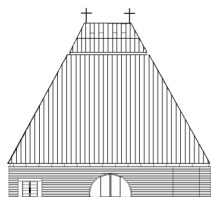


# THE MESSENGER

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost, St. Bede and Sacred Heart

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**Before Mass:**  
pray to God

**During Mass:**  
listen to God

**After Mass:**  
talk to everyone

## Holy Ghost & St. Bede's Churches

### Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time A- Psalter Week II- 3rd September

*If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself.*

<b>Sun 3rd</b>	9.00 am	SB	Letty Murphy (Lloyd)
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	SB	Dec. Mbrs. Hynes & Murphy Families
Mon 4th	No Mass		
Tues 5th	9.30 am	SB	Holy Ghost Parishioners
Wed 6th	9.30 am	HG	Margaret Mary Foran RIP (Fond)
Thur 7th	9.30 am	SB	Terry Reilly RIP
Fri 8th	9.30 am	HG	Sr. Anne O'Neill RIP (Wallace)
	Adoration after Mass at Holy Ghost Church		
Sat 9th	9.30 am	SB	Private Intention
	No Confessions after 9.30 am Mass		

### Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time A—Psalter Week III—10th September

*If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.*

<b>Sun 10th</b>	9.00 am	SB	Brenda Eakins RIP (Scorey)
	11.00 am	SB	Neil O'Boyle RIP (Ford)
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish
Mon 11th	12 noon	HG	Yvonne Rutledge RIP
Tues 12th	9.30 am	SB	Alan Coppen RIP (Patrick)
Wed 13th	9.30 am	SB	Roy & Simon Goodier RIP (Fond)
Thur 14th	9.30 am	SB	Gerard Murray RIP (Fleming)
	Adoration between 8—9 am in St. Bede's Church		
Fri 15th	9.30 am	HG	Int. of Parish Staff
	Adoration after Mass at Holy Ghost Church		
Sat 16th	9.30 am	SB	Martin Coxhead RIP (Hughes)
	Confessions after 9.30 am Mass till 10.45 am		
	1.00pm	HG	Wedding; Camilleri & Rolf

### Twenty Four Sunday in Ordinary Time A—Psalter Week IV 17th September

*I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times.*

<b>Sun 17th</b>	9.00 am	SB	Kevin Stevens RIP (Stevens)
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	SB	Dec. Mbrs Broadbent Family (Ford)
Mon 18th	12 noon	HG	Int Jo Burnand
Tues 19th	9.30 am	SB	Carlos Stefanio RIP
Wed 20th	9.30 am	HG	Mary & Barney Mulligan RIP
Thur 21st	9.30 am	SB	Lawrence Williams RIP (Murphy)
	Adoration between 8—9 am in St. Bede's Church		
Fri 22nd	9.30 am	HG	John 'Rusty' Wilson RIP
	Adoration after Mass at Holy Ghost Church		
Sat 23rd	9.30 am	SB	Tommy Curran RIP (Keane)
	Confessions after 9.30 am Mass till 10.45 pm		

### Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time A—Psalter Week I -24th September

*Why be envious because I am generous?*

<b>Sun 24th</b>	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Antonio & Venera Grasso RIP (Grasso)
	6.30 pm	SB	Maria Manuela & Fernando Vale Costa RIP

## WELCOME BACK

We welcome back our Teachers and children to School next week after the long summer break, we trust you all had a happy fun filled holiday and ready to start a new academic year.

## WEEKLY ADORATION IN ST. BEDE'S CHURCH.

There will be weekly Adoration on Thursday's, starting Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September between 8 am to 9 am. We are hoping that parents will bring their children in on the way to school. We don't expect there to be total silence, but as quiet as possible.

## 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS RETREAT DAY/DOUAI ABBEY

On Saturday 7th October between 10 am—4 pm lunch will be provided.

If you wish to attend please contact Liz in the Parish Office on Tel. No 01256 465214 or email; [stbedes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stbedes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## POLISH MASS

Next Polish Mass in Holy Ghost Church will take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 6 pm.

## PARISH DIARY:

**Sun 3rd September: Music:** 9am Choir; 11am Popley 6.30pm Priest Led

**Sun 10th September: Music:** 9 am Choir: 11am Filipino: 6.30 pm Piano

Thursday: 7.30 pm Choir Practice

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018

Applications forms are available in the Cloister area for children who live within our Parish and wish to make their First Holy Communion next summer. Deadline for applications will be 21st September

## BAPTISMS—10th September at 12.30 pm

Welcome and congratulations to Brayden Phillip Swan, Brianna Holly Swan, Elsie-Mae Kathleen Poppy Warren, and Kuba Walenty Wojtaszek.

## KNEELER GROUP

Tickets will be on sale after all Masses on Sunday 10th/17th September.

## KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

'Lucky Me' Raffle forms will be on sale on Sunday 17th/24th September after all Masses

## COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £2439.79. grateful thanks There will be a special collection for the SVP this weekend

# VERITATIS S P L E N D R

By looking always to the Lord Jesus, the Church comes to discover the authentic meaning of freedom: the gift of self, inspired by love, for the sake of serving God and one's brothers and sisters. It discovers that God's law expresses, in the commandments and in their absoluteness, the demands of love. Universal and unchanging moral norms are at the service of the person and of society. The profound renewal of social and political life, which is increasingly desired by people today, can only occur if freedom is once more linked to truth. Ethical relativism, despite its appearances, inevitably leads to a totalitarianism which denies the truth about man. To promote morality is to promote man and his freedom, but this can never take place in opposition to the truth and in opposition to God.

In the history of salvation, the martyrs, by preferring death to sin, have borne witness to the inviolable holiness of God's law and the unconditional respect which is due to the requirements of the dignity of each person. In bearing this witness Christians are not alone: They are supported by the moral sense present in peoples and by the great religious and sapiential traditions of East and West.

The concrete possibilities of acting according to moral truth, despite the weakness of human freedom caused by sin, are entirely found in the mystery of Christ's redemption. In Christ, God the Father offers us not only the truth about the good (the commandment of love, which sums up in itself the Ten Commandments), but also that "new law," which is his Spirit within us, and his grace, which enables us to love and to do good. In Christ we encounter the mercy of God, who understands our human weakness yet never falsifies the standard of good and evil by accepting compromises which would adapt it to particular situations.

For this reason, the preaching of Christian morality, so closely linked to the new evangelization, must heed the warning of the apostle Paul: "that the cross of Christ not be emptied of its power" (1 Cor. 1:17). In the task of proclaiming in all their fullness the justice and mercy which shine forth from the cross, the ministry of moral theologians is crucial; they perform a genuine ecclesial service, in communion with the bishops. Bishops themselves have the task of being vigilant that the word of God is faithfully proclaimed and applied to life, whether in preaching addressed to the faithful, in efforts at evangelization, in teaching imparted in seminaries and faculties of theology, and in the practices of Catholic institutions.

At the conclusion of his encyclical, the Holy Father turns to Mary, mother of mercy and model of true Christian freedom. He prays that through her intercession the truth of her son will shine forth in the moral life of the faithful, "for the glory of God." The pope recalls, in this final section, the "extraordinary simplicity" of Christian morality, which consists in "following Christ," letting oneself be transformed by his grace and renewed by his mercy, which comes to us in the communion of his Church.