



OCTOBER 2020 ORATORY NEWSLETTER

For the Friends & Benefactors of the Bournemouth Oratory
Parishioners of the Church of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
University Catholic Chaplaincy & Academy of the Annunciation.



Dear Friends,

OUR BISHOP'S LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER states "categorically that we must not be asked to suspend Christian worship again". We are profoundly grateful to Bishop Philip, and other Christian Leaders, for this determined statement of faith and commitment. Read the letter on page 3.

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY is an ideal opportunity to offer this ancient, effective, and appropriate prayer ("Corona" is Italian for "Rosary") against the pandemic and all its effects.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE runs through this month and ends on Sunday 1st November - All Saints' Day. There are details on the back of this monthly Newsletter.

NOVEMBER is the MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS. In the attached Holy Souls' envelope please enclose a single sheet of paper listing the names of your departed relatives and friends, and return it as soon as possible during October. A Mass Offering can also be enclosed for Requiem Masses to be offered for the Holy Souls during November, and throughout the coming year.

THE FAITH FORMATION FORUM - for parish development and consultation - was postponed from last month by two key speakers' illness, and will be rescheduled as soon as possible, although the "Rule of Six" may have limiting effects on this and other initiatives as we aim to return to some measure of normality, restarting Parish activities, and moving ahead with the Oratory's strategic plan. Following our Bishop's lead, we will not be lulled into inactivity by the virus.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES (first Holy Communion, Confirmation, RCIA for Converts) are currently on hold while we await to know how, and how many, can gather for these programmes. New programmes can't begin, of course, until we've completed the ones delayed by lock-down etc.

PASTORAL VISITS: Please contact the Parish Office if you, or someone you know, is incapacitated or self-isolating, and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, or to have a visit from one of the Fathers, or from our SVP. "The Church comes to you, when you can't come to Church."

The Parish & University Catholic Chaplaincy are served by the Fathers & Brothers of the Oratorian Community of St Philip Neri

Fr Dominic Jacob
Delegate & Novice Master

Fr Peter Edwards
Moderator & Parish Priest

Fr Andrew Wagstaff
University Catholic Chaplain

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MASS INTENTIONS for OCTOBER 2020 at the BOURNEMOUTH ORATORY

Sunday 4th October 28th Ordinary Sunday	Sunday 11th October 28th Ordinary Sunday	Sunday 18th October 29th Ordinary Sunday	Sunday 25th October 30th Ordinary Sunday
Sat 5pm Stephen Chambers & Alan Barnes 8am Charlotte Burnham (Confirmed) & Bridget Haslegrave, RIP 10.30 Pro Populo	Sat 5pm Josie Corbett, RIP 8am Mike McCabe, and Mary McCabe, RIP 10.30 Pro Populo	Sat 5pm Anaisha Titre Sweeney, Birthday Thanksgiving 8am South American Community 10.30 Pro Populo	Sat 5pm Brendan Wickham, RIP 8am Mrs Rita Marshall, RIP 10.30 Pro Populo
Monday 5th 7.30 Josie Corbett, RIP 12.15 Romy Powles and Family, Wellbeing	Monday 12th 7.30 Oratory & Academy Friends & Benefactors 12.15 All Priests	Monday 19th 7.30 Oratory & Academy Friends & Benefactors 12.15 Emelio Daquero, RIP	Monday 26th 7.30 Holy Souls 12.15 Oratory & Academy Friends & Benefactors
Tuesday 6th 12.15 Oratory & Academy Friends & Benefactors	Tuesday 13th 12.15 Rose O'Connor, RIP	Tuesday 20th 12.15 Raymond Wickham, RIP	Tuesday 27th 12.15 Right Decision
Wednesday 7th 7.30 Dorothy Hewett, RIP 12.15 Oratory Vocations	Wednesday 14th 7.30 Oratory Vocations 12.15 Mary & Frank Byrne, 50th Wed. Anniv.	Wednesday 21st 7.30 Oratory Vocations 12.15 Tony Prougham, RIP	Wednesday 28th 7.30 Oratory Vocations 12.15 Jennifer Gibbons, Thanksgiving
Thursday 8th 12.15 Tony and Dagmar Lawrence, RIP	Thursday 15th 12:15 Francis Ngwa, RIP	Thursday 22nd 12.15 John Whitehead, Sick	Thursday 29th 12.15 Sarah Aref, Wellbeing
Friday 9th 7.30 Holy Souls 12.15 Pamela Nolan, Sick	Friday 16th 7.30 Holy Souls 12.15 Kathleen Campbell, RIP	Friday 23rd 7.30 Celia Targett RIP 12.15 William & Kathleen Kemp, RIP	Friday 30th 7.30 All Priests 12.15 Jesus De Jesus, RIP
Saturday 10th 12.15 Fabio Menegon, RIP	Saturday 17th 12.15 Etienne Ngwa, Wellbeing	Saturday 24th 12.15 'Family' Intention	Saturday 31st 12.15 Margaret Beetles, RIP

