



# ST. BONIFACE



Bringing Christ to the people and people to Christ

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## August 20, 2023 – TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**A Foreigner's Faith: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Most of us are the foreigners, the non-Israelites, about whom today's First Reading prophesies. Coming to worship the God of Israel, we stand in the line of faith epitomized by the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel. Calling to Jesus as Lord and Son of David, this foreigner shows her great faith in God's covenant with Israel. Jesus tests her faith three times. He refuses to answer her cry. Then, He tells her His mission is only to Israelites. Finally, He uses "dog," an epithet used to disparage non-Israelites (see [Matthew 7:6](#)). Yet she persists, believing that He alone offers salvation. In this family drama, we see fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy and the promise we sing of in today's Psalm. In Jesus, God makes known among all the nations His way and His salvation (see [John 14:6](#)). At the start of salvation history, God called Abraham (see [Genesis 12:2](#)). He chose his offspring, Israel, from all the nations on the face of the earth to build His covenant kingdom (see [Deuteronomy 7:6-8](#); [Isaiah 41:8](#)). In God's plan, Abraham was to be the father of many nations (see [Romans 4:16-17](#)). Israel was to be the firstborn of a worldwide family of God, made up of all who believe what the Canaanite professes; that Jesus is Lord (see [Exodus 4:22-23](#); [Romans 5:13-24](#)). Jesus came first to restore the kingdom to Israel (see [Acts 1:6](#); [13:46](#)). But His ultimate mission was the reconciliation of the world, as Paul declares in today's Epistle. In the Mass we join all peoples in doing Him homage. As Isaiah foretold, we come to His holy mountain, the heavenly Jerusalem, to offer sacrifice at His altar (see [Hebrews 12:22-24](#), [28](#)). With the Canaanite, we take our place at the Master's table to be fed as His children.

**Update from Fr Tom on the Called & Gifted programme beginning in September!** Greetings from the US, where I am spending some holiday time with my 92-year-old father. I've been helping him out with many projects around the house and in the garden. I've also been cooking for him nearly every day. As we get closer to the Called & Gifted Teaching Day, I want to encourage as many parishioners as possible to sign up. Each one of us can certainly grow in the spiritual life and come closer to our full potential as beloved sons and daughters of God, if we can recognize and understand the specific gifts and talents that God has blessed us with. Everyone is gifted, because everyone is a unique gift of God!

I would like to encourage you to **sign up by 26<sup>th</sup> August**, because the Called & Gifted programme will give you access to some online material that will help you prepare for the **Teaching Day on 9<sup>th</sup> September**. It is possible to sign up shortly before the Teaching Day, but those who sign up sooner will have more time to prepare well. It is also good to know that you can take part in the programme even if you cannot attend the Teaching Day because you will have access to all the necessary online content.

The normal fee for the entire programme is £80 per person. I have spoken with the pastoral council and finance committee and we have all agreed that the parish will fund £40 per person, which means that the fee is now only £40 per person. What does this fee cover? Part of it goes to the Catherine of Siena Institute for use of their materials and access to their online resources. Part of it goes toward the printing and shipping of each participant's Complete Resource manual. A small part of it covers the salary of the Called & Gifted administrator, the cost of hosting, maintenance of the website and the ongoing training of their team of volunteers. Your fee gives you: a full day workshop with two members of the C&G teaching team; six months access to all the Catherine of Siena Institute's videos to supplement your learning; six months access to the inventory questionnaire and results; a copy of the Complete Resource manual; a private discernment call with a C&G facilitator; a series of small discernment group meetings. So you are getting a lot for your money!

**Please sign up by contacting Jane Stephenson (07941755323) or Augustine Odukoya (07883014954) or send an email to: [calledandgifted@st-boniface.org.uk](mailto:calledandgifted@st-boniface.org.uk).** Please give your full name and contact details. Here are the bank

details for payment of the programme fee: **CDP Southampton St Boniface; Sort code: 30-93-04; A/c number: 00888002**

Since I am fully aware that many parishioners may still be struggling financially due to the current recession, I am more than willing to help any parishioners to help cover the £40 fee. I would not want the fee to keep anyone from attending the programme. If you do feel that you need help, please contact me directly at [tkleinschmidt@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tkleinschmidt@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). We can discuss this very confidentially. Let's pray that this programme may be a source of immense blessing for the parish! Fr Tom

**ADVANCE NOTICE 2023!**

**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!

**Details for the Parish Picnic 2023 Are In!**

**Date: Sunday 17 September**

**Time: Arrive 1pm, to start eating 1.30pm**

**Where: Whitefield Moor, Rhinefield Road, Brockenhurst, New Forest**

You are all warmly invited to join with fellow parishioners at a Parish Picnic in the New Forest. Whether you have been at the parish for a long time or are new to St Boniface, please come join us for some food and games or just sit and relax with a chat in the beautiful surroundings of the New Forest.

*Need a lift? Contact the Social team by email [social@st-boniface.org.uk](mailto:social@st-boniface.org.uk) or on a note to the Parish Office.*

There is a large car park with toilets at this site. We will provide a few games and some shelter in case of an odd shower. If there is sustained rain, then it would have to be cancelled – keep an eye on the Parish website: <https://www.st-boniface.org.uk>

**\*\*Please bring some picnic food and drink to share plus any seating/picnic blankets you may require.**

***Directions will be posted on the website. Sat nav postcode is SO42 7QD.***

**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.

**Next Second Collection – St Boniface Buildings & Maintenance on Sunday 27 August.**

**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/attended.

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