



ST. BONIFACE



Bringing Christ to the people and people to Christ

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August 13, 2023 – NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sinking Fear: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: How do we find God in the storms and struggles of our lives; in the trials we encounter in trying to do His will? God commands Elijah in today's First Reading to stand on the mountain and await His passing by. And in the Gospel, Jesus makes the disciples set out across the waters to meet Him. In each case, the Lord makes Himself present amid frightening tumult—heavy winds and high waves, fire and earthquakes. Elijah hides his face. Perhaps he remembers Moses, who met God on the same mountain, also amid fire, thunder, and smoke (see [Deuteronomy 4:10-15](#); [Exodus 19:17-19](#)). God told Moses no one could see His face and live, and He sheltered Moses in the hollow of a rock, as He shelters Elijah in a cave (see [Exodus 33:18-23](#)). The disciples, likewise, are too terrified to look on the face of God. Today's Gospel is a revelation of Jesus' divine identity. Only God treads across the crest of the sea (see [Job 9:8](#)) and rules the raging waters (see [Psalm 89:9-10](#)). And the words of assurance that Jesus speaks—"It is I"—are those God used to identify Himself to Moses (see [Exodus 3:14](#); [Isaiah 43:10](#)). Even Peter is too overcome by fear to imitate his Lord. His fears, Jesus tells him, are a sign of his lack of faith. And so it often is with us. Our fears make us doubt, make it hard to see His glory dwelling in our midst. Yet, we should know, as we sing in today's Psalm, that His salvation is near to those who hope in Him. By faith we should know, as Paul asserts in today's Epistle, that we are heirs to the promises made to His children, Israel. We must trust that He whispers to us in the trials of our lives—that He who has called us to walk along the way of His steps—save us whenever we begin to sink.

Called & Gifted Coming to St Boniface in September! When Catholics hear the expression "Called and Gifted", they often assume one is speaking about special vocations to the priesthood or religious life. But what they often forget is that every baptized Christian is called and gifted by God. Our first and most fundamental call and identity is to be God's beloved sons and daughters. Every Christian vocation, whether to married life, or single life in the world, or priestly life and religious life, is a call to live out the grace one has received in baptism. The vast majority of Christians are called by God to married and family life. But what is important to know is that every single Christian has received special gifts and charisms and is called to discern those gifts and then put them at the service of God and others. We are blessed to have a good number of Catholics here in the UK who are specially trained to help other Catholics discern their God-given gifts and charisms. "Called and Gifted" is a Catholic organization approved by our diocesan Bishop Philip Egan. Sherry Weddell, co-founder of the Catherine of Siena Institute (CSI), introduced the Called and Gifted Charism Discernment process to the Portsmouth diocese back in 2014. Since then, she and her well-trained team of Called and Gifted Teachers and Discernment Facilitators have helped many Catholic parishes and parishioners across the diocese to discern their gifts and put them into practice. This has brought new and exciting life into the various parishes and families. Called and Gifted fits marvellously into the vision of both the diocese and our parish to bring all to Christ and Christ to all. Imagine what a benefit it is in our Christian lives to discover and understand more deeply the gifts and charisms God has richly bestowed upon us and then to put those gifts at His service and the service of others. Please consider joining us on a special teaching day that will be held on **9 September 2023** in the church hall. This will be followed by **one-to-one discernment conversations** via Zoom or in-person 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**. There is a minimal fee involved. We will give you more details as we get closer to the teaching day. Please consider taking part in this special event.

Time to register!! You can now begin signing up for the Called & Gifted programme which begins in September. To register please contact Jane Stephenson (07941755323) or Augustine Odukoya (07883014954) or send an email to: calledandgifted@st-boniface.org.uk. Please give your full name and contact details.

Gerry Penfold, leader of our Called and Gifted Team, invites you to consider discerning your spiritual gifts through the Called and Gifted process: Each and every one of us is made in the image and likeness of Christ. Yet each of us has been given a special role to play in our lives and, through our baptism, we have each been given spiritual gifts (charisms) to enable us to carry out that role in the power of the Holy Spirit. Have you discerned your role in life and the spiritual gifts you've been given? If not, the Called and Gifted discernment process is for you! Do you feel you're doing things that aren't really you and it makes life a struggle? If so, then the Called and Gifted discernment process is for you! Do you see others filled with joy and peace as they bear more fruit in their lives? If so, then the Called and Gifted discernment process is for you!