* Extraordinary Form Mass: 6pm on 1st Friday of each month, and on the Eve of Holy Days.

IN THE PANDEMIC: We pray especially for all those suffering direct results of the Corona Virus, and those whose medical care or operations have been cancelled by the crisis. We pray for NHS Staff, paramedics, care-workers, shop assistants, delivery services, and others who risk their health in order to serve the community.

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS: Francis Addington, Joan Brown, Sylvia Burton, Ruth Balaam, Brian Coburn, Justina Dawson, Geoffrey Dixon, Patrick Doyle, Bernard Farrell, Joseph (Joe) Farrugia, Catherine Harbour, Kevin Harris, Bronislawa Konstantin, Tony Long, Mike McCabe, Francis McCausland, Mary Moret, Ann Murray, Arlene Nicol, Bernard Partridge, Gladys Richardson, Sheila Shelley, Matthew Sims, Alf Skee, Rose Smith, Attracta Spears, Michael Sullivan, Marie Thomas, Hilary Timson, Simon Walters, Kathleen Wood, and Alan Wright.

OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY especially **Liliana Couch, Mary Cummings, Barbara Petti,** and **Tony El Murr,** and for our departed Friends and Benefactors, and those who have died from the Corona Virus, or as a result of this pandemic.

AND THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OCCURS DURING OCTOBER: **1st** Malcolm Hales Brigden, Gidio Benvenuto Afortunato Cobelli, **2nd** Margaret Mary Tolhurst, Eileen Rawson, **3rd** Richard Omar Manuel Edo, John Cook Poole, **4th** Arthur & Lesley Corston, Phyllis Leah Mary Cooper, Danielius Kots, **5th** Beth Muriel Schofield, **9th** Wanda Chorazy, **10th** Grace Lockton, **12th** Christina Smith, **13th** Doris Elizabeth Carr, **14th** Daphne McSweeney, John Peter de Freitas, Anne Fionnula McSweeney, **15th** Daisy Irene Watts, Olive Godfrey, **17th** John Gillespie, **18th** Filomena R McDevitt, **19th** Bridget Divane, Antonia Loginotti, Anne James, **20th** Fiona Appleyard, Margaret Mary Perry, Agnes Angela Touhy, Jose Maria Palau, **22nd** Francisco Daniel Marino, **23rd** William Ronald Kemp, Peter Celestine Willis, Sylwester Zakrzewski, William Patrick Penn, **24th** John Patrick Matthews, Molly Winifred Hebditch, Margaret Ellen Howard, Marie Therese Bosley, **26th** Maureen Howard O'Hare, **27th** Jane (Jean) Dyer, **29th** Sarah Josephine Sugden, **30th**, Eric Andrew Catry, **31st** William Francis Hicks, Fidelis Adela O'Neill.

