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

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 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 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 ✠ Hymns:C547,C478; Setting:Morean ✠ MI Jim m Rosie Farrow (RIP 2018/2025)
11.00: VOE Sunday Mass ✠ TRINITY XVIII ≡ St Francis of Assisi, Ecology Patron, Founder, Confessor ✠ Hymns:C560; Setting:MissaDeAngelis
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 ✠ MI Aileen Carol Wuornos (RIP d. 9 Oct '02 0947EDT)
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
Tue 13 Oct '26 19.00: Parochial Meeting ✠ FFC & PPC
Wed 14 Oct '26 09.30: VOE Weekday Mass ✠ Trinitytide XIX:Wed
10.45: School Mass ✠ Ord Time XXVIII:Wed ✠ Yr1-6 Harvest Theme ✠ → St Peter's RC Lower School Chapel
Fri 16 Oct '26 00.00: Meeting ✠ Bournemouth SPUC Branch
09.30: Weekday Mass ✠ Ord Time XXVIII:Fri
Sat 17 Oct '26 18.00: Sunday Mass Vigil ✠ ORDINARY TIME XXIX ✠ MI Mick Dawson (d 16 Oct 2018)
Sun 18 Oct '26 09.30: Sunday Mass ✠ ORDINARY TIME XXIX ✠ MI Pro populo
11.00: VOE Sunday Mass ✠ TRINITY XX ≡ ORDINARY TIME XXIX ✠ MI Roger and Martyn Gillam (RIP d 1995/2020)
12.30: VOL Sunday Mass ✠ PENTECOST XXI ≡ Dominica XXI Post Pentecosten
Wed 21 Oct '26 09.30: VOE Weekday Mass ✠ Trinitytide XX:Wed
Fri 23 Oct '26 09.30: Weekday Mass ✠ Ord Time XXIX:Fri
17.30: Meeting ✠ Bournemouth ADMA Chapter with Rosary & Litany of Loreto
18.30: Weekday Mass ✠ Ord Time XXIX:Fri ✠ Bournemouth ADMA Chapter Mass

§ 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
20 Sep 2nd Collection: Home Missions: Amount TBD.
4 Oct 2nd Collection: CaFOD: Amount TBD.
October Appeals: RTU Brother Lionel Fund: rtu.org.uk/donate/donate/5/credit-card
September Offering: StOrders ✢ Envelopes ✢ Cash ✢ Total ✢ WeeklyAverage
£1,086.76 ✢ £235.70 ✢ £253.01 ✢ £1,575.47 ✢ £394.00
September Appeals: RTU Brother Lionel Fund: rtu.org.uk/donate/donate/5/credit-card

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

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

Sunday after next ***https://www.theliturgyproject.com/sunday-next***
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 11, 2026

Commentary Fr David Sillince
Mrs. Thatcher. The name provokes strong reactions. But …

One year when the Conservative Party Conference was in Blackpool, a popular restaurant was crammed full of delegates, including the Iron Lady. Only one large table remained empty, and the proprietor was obviously upset that his booking had let him down on such a lucrative evening. Embarrassed that Conservatives were being given a bad name, Mrs. Thatcher whipped out her cheque book and wrote out a cheque for a large sum. She then nudged Lord Saatchi seated beside her and obliged him to do the same – presumably he could afford it. Honour was saved. Only subsequently did it turn out that the missing party were not Conference participants and did not vote Tory …

Appointments not being kept. A scourge of many lives, including mine, where they have included such varieties as deciding to call off a wedding the day before but not telling me.

Not that this Gospel passage refers to any old invitation. This is the Great Dinner, the image of eternal life.

Jesus was used to people not turning up or delaying the event. But this is not Jesus' meal. True, it is a banquet for "the son's wedding", but the father is the host. Jesus' meal, the Last Supper, was well enough attended, even including the traitor Judas. Subsequently, as we know, most of the apostles failed to keep the appointment at Calvary, but Jesus did not then callout for vengeance. But this is his Father's meal, and that deserves the greatest respect.

The story is another of those about the Chosen People and the outsiders. Who will accept that this is the great "Today"? If the Chosen will not, the Gentile riff-raff must take over.

But who is this man without the wedding garment, an d how could he be expected to have one? Let us say straight away that it is nothing to do with 'not having enough time to go to the hire department'.

When Jesus speaks in this way, he may seem alarming, but let us say that rather than being a bomb it is more like a firework. It does give a loud bang, but also offers a bright display of colour for those who wish to behold. It is a way of opening our eyes.

What is the garment? Some say it is charity. Others that it is conviction and resolve, thinking of the young man wearing a linen garment at Gethsemane (Mark 14) who, when they seized Jesus, "fled naked, leaving his garment behind". The wedding garment may also represent a fundamental attitude to life. The absence of such a garment can point to those who respond not with eagerness but with a sullen "Oh OK then, I suppose so".

But especially the wedding garment may completely exclude any attitude of smugness at having taken the place of others. Many Biblical texts speak of the simple joy and openness of God's invitation to all of us. In that remarkable Biblical love poem the Song of Songs, there is the simplest and purest expression of joy and wonder. "How beautiful you are!" says the girl to her beloved, "How your face surpasses all other men!" And in return the man answers: "How beautiful you are, my beloved!" All this represents the relationship between God and humans. There is no bitterness, no holding back.

So the wedding garment represents a proper response to God's wonderful invitation. A proper response totally avoids taking pleasure in other people having been excluded. Otherwise receiving the invitation would be like winning an important race when somebody else has been disqualified on a technicality. It doesn't really feel like winning.

That is not the way for us to go. God is not mocked. If we go that way, we try to enter the wedding banquet dressed like the wedding guest of the Gospel. In that case we might as well not turn up. And unfortunately God, unlike Mrs. Thatcher, won't just step in and pay the bill.

Liturgy notes Sr Veronica Brennan

The Danger of Indifference
The invited guests do not simply reject the invitation; they are indifferent. They return to their farms and businesses, placing other concerns before the king's call.

Reflection: The greatest obstacle to faith is not always hostility but distraction. Everyday responsibilities can gradually occupy the space that belongs to God.
• How aware am I of God's daily invitations?
• Do I recognize His grace as a gift rather than something earned?
• How inclusive is my own welcome of others?
• What occupies most of my attention and energy?
• Are there ways I am ignoring God's invitation because of busyness?
• What priorities might need reordering?

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