



ST. BONIFACE

Bringing Christ to the people and people to Christ



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July 9, 2023 – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A Yoke for the Childlike: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Jesus is portrayed in today's Gospel as a new and greater Moses. Moses, the meekest man on earth (see [Numbers 12:3](#)), was God's friend (see [Exodus 34:12, 17](#)). Only he knew God "face to face" (see [Deuteronomy 34:10](#)). And Moses gave Israel the yoke of the Law, through which God first revealed Himself and how we are to live (see [Jeremiah 2:20; 5:5](#)). Jesus, too, is meek and humble. But He is more than God's friend. He is the Son who alone knows the Father. He is more also than a lawgiver, presenting Himself today as the yoke of a new Law and as the revealed Wisdom of God. As Wisdom, Jesus was present before creation as the firstborn of God, the Father and Lord of heaven and earth (see [Proverbs 8:22; Wisdom 9:9](#)). And He gives knowledge of the holy things of the kingdom of God (see [Wisdom 10:10](#)). In the gracious will of the Father, Jesus reveals these things only to the "childlike"—those who humble themselves before Him as little children (see [Sirach 2:17](#)). These alone can recognize and receive Jesus as the just saviour and meek king promised to daughter Zion, Israel, in today's First Reading. We, too, are called to childlike faith in the Father's goodness as sons and daughters of the new kingdom, the Church. We are to live by the Spirit we received in Baptism (see [Galatians 5:16](#)), putting to death our old ways of thinking and acting, as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle. Our "yoke" is to be His new law of love (see [John 13:34](#)), by which we enter into the "rest" of His kingdom. As we sing in today's Psalm, we joyously await the day when we will praise His name forever in the kingdom that lasts for all ages. This is the sabbath rest promised by Jesus—the rest first anticipated by Moses (see [Exodus 20:8-11](#)), but which still awaits the people of God (see [Hebrews 4:9](#)).

Called & Gifted Coming to St Boniface in September! In this special year of the Holy Spirit, we are blessed to have a special event this coming autumn. The Holy Spirit bestows specific gifts and charisms on each one of us. It is important that we all understand those gifts and discover our unique mission within the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church. Called & Gifted offers parishes an amazing Charism Discernment process to help parishioners grow in their faith, commitment, and service. It takes individuals on a "soul journey" by fostering friendship with Jesus, forming them to become more dedicated disciples of Jesus, preparing them for mission and nurturing them in their service to God and others. There are many charisms or spiritual gifts mentioned in the Bible (e.g., Act 2, 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4). Called & Gifted will help us learn and understand 23 very specific charisms and show us how to clearly recognize the specific charism or charisms the Holy Spirit has bestowed upon us. There will be a teaching day on **9 September 2023** in the church hall. Then there will be **one-to-one discernment conversations** via Zoom with a trained facilitator to help us unlock our potential charisms. Finally, we will be encouraged to begin "experimenting" with our discerned charism by putting it into **concrete practice**.

Here's a little **reflection on what an impact using our gifts can make:** Imagine if the Blessed Virgin Mary had said No at the Annunciation. Imagine if St Joseph had refused to become the foster father of Jesus and the spouse of Our Lady. Imagine if the Apostles and first Christians did not show up at Pentecost. Imagine if St Francis of Assisi had not said Yes to his gifts. Imagine if St Teresa of Calcutta had not put her gifts at the service of the poorest of the poor. Imagine if St Therese of Lisieux had not answered her call. Imagine if your parents had not said Yes to one another – where would you be, or perhaps your siblings? Sometimes we feel that we really can't make a difference and that others are doing everything anyway. Think about this poem: One song can spark a moment, one flower can wake the dream, one tree can start a forest, one bird can herald spring. One smile begins a friendship, one handclasp lifts a soul. One star can guide a ship at sea, one word can frame the goal. One vote can change a nation, one sunbeam lights a room. One candle wipes out darkness, one laugh will conquer gloom. One step must start each journey, one word must start each prayer. One hope will raise our spirits, one touch can show you care. One voice can speak with wisdom, one heart can know what's true.