BOURNEMOUTH PASTORAL AREA

Annunciation & St Edmund Campion
 Mass: 9am (Polish), 11am, 6.30pm
 Fr Bernardine Nsom
 218 Charminster Rd
 BH8 9RW
 Tel: 01202 513369

St Edmund Campion & Polish Chaplain
 Mass: 9am, 7pm (Polish)
 Fr Lucasz.
 481 Castle Lane West
 BH8 9TN
 bournemouth@pcmew.org Tel:
 01202 619668

Corpus Christi
 Mass: 9.30am,
 Fr Adrian Howell SJ
 18 St James's Square
 Boscombe BH5 2BX
 Tel: 01202 425286

Our Lady Immaculate
 Mass: 9:30am
 Fr Andrew Moore
 32 Alum Chine Road
 Westbourne
 BH4 9DX
 Tel: 01202 764027

Hospital Chaplains:
 Fr Darryl Jordan OLW
 Chaplaincy: **01202 704221.**
 Royal Bmth & Christchurch
 Switchboard: **01202 303626**
 (ask for Chaplaincy).
 Dcn McConville for Poole
 Hospital: **01202 442167**

Our Bishop's Letter to the Prime Minister

Bishop Philip Egan, together with Leaders from many different Christian communities in the UK, has sent the following letter to the Prime Minister Boris Johnson, and to First Minister Mark Drakeford, First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister Arlene Foster, and Deputy First Minister Michelle O'Neill.

29th September 2020

Dear Prime, First and Deputy First Ministers,

As Church leaders from across the four nations of the UK, we have been deeply concerned about the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic across society. We have carefully followed government guidance to restrict its spread. But increasingly our concern relates to the damaging effects of anti-Covid restrictions on many of the most important aspects of life.

Our God-given task as Christian ministers and leaders is to point people to Jesus Christ, who said He came to bring 'life in all its fullness'. Therefore we are troubled by policies which prioritise bare existence at the expense of those things that give quality, meaning and purpose to life. Increasingly severe restrictions are having a powerful dehumanising effect on people's lives, resulting in a growing wave of loneliness, anxiety and damaged mental health. This particularly affects the disadvantaged and vulnerable in our society, even as it erodes precious freedoms for all. In our Churches, many have been working tirelessly to provide help to those most affected.

We entirely support proportionate measures to protect those most vulnerable to SARS-CoV-2. But we question whether the UK Government and the devolved administrations have it in their power either to eliminate this virus or to suppress it for an indefinite period while we await a vaccine. And we cannot support attempts to achieve these which, in our view, cause more damage to people, families and society – physically and spiritually – than the virus itself.

The public worship of the Christian Church is particularly essential for our nation's well-being. As we live in the shadow of a virus we are unable to control, people urgently need the opportunity to hear and experience the good news and hope of Jesus Christ, who holds our lives in His hands. The supportive relationships that Churches nurture between people are vital, and simply cannot be dispensed with again without significant harm. And most of all, we know that regular gathering to worship God is essential for human life to be lived to the full.

We have been and will remain, very careful to apply rigorous hygiene, social distancing and appropriate risk assessment in our Churches. As a result, Church worship presents a hugely lesser risk of transmission than pubs, restaurants, gyms, offices and schools; and it is more important than them all. We therefore wish to state categorically that we must not be asked to suspend Christian worship again. For us to do so would cause serious damage to our congregations, our service of the nation, and our duty as Christian ministers.

We therefore call upon the Westminster and devolved governments to find ways of protecting those who truly are vulnerable to Covid-19 without unnecessary and authoritarian restrictions on loving families, essential personal relationships, and the worship of the Christian Church.

Yours faithfully,

+ *Philip*

October at the Oratory

OCTOBER is the MONTH of the HOLY ROSARY. While Covid restrictions prevent our usual Rosary after the midday Mass, you could be inventive with an Oratory Zoom Rosary. Let us know your ideas.

