



ST. BONIFACE



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September 10, 2023 –TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

To Win Them Back: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: As Ezekiel is appointed watchman over the house of Israel in today's first Reading, so Jesus in the Gospel today establishes His disciples as guardians of the new Israel of God, the Church (see [Galatians 6:16](#)). He also puts in place procedures for dealing with sin and breaches of the faith, building on rules of discipline prescribed by Moses for Israel (see [Leviticus 19:17-20](#); [Deuteronomy 19:13](#)). The heads of the new Israel, however, receive extraordinary powers—similar to those given to Peter (see [Matthew 16:19](#)). They have the power to bind and loose, to forgive sins and to reconcile sinners in His name (see [John 20:21-23](#)). But the powers He gives the Apostles, and their successors depend on their communion with Him. As Ezekiel is only to teach what he hears God saying, so the disciples are to gather in His name and to pray and seek the will of our heavenly Father. But today's readings are more than a lesson in Church order. They also suggest how we're to deal with those who trespass against us, a theme that we'll hear in next week's readings as well. Notice that both the Gospel and the First Reading presume that believers have a duty to correct sinners in our midst. Ezekiel is even told that he will be held accountable for their souls if he fails to speak out and try to correct them. This is the love that Paul in today's Epistle says we owe to our neighbours. To love our neighbours as ourselves is to be vitally concerned for their salvation. We must make every effort, as Jesus says, to win our brothers and sisters back, to turn them from the false paths. We should never correct out of anger or a desire to punish. Instead, our message must be that of today's Psalm—urging the sinner to hear God's voice, not to harden their hearts, and to remember that He is the one who made us, the rock of our salvation.

The Holy Name of Mary, 12 September – a Solemnity for the Oblates of the Virgin Mary! Bishop Philip Egan writes: "This feast originated in Spain and was approved in 1513 and in 1683, Pope Innocent XI extended its celebration to the universal Church, four days after the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Mother (8th September). Following the Vatican Council II, the feast was removed from the universal calendar, although the Votive Mass remained, but Pope John Paul II, in the third edition of the *Roman Missal*, restored it as an optional memorial. The name *Mary* is rooted in various ancient languages: in Hebrew *Myriam*; in Aramaic *Maryam*; in the Greek Old Testament, *Mariam*; and in Greek and Latin New Testament, *Maria*. Modern philological studies suggest that *Mary* means 'lady, beautiful one, or well-beloved,' which fits well with the message of the Archangel Gabriel: "Hail, Mary, full of grace [*or* Rejoice, O highly favoured daughter]! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women" (Luke 1:28). The name "Mary," being the name of the Blessed Mother, deserves special respect and devotion. She is the Mother of our Divine Saviour and is rightfully called "Mother of God," for Jesus true God, second Person of the Holy Trinity, entered this world becoming also true man through Mary, who had conceived Him by the power of the Holy Spirit. Again, the very mention of her name reminds us that she is full of grace and is blessed among all women. Thirdly, Mary is a maternal name, because she is our Mother, whom our Lord gave to us as He was dying on the cross (cf. John 19:26-27). Finally, *Mary* is a name of the mother who responds to all of our needs, protects us from evil, and prays "for us sinners now and at the hour of our death." Blessed be the Name of Mary, Virgin and Mother! Fr Tom adds: "When Venerable Pio Bruno Lanteri founded the Oblates of the Virgin Mary back in 1814, he wanted our Congregation to be under the special protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He himself had a profound devotion to Mary, since from his personal experience she led him to love Jesus more and follow Him more closely. He chose as the special titular feast of our Congregation the feast of the Holy Name of Mary. Please pray that all Oblates today may imitate the virtues of the Blessed Virgin Mary and be faithful in their life of religious consecration and in their apostolic mission. May the Lord also grant us vocations!"

Parishioners are invited to join Fr Mark Hogan and the Dominican Sisters on 30 September for a free day of thanksgiving, prayer, fellowship, and formation in Winchester. To register: [Diocesan Day for Catechists Registration, Sat 30 Sep 2023 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

The Diocese, in Partnership with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is hosting an online seminar on Tuesday 21st November, at 6 pm, led by Evangelist Sherry Weddell, for Catholics wishing to bring people closer to Christ. Tickets are £10 per person from [Engaging the Disengaged \(How to Accompany Non-religious persons\) Tickets, Tue 21 Nov 2023 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Special thanks to the Organizers of the Novena Leading up to 8 September! The novena this year was a moment of great blessing for the parish and all participants. We wish to thank all those who made this Novena such a special event. We continue to pray to Our Lady of Good Health for all those who are sick and suffering.

Details for the Parish Picnic 2023 Are In! Date: Sunday 17 September; Time: 1pm, for 1.30pm; Where: Whitefield Moor, Rhinefield Road, Brockenhurst, New Forest. Directions are posted on the website. Sat-nav postcode is SO42 7QD. On site car park and toilets. You are ALL warmly invited to join with fellow parishioners at a Parish Picnic in the New Forest. If you need a lift, contact social@st-boniface.org.uk. If there is sustained rain, then it would have to be cancelled – so please keep an eye on the Parish website: <https://www.st-boniface.org.uk>

St Boniface Parishioner Database Needs Updating!!!

“Hello, if you're new, or *newish* to us, it will be most helpful if you can pick up a parishioner registration form from the church porch, fill it in and hand it to any Priests, or to the Parish Office; or you can do so via our website: www.st-boniface.org.uk. It is very important that you're formally & accurately accounted for. It also means that you will get a lower hire rate when you book our venues for your functions. Thank you, Margareta!”

PLEASE NOTE: that there will be an extra Mass in the evening of **Thursday 14 September** to celebrate **THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**, at 7pm, at **St Boniface Church**.

Please leave some room in your diary for a special **Citywide ecumenical prayer event** taking place at St Boniface on **Sunday, 1 October, at 7.30pm**. Fellow Christians from various denominations throughout the city will be joining us to pray and focus on God's presence among us and to celebrate what unites us in our Christian faith. There will be prayers, songs of worship and a moment of witness.

Catholic Home Care is looking to recruit new carers to join a friendly and supportive team undertaking general domestic support, helping older people in their own homes. If you like elderly people and have time to spare during the week, this is the job for you with a good rate of pay. Car driver is an advantage (but not essential) and full training given. Success at interview will lead to an enhanced DBS check before appointment. Permanent and holiday cover carers required. Full details from Xanthe Hackett or Marina Joyce 023 8017 0498 Closing **date for application – Monday 9 October 2023. Interviews on 17th October 2023**

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.

The next Second Collection is for Home Mission to be collected on Sunday 17 September.

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