretary: Mrs Sue Morris (STMI); Simon Jones (BOLW)
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*Music:* Parish Organist & Composer: Tom Phillips; Choir Director & Organist (Cantores Spei): Andrew Santos
*Safeguarding:* Officers: Mrs Nadia Cassettai & Neil Dawson ✢ safeguarding.boust@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
*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***
***26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) September 27, 2026***

**Commentary Fr Paul Lyons**
Theme: Collective and Personal Responsibility

Ezekiel 18:25-28

This chapter from the book of the prophet Ezekiel is focused on personal responsibility when undertaking and internalising the Covenants established by God - the directives are to worship the one God, and him alone. Along with this foundational reality is the ordering of one's life in accordance with the law as it relates to one's neighbour - loving the other, as one loves oneself. I'm writing this reflection in the belief that the early verses from chapter 18 provide a much fuller context for personal and collective responsibility; verses 25-28 flow from the wider context.

While the law and the liturgy applied to the community as a whole, each member of the community, in order to bring about and enhance justice and integrity, needed to be committed by way of accepting personal responsibility for the common good.

Ezekiel considers this responsibility from repeated failings and transgressions being transmitted from father to son on the one hand, and on the other hand the responsibility of 'cutting off the link' that perpetuates disreputable behaviour, injustice, and the bondage associated with a sinful disposition. The same message would apply also to a son who would deviate from the path of covenant and law. Both parent and offspring are responsible to the collective of Israel for the well-being and the integrity of covenant and law.

Sin and the loss of perspective demands a conversion experience - a turning from evil ways, and a turning to a reformed fidelity; the emphasis then must be on responsibility to the covenant and law of God - the choice suggests liberation and freedom over the 'slavery' to sin.

Philippians 2:2-11

Unity of purpose, love and integrity is the message of this text that informs and directs the Christian community as 'one body in Christ' - each person bringing to the table of faith a love that is inspired by the gift of God's Spirit.

The humanity of Christ offers a way of life that is unselfish, considerate of the other and directed by a faith that evolves and deepens over time.

Matthew 21:28-32

This gospel passage offers us a way of thinking about responsibility, choice and engagement with the word of God and a steadfast responsibility for the enhancement of the kingdom (the vineyard). The two sons are an image of the theme expressed in the first reading - attentiveness on the one hand followed by engagement/action, and on the other hand a dismissive attitude of indifference - where a disordered life is perpetuated.

The tax collectors and the prostitutes respond to signs of hope because of their capacity to let go of what has formerly hindered them in life. They become open and receptive to renewal and experience the offer of conversion.

Those others in the story outlined today in the gospel are rigid, indifferent to the opportunity offered to them and thereby perpetuate their blindness.

**Liturgy notes Fr Anthony Fyk**
Every time we gather to hear the Word of God and celebrate the Eucharist, we acknowledge our need of God's mercy through the Penitential Rite. In this rite, the presider invites the whole community to acknowledge their sins to prepare for the celebration of the sacred mysteries and their need for God's mercy. The Missal calls for a brief pause for silence. This silence is important, as it allows for a moment of recollection, and to bring to God our sins and brokenness. Although we might tend to use the "I confess…" formula, we are encouraged to open up the richness of the whole Missal and use other invocations for the penitential rite which may be found in Appendix VI of the Missal. Such use of these invocations, eight of them to be exact in the appendix, shines different aspects on God's mercy. After the invocations or the 'I confess' the presider prays the absolution – "May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life." Although not the same as sacramental absolution as celebrated in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, this absolution invites us to trust in God's mercy. From time to time, it is also a good idea to make use of the Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation, which we have two forms. In such away the mystery of reconciliation is conveyed to the faithful in a special way. None of us are perfect, and we are always in need of God's mercy and forgiveness. It was Christ's mission to come to bring forgiveness and thus reconciliation. Reconciliation between humanity and God, and reconciliation between each other. The fruitful celebration of the Mass allows us to live a life of peace and reconciliation. It is our task at hand, to bring this peace and reconciliation in all relationships and situations of life.

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