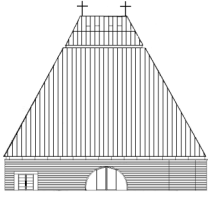




# THE MESSENGER

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## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY Year A

*He sells everything he owns and buys a field*

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- Sun 30th** 9.00 am SB Anna Bowan & Mary Togher
- 11.00 am SB People of the Parish
- 6.30 pm SB Felicjan Sawko RIP (Sawko)
- Mon 31st 9.30 am HG Ronald Lintoff RIP (Lintoff)
- Tues 1nd 9.30 am SB Philomena Hyland RIP (Hyland)
- Wed 2nd 9.30 am HG In Thanksgiving Mary Alex (Tomy)
- Thur 3rd 9.30 am SB Austin Grey RIP (Grey)
- 2.00 pm Crematorium Shirley Ann Hamblin RIP
- Fri 4th 9.30 am HG Canon G Chidgey RIP (Lloyd)
- Adoration after Mass at Holy Ghost Church
- Sat 5th 9.30 am SB Feliks Bogacki RIP (Sawko)
- Confessions after 9.30 am Mass till 10.45 am



## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

*His face shone like the sun.*

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- Sun 6th** 9.00 am SB Keith Douglas Graham RIP
- 11.00 am SB Int. of Maria
- 6.30 pm SB Seamus O'Brien RIP
- Mon 7th 9.30 am HG Int. of Maureen Lintoff
- Tues 8th No Mass
- Wed 9th 9.30 am HG Kevin Martin RIP (Martin)
- Thur 10th 9.30 am SB Mary & Douglas Sims RIP (Sims)
- Fri 11th 9.30 am HG Michael Moran (Lloyd)
- Adoration after Mass at Holy Ghost Church
- Sat 12th 9.30 am SB Alfredo Reyes RIP (Cruz)
- Confessions after 9.30 am Mass till 10.45 am
- Sun 13th** 9.00 am SB Tommy Power RIP (Power)
- 11.00 am SB Fay & Mike Redmond RIP (Short)
- 6.30 pm SB People of the Parish



### STOP PRESS NEWS

**Diocesan Day for Altar Servers.**

Bishop Philip invites all Altar Servers from across the Diocese to join him for a special Day for Altar Servers on Saturday 9th September.

More information to follow, please keep the date free.



**Please remember the Church is God's House where people come to pray...**

**Please respect His House - turn off mobiles, no food, drink, or chewing gum thank you.**

## ST JOACHIM AND ST ANNE, PARENTS OF OUR LADY

Wednesday 26th July was the memorial of St Joachim and St Anne, parents of Mary, Grandparents of Jesus. Please give thanks to God and pray for all Grandparents, living and deceased, for the gift of faith they have helped pass on to their children and grandchildren.

Here is a prayer composed by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI for the Catholic Grandparents Association:

*Lord Jesus, You were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on Grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for Families, for the Church and for all of Society. Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families' strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasures of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.*

*Lord Jesus, help Families and Society to value the presence and roles of Grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which You give them. Mary, Mother of all the living, keep Grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all Families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where You await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen.*

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING DAY

There will be 'Training' for those people who have been invited to be Eucharistic Ministers on Saturday 23rd September at 11.30 am.

If you are scheduled to Read or be a Eucharistic Minister at Mass, especially during the Summer holidays, and are unable to fulfil your duty, please arrange a substitute amongst yourselves.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018

Application forms will be made available on 31st August for children who wish to make their First Holy Communion next summer. To begin the preparation programme the child must be a Baptised Catholic, deadline for applications will be 21st September, this is the closing date, after which no applications will be accepted.

Date for First Holy Communion 2018 is:  
Saturday 19th May at 11 am and 2 pm

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

If you wish prayer petitions taken to Lourdes, please let the Parish Office have them before Wednesday 16th August, please do not put money into the envelopes.

## FATIMA RELICS TO VISIT THE CATHEDRAL

During this Centenary Year, the World Apostolate of Fatima statue of Our Lady of Fatima is on a journey around the cathedrals of England and Wales along with relics of recently canonised St Jacinta and St Francisco Marto. The statue and relics will be visiting St John's Cathedral here in Portsmouth from Saturday 26th to Sunday 27th August.

## FUNERAL

Funeral Service at Basingstoke Crematorium on Thursday 3rd August at 2.00 pm for Shirley Ann Hamblin RIP.  
May she Rest in Peace.

## RED MISSION BOXES

Please collect the emptied Red Mission Boxes from the Cloister Area. Grateful thanks to Teresa Connor, Bob & Margaret Carr for counting.

## COLLECTIONS

Sunday 16th July amounted to £2,338.31p  
Sunday 23rd July amounted to £2,677.06p.  
Grateful thanks.

# VERITATIS S P L E N D R

*In coming weeks we'll take a closer look at the official Vatican-released summary of St John Paul II's encyclical, Veritatis Splendor (The Splendour of Truth).*

At the root of the dissent mentioned above, and of solutions which are at odds with Catholic doctrine, is the influence of currents of thought which ultimately separate the exercise of human freedom from its essential and constitutive relationship with truth. An extreme notion of the autonomy of freedom tends to make freedom into an absolute, a source of values, apart from any dependence on truth.

Certainly it must be acknowledged that such extreme positions are not found in Catholic theology. It must also be acknowledged that, in developing a more personalistic approach, Catholic theology has come to a renewed appreciation of the best of the classical doctrinal tradition regarding the value of personal responsibility and the role of reason and conscience in establishing moral obligation. Nevertheless, in certain instances, there has been a radical rethinking of the mutual roles of faith and reason in identifying moral norms which refer to specific "inner-worldly" kinds of behavior. There has been a tendency to assign to autonomous reason (quite apart from revelation, tradition and the magisterium, and even from an antecedent truth) the task of creatively establishing norms relative to the "human good."

Even more radically, the acceptance of a certain concept of autonomy has called into question the intrinsic connection between faith and morality. Faith, it must be said, is not merely an intellectual assent to certain abstract truths; it also possesses a moral content. Faith gives rise to and calls for a consistent life commitment; it entails and brings to perfection the keeping of the commandments. "Not everyone who says to me 'Lord, Lord' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21).