



ST. BONIFACE



Bringing Christ to the people and people to Christ

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August 27, 2023 – TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

'Oh, the Depths!': Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time: "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!" Paul exclaims in today's Epistle. Today's Psalm, too, takes up the triumphant note of joy and thanksgiving. Why? Because in the Gospel, the heavenly Father reveals the mystery of His kingdom to Peter. With Peter, we rejoice that Jesus is the anointed Son promised to David, the one prophesied to build God's temple and reign over an everlasting kingdom (see 2 Samuel 7). What Jesus calls "my Church" is the kingdom promised to David's son (see [Isaiah 9:1-7](#)). As we hear in today's First Reading, Isaiah foretold that the keys to David's kingdom would be given to a new master, who would rule as father to God's people. Jesus, the root and offspring of David, alone holds the kingdom's keys (see [Revelation 1:18](#); [3:7](#); [22:16](#)). In giving those keys to Peter, Jesus fulfills that prophecy, establishing Peter—and all who succeed him—as holy father of His Church. His Church, too, is the new house of God, the spiritual temple founded on the "rock" of Peter and built up out of the living stones of individual believers (see [1 Peter 2:5](#)). Abraham was called "the rock" from which the children of Israel were hewn (see [Isaiah 51:1-2](#)). And Peter becomes the rock from which God raises up new children of God (see [Matthew 3:9](#)). The word Jesus uses—"church" (*ekklesia* in Greek)—was used in the Greek translation of the Old Testament for the "assembly" of God's children after the Exodus (see [Deuteronomy 18:16](#); [31:30](#)). His Church is the "assembly of the firstborn" (see [Hebrews 12:23](#); [Exodus 4:23-24](#)), established by Jesus' exodus (see [Luke 9:31](#)). Like the Israelites, we are baptized in water, led by the Rock, and fed with spiritual food (see [1 Corinthians 10:1-5](#)). Gathered at His altar, in the presence of angels, we sing His praise and give thanks to His holy name.

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 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 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 (07941 755323) or Augustine Odukoya (07883 014954) or send an email to: 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 We can discuss this very confidentially. Let's pray that this programme may be a source of immense blessing for the parish! Fr Tom

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](#)

Due to Deterioration in the Leadwork of the St John's Cathedral West Window, specialist contractors have removed the glass for restoration costing more than £100,000. Local parishioners and the wider Diocese are encouraged to help fundraise and donate to help with the costs. People may text WINDOW to 70560 to donate £10 to the appeal.

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](#)

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 Priest, 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. Thanks!"

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>

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 & Tom Olding."

Property for Rent! "Hello, my name is Denny Cardozo. I'm from Goa originally and a Catholic. I'll be moving to Southampton with my wife and 19-year-old son, as my son got admission at the Southampton University. I am looking for a one-bedroom house or flat to rent from 24 September 2023. I will be grateful to you if can let me know if there is anything available. My contact number: 07404 264686, email: cardozodenny123@gmail.com. Thank you."

Due to the special Novena in the first week of September, we will resume the Healing Mass on every First Friday at 3pm from October onwards.

Second Collection – St Boniface's own 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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