JOIN US AT EVENING ORATORY via live-stream on weekdays for the 6pm *Angelus*, 20 minutes silent prayer with the Fathers and Brothers, concluding at 6.20pm with the Oratory Exercises in Latin or English.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE runs until Sunday 1 November. To be Catholic is to be Pro-Life - protecting every life from conception until natural death. During these 40 days of prayer and peaceful witness we seek to be counter-culture to the 'culture of death' (as Pope S John Paul described it), promoting life in its fullness, saving unborn babies and their mothers from the trauma of abortion, giving them the choice for life. Sign up here: 40daysforlifebourne-mouth@gmail.com

In past years, the amazing power of prayer has saved the lives of unborn babies (including two here in Bournemouth) and given peace to women and families.

Anyone affected by abortion can find support at Rachel's Vineyard: www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk

HOPE FOR FOOD While the pandemic prohibits us from hosting our feeding of 100+ homeless rough-sleepers we've restarted collecting for Hope for Food's food bank to enable our partner charity to provide for the hungry. The green box beneath the table at the back of our Church is for your food donations.

FAITH FORMATION FORUM is POSTPONED because two of our key speakers are ill. Be involved in consulting and planning for the future of our Parish. New dates will be announced shortly for the topics:

1. 'Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church' (Bishop Philip Egan's diocesan policy.)
2. Where are we going with the Liturgy? in the company of the Bible, and our Oratorian Saints.
3. *You are invited to suggest topics for this session.*
4. Re-envisioning our Redevelopment Project, post pandemic.

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL website has a virtual tour, talks by Staff and the Headteacher, and application details. 'Phone 01202 421141, Ex 2298, or email: admissions@st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk

NOVEMBER REQUIEMS ~ Forward Planning

During lock-down and subsequently most Funerals were restricted to the grave-side or the crematorium, without opportunity for a Requiem Mass. These are now too numerous to arrange individual Requiems, so we suggest that bereaved families select one of the following days to come to a Requiem Mass at either 7.30am or 12.15pm.

7.30am: Friday 13th, Wednesday 18th, Friday 20th, Monday 23rd, Wednesday 25th, Friday 27th.

12.15pm: Tuesday 3rd, Saturday 7th, Friday 13th, Saturday 14th, Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th, Friday 20th, Monday 23rd, Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th, Friday 27th, Saturday 28th.

Everyone is encouraged to come to a November Requiem for our departed relatives and friends. In addition to the three Requiem Masses on All Souls' Day (Monday 2nd Nov. at 7.30am, 12.15pm, and Solemn Requiem at 7pm), the annual Requiem for Departed Oratorians (Thursday 5th at 12.15pm), and Solemn Requiem on Remembrance Sunday (10.30am Sunday 8th), there are many other Requiem Masses during November (whenever there is not an obligatory Saints' day). Plan ahead.

NOVEMBER is also "MAKE A WILL" MONTH. There'll be details in next month's Newsletter about this important Christian responsibility. If you don't yet have a Will, or it needs revising - now is the time.

BISHOP PHILIP invites you to sign up FREE to his weekly Diocesan E-News direct to your in box: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews

OUR CATHOLIC SHOP is open during Parish Office hours, 9am until 12 noon, for books, greeting cards, rosaries, statues, and other devotional articles.

ORATORY HOUSE GUESTS this month include Fr Bruce Barnes (formerly Parish Priest here) waiting to move into his Presbytery at Bishop's Waltham. Fr Berhuz Rafat, Parish Priest of Tenterden (Southwark diocese), staying with us for a few quiet days. Anthony L, an Aspirant from Northampton, and George W, an Enquirer from the Isle of Wight.

Other Clergy, Seminarians, and visitors are booked for Retreats or Days of Recollection, or a few quiet days sharing our life, as part of what an Oratory offers for our service to the wider Church.

Please pray for Vocations to the Bournemouth Oratory.