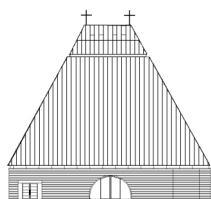


THE MESSENGER

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

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Holy Ghost Church Address

Sherborne Road,
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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 Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A—Psalter Week III
Sunday 5th November 2017

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In today's Gospel Jesus speaks to us about the failings of the Scribes and Pharisees, the Leaders of His time. What He has to say is valid for all time and for all in authority. Government and Authority are worthy of our respect and cooperation, but we need to be awake to the weakness of human nature. People in power can become uncaring of others, especially of those who are poor, and people in power can become addicted to the advantages and privileges that come with the job.

What is true of those in public office is also true of ourselves in our own little areas of power. How often parents or teachers can become authoritarian in attitude towards the children in their care? How often people in the workplace can become rigid and rude in dealing with fellow workers? And the same can all too easily become true within the Church too, in the relationship between Clergy and people. It is easy for individuals to become dictators in their own backyard.

Jesus gives emphasis to not "bossing others". We are to be servants of one another. "At your service" is a great motto and a great attitude to have in life. It encourages us to be receptive of other people and not so self-obsessed. St. Paul applauds the Thessalonians because they accepted the Gospel as a message from God. They listened to it and took it to heart.

Taken from Redemptorist Publications

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| Sun 5th Nov | 9.00 am | SB | People of the Parish |
| | 11.00 am | SB | Quirino Balagot RIP |
| | 6.30 pm | SB | John Hennessy RIP (Hennessy) |

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| Mon 6th | No Mass | | |
| Tues 7th | 9.30 am | SB | Eileen Lynch RIP (Togher) |
| Wed 8th | 9.30 am | HG | Lea Zucconi RIP (Smart) |
| | 7.30 pm | HG | Catenians Mass |
| Thur 9th | 9.30 am | SB | In thanksgiving Gabryel |
| | Adoration between 8—9 am in St. Bede's Church | | |
| Fri 10th | 9.30 am | HG | Michael Baldwin RIP (Baldwin) |
| | Adoration after Mass at Holy Ghost Church | | |
| Sat 11th | 8.15 am | SB | Success of Called & Gifted |
| | No Confessions this Saturday | | |

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time A—Psalter Week IV— 12th November

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| Sun 12th | 9.00 am | SB | Josephine Purcell RIP |
| | 11.00 am | SB | Ronald & Bozidar RIP (McAulay) |
| | 6.30 pm | SB | People of the Parish |

BLESSINGS OF GRAVES

In Worting Road Cemetery at 2.30 pm **NEXT SUNDAY**

CALLED AND GIFTED AT ST BEDE'S

The Called and Gifted team in the Diocese is presenting its next teaching day at our Church on Saturday 11th November, starting with Mass at 8.15 am. Over 1000 people in the Diocese have been helped to discern their spiritual gifts through Called and Gifted. If you would like to learn about your spiritual gifts and how to use them for the benefit of others, then this day is highly recommended. The day and the related materials are free (paid for by Living Our Faith). If you wish to sign up for the day please email: calledandgifted@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

NOVEMBER

November is the Month of the Holy Souls, there will be a basket in front of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Bede's Church and in front of the Altar at Holy Ghost Church. Please place all those names of members of your family and friends you wish to remember. May they Rest in Peace. (Do not put money into the envelopes).

GIVING TREE 2017

Advent giving tree will be up in the Cloister from Saturday 25th Nov. This is an opportunity to give Christmas presents for the children in the care of Social Services. Take a label and return the present back under the tree by Sunday 10th December

CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK

Catholic Legacy Week is 5th—11th November. Bishop Philip writes: "Legacy income is vital for the future of our Parishes and Diocese, and we believe it is important to take positive steps now, to inform and encourage Parishioners to think about leaving gifts in their Wills for the long term benefit of the Catholic Community... Legacies are a very valuable and lasting way to be involved in the Church's Ministry and Mission, helping to meet the needs of future generations

BASINGSTOKE CORAL SOCIETY

Basingstoke Choral Society's Autumn Concert will be at the Anvil on Sunday 26th November at 7.00pm. Conductor David Gibson. For further information please contact 01256 844244 or Anvil.arts.org.uk £27, £21,

CAFOD Memorial Mass

A Mass of Remembrance for all those CAFOD supporters, family and friends who have passed away will be held on Sunday 19th November at 10am at St Michael & All Angels Church Leigh Park. Everyone is welcome.

REFUGEE RESPONSE DAY

Refugee Response Day to find out more about, and maybe become involved in, the local response to refugees, on Friday 10th November 1-4pm at St Edward the Confessor Catholic Church 191 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford, Hampshire SO53 2DU or email: maidenhead@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PARISH DIARY:

Sun 5th November: Music: 9 am Choir ; 11 am Popley; 6.30 pm Priest Led.

Baptisms: 12.30 pm SB

Children's Liturgy at the 9 am and 11 am Masses

Tues: Toddler Group 1.30—3.15 pm

Wed : Choir practice: 7.30 pm at SB

BAMENDA SUNDAY

TODAY in our Diocese IS Bamenda Sunday. there is an obligatory second collection at all Masses.

BAPTISMS

Welcome to Agatha Mary Clementine Lausen, Edward Andrew Foot, Vanessa Masar, Florence Mary Mahon & Anna-Maria McGuran who will be baptised this weekend.



FENCE

Merlin Estates who manage the Estate at the far end of our Church car park, have erected a fence right across their boundaries. This is in response to the Residents who were consistently complaining about Parishioners parking in the parking areas. St. Bede's Church had nothing to do with the planning of the fence and does not belong to us.

IF YOU ARE GOING INTO HOSPITAL

If you wish to receive Holy Communion whilst in Hospital, please contact Liz Murphy in the Parish Office. The Hospital Volunteer Chaplains visit the hospital on a Wednesday to give Holy Communion to those who request it.

WINTER SHELTERS

Thank you for responding in great numbers to the appeal for the Catholic Community in the Deanery to get involved with this year's winter shelters. Next we are appealing for new or good quality SINGLE duvet covers, pillows, pillow cases, pillow protectors, WASHABLE blankets and towels. Alternatively a donation to help us buy them would be gratefully received.

Please do not bring the items to St Bedes, without first contacting Pat at pfm1906@aol.com or 07785312486, who will make arrangements with you to receive them

MARRIAGE CARE

Marriage Care is a National Charity that offers professional, confidential counselling for individuals and couples who are experiencing difficulties in their Marriage or other relationships. There is no fixed charge, but we do seek voluntary donations. Please telephone Freephone 0800 389 3801 for an appointment with a Counsellor near you, or visit our website at www.marriagecare.org.uk for more information.

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £2,443.74p. grateful thanks. Second collection today for Bamenda Sunday.