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# A “New Normal”...



“We are here to make Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament better known, loved, honoured, worshiped and adored. All of our efforts in this parish will be geared towards helping every individual to discover the Lord waiting for them to approach Him in the tabernacle”.

This world is temporary.

This world is passing away.

Everything in this world that lives will die.

We are making our way to the end.

We hear in the Gospel today that when the end comes all the workers in the Vineyard of the Lord will receive the same payment.

Those who had been working for 70+ years... those who have only just started to work.

What is necessary though is that we are **found to be at work in His Vineyard** when the end comes...

So, what is the Lord's Vineyard and what does 'working in it' mean?

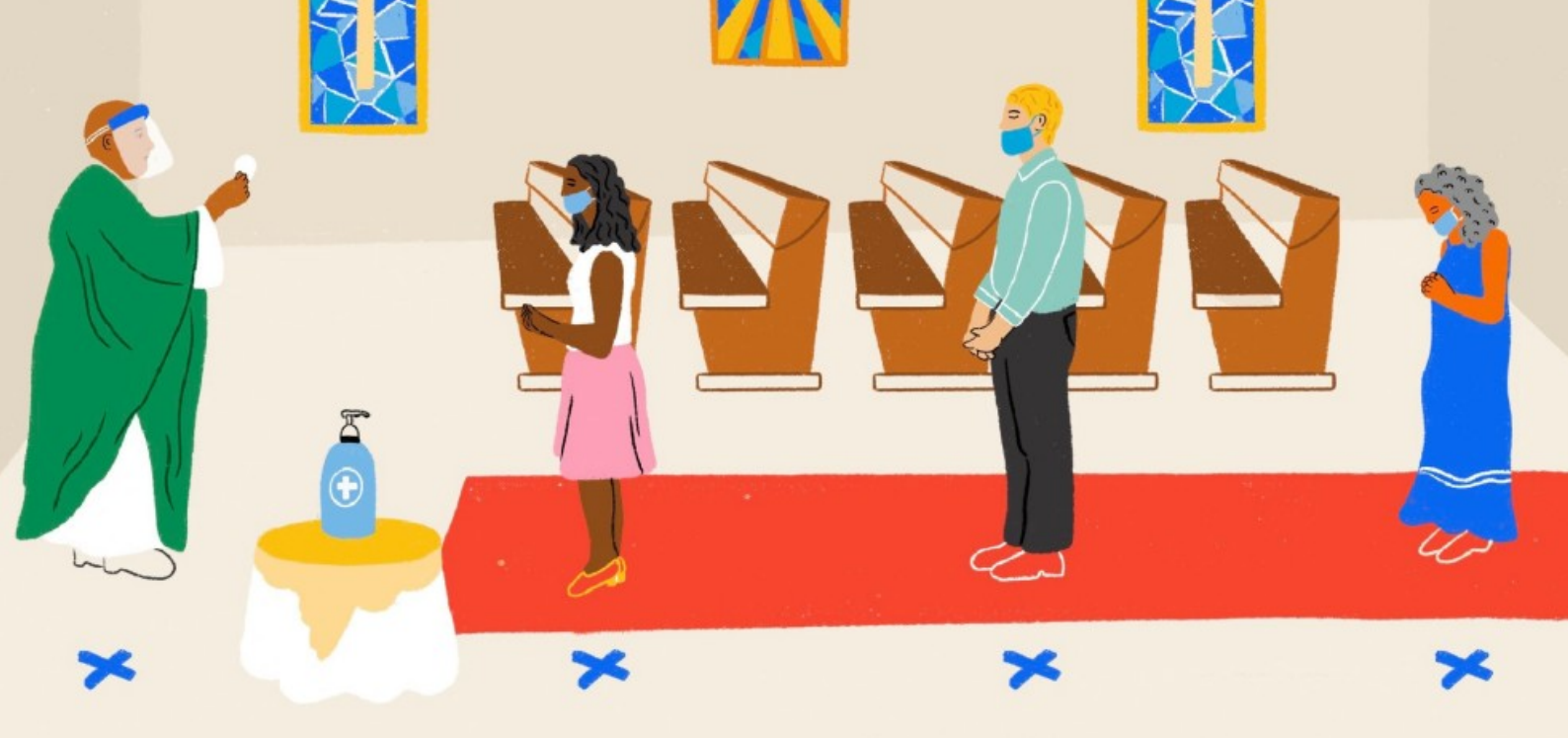
God's Vineyard is the Church, it's not the world. We need to be called in, like all those employed in the Gospel, we need to respond.

Then, once we are employed, we must work! We must be doing the Lord's will.

We must always remember that doing the Lord's work is our duty, we're not doing anything exceptional and God decides what reward we receive for our labour.

So, let's get to work! Let's work in the Lord's Vineyard!

