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**TODAY'S GOSPEL**  
**THIS IS INTOLERABLE LANGUAGE:**  
**MANY DISCIPLES LEFT JESUS**

**TODAY'S GOSPEL EVENT:** Is known as the "Galilean Crisis". "Crisis" is derived from the Greek words "krinein" and "kritike" from which we get the words "critic" and "criterion". "Crisis" means a judgement, a decisive decision, or a parting at a crossroads, which is just what we see in today's Gospel. Jesus' followers judge his words to be intolerable; they make a decisive decision to leave; they part ways with Jesus and "stopped going with him." This episode is all the more strange because Jesus has the crowd eating out of his hand one minute, and repelling it the next. As Christians were very used to the Eucharistic language of "eating my flesh", but what must it have sounded like to the crowd? Was the Galilean Crisis a failure or a success, do you think?

**PARISH BARBECUE: Sunday 8th September, 3.00pm.** Tickets £5 per adult (children free) available now. Donations of pre-cooked food welcome on the day: we'll supply the burgers. Please bring your own drinks. We can order or buy tickets at the back of the church. We shall also be holding a Raffle, so any donations would be much appreciated.

**DEACON RYAN BROWNE:** We are very blessed to have newly-minted Deacon Ryan assisting at 10.00am Mass today. Fr Bill has known him since he was at St Peter's School. Deacon Ryan will soon start a placement at the Cathedral followed by ordination to the priesthood next Summer. Please give him a warm welcome and keep him in your prayers.

**TONY HILL:** Please pray for Tony, an ardent and faithful member of our parish over many years who died last Saturday afternoon with his family around him. Tony's Funeral will take place at 1.00pm on Friday 27th September, followed by Committal at 2.00pm. We continue to pray also for Anne at this sad and bewildering time. May Tony rest in peace.

**TOM CALLAGHAN:** In your kindness, please pray for Tom, a resident of New Milton, who died this week with his family around him. Tom's Funeral Service will take place at OLOL Church at 1.00pm on Friday 6th September. May he rest in peace.

**VISIT BY THE PAPAL NUNCIO:** Saturday 6th September, Mass 12.30pm at the Cathedral. There are two places available to each parish. If you would like to go, please see Fr. Bill asap.



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR, MASS/SERVICE TIMES, AND PRIEST'S INTENTIONS  
 CONFESSIONS — 5.30PM SATURDAY, (OR AFTER WEEKDAY MASS ON REQUEST)  
 TEA/COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASS IN PARISH HALL

SUN 25 AUGUST	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Thomas Merifield (3rd Any) +Mary Conway
Mon 26	Bl Dominic Barberi	No Mass		
Tues 27	St Monica	Mass	10.00am	Thanksgiving Sacred Heart
Wed 28	St Augustine of Hippo	Mass	10.00am	+Tony Hill
Thurs 29	Passion of St John the Baptist	Mass	10.00am	People of the Parish
Fri 30	Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, and Margaret Ward	Mass	10.00am	Thanksgiving OLOL
Sat 31	St Aidan & Saints of Lindisfarne	No AM Mass		
SUN 1 SEPTEMBER	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B	VIGIL (SAT) MASS	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Alice Loftus +Minnie & Charles Garbett

<b>24/25 August</b>	Reader	EMHC	<b>31/1 Aug/Sep</b>	Reader	EMHC
Vigil (Sat)	AT	KD,BD,MH	Vigil (Sat)	Cd'E	MH,KD,BD
10.00am	RG	JK,JN,LD	10.00am	VJ	JK,SS,JP

A warm welcome to all our visitors today. Please make yourselves known to one of our Meet & Greet Team, who will be happy to help you.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**2025:** Registration forms now at back of the church. Candidates must be in year 3 or above in September and the family regular churchgoers. Please return completed forms to Lizzie in the office or Jacqui or Johanna asap or by 6th September at the latest. Classes start at the beginning of October on Saturday mornings. Thank you.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Is taking a break for the Summer holidays. Liturgy recommences in two week's time.

**LYMINGTON BASICS BANK:** Now that the summer holidays are here, this puts extra financial strain on families. Any gifts you are able to give will ease the struggle of people less fortunate than ourselves. Please give generously. Tinned items, dry foods, e.g. pasta and rice (un-opened!), sanitary items, cereals, all welcome. Thank you!

**PRAYER CORNER:** Our prayers are asked for the following who are sick and/or housebound: T Steeles, Madelaine Newland, Robin Hockey, Dave Youngman, Barbara Williams, Joan Miller, Malcolm Davies, Nicholas Donnelly, Churcher Family, Louise Sargent, Evelyn Merifield, John Allen, Marie Doolan, Paul Gordellier, Mary Tanner, Dcn. Anthony Cairns, Oliver, Gill Norris, Mary Dene.

**OUR PARISH HALL:** Is available for events and meetings at a very reasonable fee. Please pass it on! Please contact Lizzie.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Asha & Dileep on the successful opening of their new shop, Relymart, next to Morrisons supermarket. The shop offers international groceries, spices, fresh meat and vegetables, pet food and alcohol, among other things. Open all day every day. Why not pay the shop a visit?

**EXAM RESULTS:** Please pray for all those who have received A Level, GCSE and other exam results this last week or so. We hope they achieved their goals.

**CHRISTIAN ART** offers a unique approach to daily Gospel readings. Each day it selects a work of art relevant to the day's scripture passage and offers a short reflection on the 2. Check out at <https://christian.art/>

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