The Called and Gifted discernment process has been available in our Diocese since 2014 and nearly 2500 people have experienced the benefits of discerning their charisms (spiritual gifts) and drawing closer to Jesus Christ by prioritising the things they've been equipped to do. C&G is a three-stage process involving learning about the charisms (see Romans 12:5-8; Ephesians 4:7-13; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 and 1 Peter 4:7-11); then exploring your potential charisms with a trained member of the C&G team in the Diocese; and finally stepping out in practical ways to confirm whether you have certain charisms or not and how these charisms point you to your role in life. Individuals can experience the Called and Gifted discernment process online through professional videos created by the authors of the process, the Catherine of Siena Institute followed by online meetings with a member of the Portsmouth C&G team and online small group meetings. For more information, please visit the Called and Gifted website <https://www.calledandgifted.org.uk/> Parishes can also experience the process as a community, journeying together and accompanying each other through the process. This is done through a teaching/learning day on site in the parish, followed by either online meetings or in-person meetings. The next two parishes who have invited the Called and Gifted team in are **St Boniface, Southampton** (Teaching day **Saturday 9 September**) and the Basingstoke Pastoral area (Teaching day at St Bede's on **Saturday 21 October**). Depending on numbers there may be spaces available for people from other parishes to attend. (Gerry will be speaking at all the Sunday Masses on 20th August).

Next Tuesday 15 August, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. It is a Holy Day of Obligation when we should participate in Mass. The Assumption celebrates the great dogma of faith that the Blessed Mother was taken up into heaven body and soul at the end of her life on earth. Mary was free from Original Sin and whilst she accepted death as Jesus did, through Him she was spared bodily corruption. She has now joined her Son in Heaven. The Assumption thus enables us to give honour to Mary for her part in the Redemption and reminds us that we carry within our bodies, which are Temples of the Holy Spirit, the seeds of eternity. Her Assumption foreshadows our own entry, body, and soul, into the happiness of heaven. We commemorate the Assumption in the Fourth Glorious Mystery of the Rosary. It is a day to pray. Let us pray for integral human development in our world, for a proper care for and respect for the natural environment, for an end to poverty and a rightful sharing of the world's resources. **An extra Mass at St Boniface at 7pm, on the day.**

ADVANCE NOTICE! - Our Lady of Good Health Velankanni Novena! See here for its Running Programme from 29/8 to 8/9: Rosary Every day 6:30pm Followed by Mass & Novena at 7pm, except Saturday Timing Dated 2/9: Rosary at 6pm followed by Mass and Novena at 6:30pm. Sunday Timing Dated 3/9: Rosary at 5pm and followed by Mass and Novena at 5:30pm. Feast Day Friday Dated 8/9, Procession at 6:30pm, followed by Mass at 7pm. Feast Day Dinner Party: after the 7pm Mass at the St Boniface Church Hall! All are welcome!

An Urgent Plea from One of Our New Parishioners: We (mom, dad, and a newborn 3 days old) are **urgently** looking for a place to rent immediately anywhere in the Southampton areas. Situation has become urgent as the baby has arrived more than a month earlier than the due date; and because the place we currently have doesn't allow kids as it is a shared house. Please give us a ring, text or email any time if you know/have someone/something to help us. Thank you, Bennet (dad) 07442 570 338; or bennetgeorgexavier@gmail.com

SHOEBOX APPEAL 2023 – Hi All, we are again sending shoeboxes of presents to children in Ukraine and other countries this September. Please support us by collecting suitable items during the summer for the boxes, which will be given out **16 and 17 September!** Nearer the date, there will be photos and website coverage of last year's appeal to support our appeal. Each box is such a precious gift sharing God's love with a special child. Thank you, Carole and Tom Olding.

The St Boniface Parish Picnic – is going to be on **17 September 2023 1pm onwards.** Details will follow nearer the time.

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**. Or simply give it to the Priest on the day of your Mass requested.

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Newsletter deadline 9.00pm on Wednesday for inclusion on following Sunday, space permitting. This Parish is within the Southampton Pastoral Area.

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