## “THE PARISH WILL NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN”



## **A reminder of the rules we must follow during Holy Mass:**

- Please be aware that the doors of the church will remain locked until 10mins before Mass
  - Face coverings must be worn (if applicable) and sanitiser gel should be applied as you enter the church
  - When you enter the church you will need to follow the one-way system, keeping at least one meters distance at all times
  - Please do not talk in the church
  - There will be no singing
  - Available seats are marked with a green tick, unavailable seats are marked with a red cross
  - An offertory basket will be placed in the church for you to place your offering. An offertory collection will be taken at every Mass from now on
  - There will be no sign of peace
  - Please follow the one-way system for Holy Communion, queuing in single file, maintaining at least 1 meters distance
  - Holy Communion will be given under one kind by the Priests only
  - Please remove any face covering BEFORE receiving Holy Communion
  - Holy Communion may be received on the tongue
  - You must leave the church immediately, in silence, as soon as Fr John has processed out, please do not hang around.
- There will not be the opportunity to light candles
  - Toilet facilities will not be available
  - The sacristy is strictly out of bounds
  - There will be no readers or EMHC or altar servers for the time being.

**Failure to comply with these measures may result in public Masses being cancelled.**

# — FOR IT IS IN — GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE

Throughout the Bible we read how we are called to make sacrificial offerings to God... personal offerings taken from what we have received from God which we offer back to Him...

- We read in the **Old Testament** how the offering of sacrifices and the burning of expensive incense enabled the giving of an offering to be a part of worship.
- The law of the first fruits in **Deuteronomy 26:1- 11** is an act of thanksgiving for God's provision
- In **Numbers 18:21-32** the tithe sustains the Priests, and the passage establishes a principle, if not a definitive pattern, of financial support for local church leadership
- **1 Corinthians 9** becomes the key principle that those who share the Gospel get their living from the Gospel (1 Cor 9:7-12).
- The **Book of Acts** describes the early church giving to share in a communal life. Those who had used what they had to meet the needs of others.
- St Paul writes in **2 Corinthians 8 and 9** of a collection for the poor and of the interplay of financial and spiritual blessing and elsewhere of churches sharing their gifts and skills as well as food and money. Giving in the context of worship reflects the importance of giving at Mass.



**Giving is  
an act of  
worship**

Giving to others is one of the most beautiful acts on earth. Loving the other enough to go without to give them something is a selfless act.

How more beautiful it is when we do this for God!

We should give something of what we receive from God back to Him.

In the secular world, our offering at Mass might be mistaken for a 'donation'.... It's not!

When we make our offering to God we're not donating to a charity! We're not giving to an NGO where we all vote on how we use it.... We make our offering to God for use in His Church to serve His purposes, to further His Mission and to spread His Gospel.

What we offer to God we do without strings or conditions. We give freely and out of love for God.

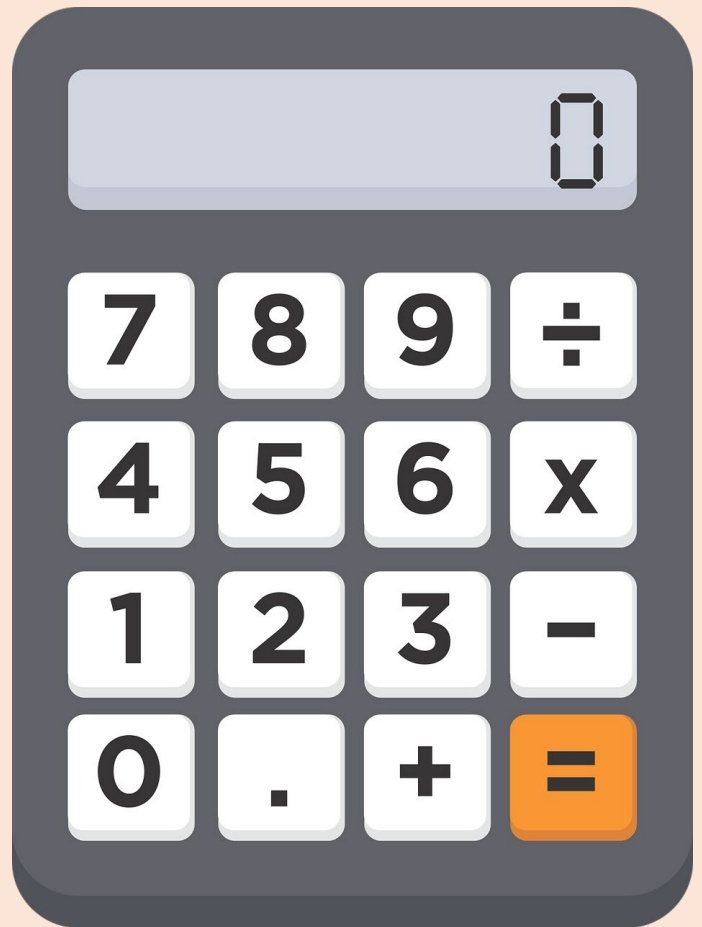
There is a danger (if we see our own giving as a 'donation') that we may fall into a **consumer mentality** where we subconsciously begin to think we are paying for a 'service'. We might be tempted to stop our giving or cancel our direct debit if we feel we're not getting what we want for our money or our own way! We might cut off our financial support and take our custom elsewhere if the Church teaches something we don't like....This is how consumerism may affect us....This is obviously not a healthy state (in the spiritual sense) to be in so we need to be clear about what our offering is....it's not payment for a service, it's not a donation to a charity..... it is an act of worship.

