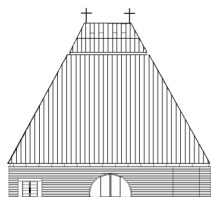


THE MESSENGER

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

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

Sun 17th	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 Stefano 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?

Sun 24th	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
Mon 25th	12 noon	HG	Alice McCreesh RIP (Rose)
Tues 26th	9.30 am	SB	Ann Murray RIP (Rose)
Wed 27th	9.30 am	HG	Int. Pat Roache (Roache)
Thur 28th	9.30 am	SB	Michel & Pino Colella RIP (Colella)
			Adoration between 8—9 am in St. Bede's Church
Fri 29th	9.30 am	HG	Kate Raymund RIP (Ford)
			Adoration after Mass at Holy Ghost Church
Sat 30th	9.30 am	SB	Letty Murphy (Lloyd)
			Confessions after 9.30 am Mass till 10.45 pm

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time A—Psalter Week II - 1st October

He thought better of it and went.

Sun 1st	9.00 am	SB	Joseph Chandy RIP (Jose)
	11.00 am	SB	Fay & Michael Redmond RIP (Butler)
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish
Mon 2nd	12 noon	HG	Int. Kate Webb
Tues 3rd	9.30 am	SB	Margaret Byrne RIP (Reddaway)
Wed 4th	9.30 am	SB	Giorgina Balbi Rip (Marchesini)
Thur 5th	9.30 am	SB	Mary & Harold Vickers RIP (Fond)
			Adoration between 8—9 am in St. Bede's Church
Fri 6th	9.30 am	HG	Int. Mary Hickey (Rose)
			Adoration after Mass at Holy Ghost Church
Sat 7th	9.30 am	SB	In thanksgiving Lou Aira
			Confessions after 9.30 am Mass till 10.45 am

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time A—Psalter Week IV - 8th October

He will lease the vineyard to other tenants

Sun 8th	9.00 am	SB	Aleyamma Philip RIP (Sherly)
	11.00 am	SB	Jessica McCully & Terry Sullivan RIP (Enright)
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish

WEEKLY ADORATION IN ST. BEDE'S CHURCH

There will be weekly Adoration on Thursdays, 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.

WHAT IS CALLED AND GIFTED?

A diagram of the Called and Gifted process

God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do. You have received gifts in Baptism and Confirmation through which God intends his love to reach others. The Called and Gifted process is an opportunity to start to recognise your charisms (spiritual gifts) and begin to discern God's call. Come and discover these charisms. Called and Gifted has three stages.

The **first stage** is a teaching day. It explains the Church's teaching on the role of the laity and the Parish in the mission of the Church to the world. It discusses the critical role of charisms in our life and service of others, and the signs and characteristics of 23 common charisms. This usually takes place on a Saturday, between about 9am and 4.30pm in a Parish.

The **second stage** is a private discernment Conversation with a trained member of the team, which will help you recognise patterns in your life that might indicate the presence of a charism.

The **third stage** is meeting three times in a small discernment group, following a process to look in detail at using one charism in your everyday life. Usually there about 5 people in the group. All parishioners will then meet together at the end, with their Parish Priest and perhaps members of a Parish Council or Evangelisation Strategy Team, to share experiences and confirmed charisms, and look at how the community can support each person in using their charisms in their everyday life as well as for the mission of the Church.

CALL AND GIFTED AT ST BEDE

Save the date – Saturday 11th November 9am – 5pm - Called and Gifted starts at St Bede. More information next week

KNEELER GROUP

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

PARISH DIARY:

Sun 17th Music: 9am; Choir; 11am Cantorg; 6.30pm Cantorg

Sun 24th Music: 9am Choir; 11am Cantorg; 6.30pm; Guitar

Tues: Toddler Group 1.30—3.15 pm

Thurs: Choir practice: 7.30 pm at St. Bede's Church

CONFIRMATION

We thank Veronika Budzynski-Seymour for being the Lead Confirmation Catechist for many years. We are taking this opportunity to look at Confirmation as a whole, to recruit and train new Catechists to support our existing Catechists. including DBS check and Safeguarding training. Whilst this is being established there will be no Confirmation for 2017/18. We shall recommence Confirmation sessions in September 2018.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018

Deadline for Applications will be 21st September.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

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

THIS SUNDAY IS HOME MISSION SUNDAY

The Home Mission Office is part of the Department of Evangelisation and Catechesis at the Bishops Conference of England and Wales. Their long term vision is to help the Catholic Church make the 'Joy of the Gospel' a reality in England and Wales.

The focus this year is enabling people to pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire their loved ones to turn towards Jesus; inspiring communities to consider their approach to those seeking Christ by developing an attitude of welcome, acceptance and love and will be providing support and training for those engaged in sharing their faith.

By donating to the second collection this weekend you will enable the Home Mission Office to produce resources, help Parishes and equip people to share their faith with others

POLISH MASS

Next Polish Mass in Holy Ghost Church will take place on Saturday 30th September at 6 pm.

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £2,548.37p. grateful thanks
Second collection this weekend for Home Mission Sunday.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The theme throughout today's readings from Holy Scripture has to do with forgiveness. We must always appreciate that forgiveness is a two way street. We need to seek forgiveness as all of us are likely to do. However, forgiveness is also something we need to grant to others.

Some scholars consider Matthew's Chapter 18 from where our Gospel Reading comes today as perhaps among His most personal teachings to His disciples and others as spiritual leaders. There is no question that the Lord is in the process of preparing His followers for the time when they (we) must continue His Kingdom without His physical presence. He is trying to build up the sense of fellowship and cohesion among His flock.

Thus, He focuses on how to build up cooperation and unity in those who work to build His Kingdom. He makes it clear that for us to accomplish that requires forgiveness and reconciliation. The lesson for us is quite basic: we need to know and appreciate and understand the grace of Jesus and respond by learning how to forgive our sisters and brothers (all sisters and brothers in our Christian and Catholic fellowship).

Christ always forgives us if we come to Him with a humble and repentant heart, and He expects the same from us. We need to forgive others just as we are forgiven. As Jesus warns us in today's Gospel: "So will My heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother (and sister) from your heart."
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