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

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY 27 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 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 ✠ Hymns:C805,C136; Setting:Clavinova ✠ MI John McCann (d 30 Sep 2018)
11.00:	VOE Sunday Mass ✠ TRINITY XVII ≡ ORDINARY TIME XXVI ✠ Setting:MariaMagdalena ✠ 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 ✠ MI Joseph, Susan, Louis & Clement Koo (RIP)
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
Sat 10 Oct '26 18.00:	Sunday Mass Vigil ✠ ORDINARY TIME XXVIII ✠ MI Pro populo
Sun 11 Oct '26 09.30:	Sunday Mass ✠ ORDINARY TIME XXVIII ✠ MI (RIP Geoff, May and Keith Hadden)
11.00:	VOE Sunday Mass ✠ TRINITY XIX ≡ ORDINARY TIME XXVIII
12.30:	VOL Sunday Mass ✠ PENTECOST XX ≡ Dominica XX Post Pentecosten
Wed 14 Oct '26 09.30:	VOE Weekday Mass ✠ Trinitytide XIX:Wed
Fri 16 Oct '26 00.00:	Meeting ✠ Bournemouth SPUC Branch
09.30:	Weekday Mass ✠ Ord Time XXVIII:Fri

§ 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 Xchurch 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.
4 Oct 2nd Collection:	CaFOD: 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

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Pastoral Council:	Chair: Neil Dawson; Secretary: Mrs Sue Morris
Fabric & Finance:	Chair & Treasurer: Peter Britton (STMI); Secretary: Mrs Sue Morris (STMI); Simon Jones (BOLW) Archivist & Verger: Steve Ferris (STMI); Verger: Mike Lanham (STMI) Hall & Repository: Mrs Marysa Coulter ✢ marysa@btinternet.com Sacristans: Tim Hackwell (STMI) & David Collier (BOLW)
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***
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 4, 2026

Commentary Fr Johnpromise Umeozuru
BALANCINGTHE BOOKS AND BEARING FRUITS

In my second year of Theology, I had an experience that taught me a great deal about human life and its important lessons. One of the prominent priests whose life and pastoral zeal drew me to the priesthood was diagnosed with cancer and told he had a few months to live. He was at the height of his pastoral ministry and much loved by his parishioners. When he received the sad news, everyone expected him to go berserk and question God about his ordeal; however, we were all surprised by how calm he was and how peacefully he accepted the news. When he returned to his parish, he informed his Bishop, his family, and close friends, then published it in the parish newsletter. Afterwards, he began putting his affairs in order by writing his Last Will and Testament, his own Order of Funeral Mass, and finally summoning all his family and friends to distribute his possessions. I was among those who stayed by his side throughout this period to support him and help him manage his affairs. A few days before he died, we were having lunch together when a few of his priest friends dropped by to see him. He welcomed them warmly and laughed with them. While they reminisced about the old days, one of them asked him an important question: Fr Anthony, do you have any regrets, and are you not afraid to die? Fr Anthony's reply shocked and moved us all. He said: "Since I received the news of my health situation, I have searched my conscience thoroughly and can tell you that I do not have any regrets at all. I am by no means perfect; however, I have made my peace with God and all those around me. I am not afraid of death; in fact, I am looking forward to going back to God, and I hope He will look upon me with mercy. I hope I have balanced my books and borne some fruits for God." Fr Anthony died peacefully a few days later with a smile on his face. When his personal diary was opened, the caption there in was – BALANCINGTHE BOOKS AND BEARING FRUIT! Yes, this balancing of books and bearing good fruit is what we encounter in this Sunday's readings.
Using the imagery of a vineyard, its owner and the hired workers, we are reminded of the importance of balancing the books and bearing good fruit. In today's First Reading, Isaiah's Song of the Vineyard, the Prophet reminds us of God's tender, loving care for His vineyard, His chosen people. Despite this care, they failed to bear the fruit He expected. In today's Gospel, set during the Passover week, Christ tells the parable of the wicked tenants, revealing the ingratitude, spitefulness, and darkness of the unexamined human heart. The English word 'leased', which we encountered in today's homily, comes from two Greek root words, ek and didomi (ekdidómi) meaning to let out for one's own advantage. Yes, everything we possess is a gift God has bestowed on us for His advantage; as good tenants, we must read the details of our Tenancy Agreement, for one day we will be called to balance the books and display the fruits we have produced from the many gifts God gave us. One way we can bear fruit is by heeding St Paul's instructions in today's Second Reading, living lives that are honourable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, and worthy of praise. That is the kind of lifestyle that will move modern men and women, as Pope St Paul VI enjoined on us in Evangelii Nuntiandi #50: to be witnesses, not just teachers.

Liturgy notes Bro Duncan Smith
The Introit of the Mass for the twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time contains powerful words:

Within your will O Lord, all things are established,

You have made all things, the heaven and the earth, all that is held within the circle of heaven,

You are Lord of all.

These are all strong statements of the universal sovereignty of our Creator and are unexceptionable. But the Introit also claims:

There is none that can resist your will.

This is certainly strong, but is it not simple to the point of being simplistic? What about human sin? Can we not disobey God's will, contradict his commands, cause suffering to others and offence to God by refusing to align our will with his?

Certainly we can, but still, God's will will be done. He wills no sin, can will no sin, but still he does permit it. And what is permitted does not escape his providence. Such is his power and wisdom and goodness that he bends all sin to his own ends, ultimately makes it serve his eternal glory.

But what of injustice and oppression and war? Surely, we can provide no easy answers when face to face with the many torments and tragedies of so many lives. Nevertheless we can turn our eyes to Christ, battered, bruised and crucified. Christ does not enable us to explain all horrors- compassionate silence is a necessary response to so much suffering - yet in him, fastened to the cross, we discover hope.

We find God bringing the incredible from the impossible, joy out of anguish, life out of death. On the cross God's will has triumphed over all our rebellion against him. He has turned all our sin to his own loving purpose of salvation. Truly, there is none that can resist his will.

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