We've already seen that our offering is a **Biblical practice**. We know too that Catholics have given in this way since the first day of the Church's existence, so it is in our **Tradition**. The Church even requires that we give (in the Precepts of the Church)... it is **Teaching of the Church**.

Unfortunately, in recent years this important act has been forgotten.

Please think about this, pray about this and be as generous as you can be.

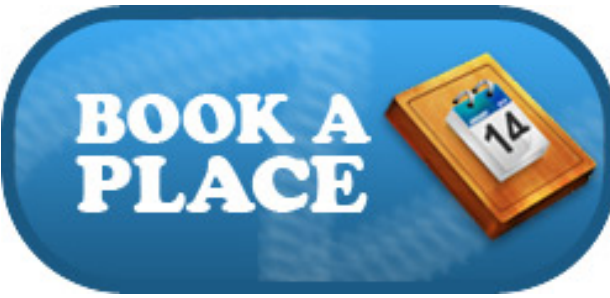
## Lockdown began on 16<sup>th</sup> March...



- It has been **28 weeks** since the beginning of lockdown....
- Our recommended minimum offering in this parish each Sunday is £5 per person.....
- 28 weeks x £5 per person = that's at least **£140** per person we have lost in this parish since March 16<sup>th</sup>.....

Some people have been able to increase their giving to cover the shortfall, others have made a one-off payment, others have set-up direct debits.....Can you help?





## Booking a place at Holy Mass:

Booking a place at Mass is a legal requirement. Not only does the booking system help us to ensure that everyone has a place, but it also acts as a register. Should any outbreak of Covid-19 be traced to the local area, we will be required to contact those who attended Mass and inform them.

**So please book a place, either online, by email or telephone.**

### Financial assistance:

If you are able to increase your usual weekly offering (during this time of uncertainty) it will be a huge help to the parish. Even the slightest increase will be a help – THANK YOU!

### Weekly Mass in Liphook:

There is now a 10:30am weekly Mass in Liphook, every Thursday, for those who have no way of traveling to Bordon or to Grayshott.

Due to the lack of ventilation, the size of the church, the vulnerability of those who are likely to attend and there being no possibility of a sensible 'one-way system' we have to take extra precautions, resulting in only 6 people being allowed to attend Holy Mass in Liphook.

### Electronic offertory:

If you haven't managed to set up your electronic giving yet, please can you do so as soon as possible. The Parish Bank Account details are:

**Account Name:** PRCDTR BORGA  
**Sort Code:** 309304  
**A/c no:** 01755138

### Baptisms:

For all those who were **already preparing** for a Baptism for their child BEFORE lockdown:

- Deacon Andrew will be in touch to arrange the completion of your preparation.
- Once the preparation has been completed Baptisms can now take place. Dates will need to be confirmed with Deacon Andrew.

**For those who would like to arrange a Baptism for their child now:**

- Please complete a Baptism Application Form (found on the Parish Website)
- Please contact Deacon Andrew: [acarter@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:acarter@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)
- Deacon Andrew will arrange your preparation dates with you.

### First Holy Communion Sessions :

Although we are still unsure of the exact start date for our new First Holy Communion group (it depends on how the Coronavirus behaves) it is now time to enrol your child for First Holy Communion 2021. They will need to be 7 years old by June 15<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Please email Father John the following information if you wish to enrol your child / children:

(Email: [jchandler@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:jchandler@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk))

- Name of Child
- Date of Birth
- Date / place of Baptism
- Names of Godparents
- Contact details for parents:
- Names
- Address
- Email Address
- Telephone number

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept

25<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to the Resurrection

Holy Mass: 10am **Streamed on Facebook (SJ)**

Holy Mass: 12 Noon **(Sacred Heart, Bordon) (SH)** People of the Parish

## Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept

Exaltation of the Cross

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Spirit

Holy Mass: 10am **Streamed on Facebook (SJ)** Dec'd Parle Family [F]

## Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept

Our Lady of Sorrows

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Angels

Holy Mass: 7pm **Streamed on Facebook (SJ)** Dec'd Fitzgerald Family [F]

## Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to Saint Joseph

Holy Mass: 10am **Streamed on Facebook (SJ)** Hubert Denbon RIP

## Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept

Luminous Mysteries

Dedicated to the Eucharist

Holy Mass: 10:30am **Immaculate Conception Liphook** Holy Souls in Purgatory

## Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Cross

Holy Mass: 10am **Streamed on Facebook (SJ)** Dec'd Hoare Family [F]

## Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Mass: 10am **Streamed on Facebook (SJ)** Dec'd Denbon Family



A parish is not a community centre.  
It's here for the greater glory of God.  
We are actively working here in this parish to make sure we keep the emphasis on God and not on Man.