One life can really make a difference, you see, and it's all up to you!!

News of St Boniface Baptisms! On this Sunday 9 July, at the 11am Mass, baptisms will take place for Rayan Ishak, Harris Ishak, and Anna Ishak; and on Sunday 16 July, 2pm, the baptism is for Cade Alistair Daria. Please keep them and their family in your prayers!

First Holy Communion Mass: this Sunday 9 July **Heidi Conduct** will be receiving her First Holy Communion at the 11am Mass.

NIGERIAN DAY: an advance notice of our parish event! On **Sunday 30 July**, St Boniface Parish will be celebrating Nigerian Day. The 11 am Mass on that day will feature the customs and traditions of our Nigerian community. Afterwards, there will be traditional food and a social gathering in the Hall to which **ALL parishioners** are warmly invited.

Put this in your diary now! There will be more details to follow in the next newsletter!

St Boniface's First Holy Communion 2023-2024 Programme: Apply NOW! 'The initial inquiry application process to prepare for the reception of the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation programme 2023-2024 is now open. **The closing date for all applications is 14 July 2023.** This programme is for children who will be in year 4, aged 8-9, in the next academic year. All applications **MUST** be made via the St Boniface Parish website. Please **do not go** via the parish office or via the parish priest or assistant priests. Priority will be given to children whose family attend Sunday Masses at St Boniface Parish. To avoid disappointment and delay regarding your child's receiving of this sacrament, please apply to St Boniface parish. If your application has been successful, you will be invited to meet with a catechist to complete a consent form after 19 July 2023. For programme-related queries, email: fhc@st-boniface.org.uk; and for applying go to: www.st-boniface.org.uk

St Boniface Parish Cream Tea Afternoon: the Social Team would like to invite you to a cream tea get-together in the **church hall/garden on Saturday 22 July at 2:30-3:30pm**. There is no charge for this event, but we would like an idea of numbers so please register your intention to come on the sign-up sheet in the church porch. **And St Boniface Parish Picnic** – is going to be on 17 September 2023 1pm onwards. Details will follow nearer the time. Thank you and see you at both events!

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is taking place from 17-21 July 2023. We need more help pushing wheelchairs! Due to the popularity of our pilgrimage, and the increased number of pilgrims that need assistance, we need people to join us on the pilgrimage to help push wheelchairs, provide a supportive arm, and help carry a dinner plate for a pilgrim at mealtimes. Young pilgrims are an essential part of our pilgrimage, and they tell us each year of the amazing time they have had, returning many times to serve our pilgrims. The pilgrim fare for young people is £699 but there is the potential for funding. If you would like to know more about joining us, phone, or text 07780 221686 or contact via email: lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

News of another Pilgrimage Opportunity: Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 2 October 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 17557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

Come and Find out about CAFOD's Work: CAFOD Portsmouth is hosting two meetings in September so that volunteers and supporters can find out more about our work. The first meeting is on Saturday 9 September at St Bedes Church hall, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX from 10:30 am to 12:30pm where Philippe Mougin CAFOD's Emergency Response Leader will talk about our work in Pakistan after last year's floods. The second meeting is on Saturday 16 September at St Michael & All Angels Church hall, Dunsbury Way, Leigh Park PO9 5BD from 10:30am to 1:30pm (lunch is provided) where Sara Moreno from CAFOD's Partner SIEMBRA from Colombia will speak about her work with human and environmental rights defenders. Everyone is welcome but please book so that we have an idea of numbers by emailing Jo Lewry portsmouth@cafod.org.uk

Mass Intention Offering - Please be advised that offerings can be made by cash (in an envelope clearly marked "Mass Intention"), or by cheque payable to **CDP Oblates of the Virgin Mary**; or via a bank transfer using the details given here: Payee Name: **CDP Oblates of the Virgin Mary**; Branch Sort Code: **30-80-27**; Account Number: **36062268**; Reference: **Mass Intention**.

Sunday Second Collections: collection for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) is on 9 July.

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