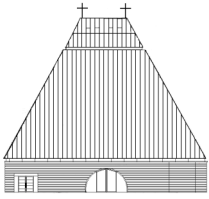


THE MESSENGER

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

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Holy Ghost & St. Bede's Churches Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thought for the Week

In today's Gospel Reading from St. Matthew, a lawyer among the Pharisees again tries to entrap Jesus by asking Him the question, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest." Jesus' response appears multiple times in Holy Scripture, as He says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." The Lord then adds another that He cites as almost equally important, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

Much has been written and conjectured about both of these, and often the focus is on who our neighbour is. However, there is another element of the second Great Commandment that is worthy of note, and that is loving the neighbour "as yourself."

Too often people conclude that this means that you have to love yourself first. Most of us grasp what it means to love the Lord with all we are, although it is nearly unattainable to accomplish. However, that second Great Commandment does not mean that it is necessary for us to love ourselves before we can love anyone else.

It means, quite simply, that most of us are concerned with our own interests and our own personal situations. Jesus is telling us that just as we often think of ourselves, we need to take care and have concern for the interests of others as well.

In the familiar Prayer of St. Francis known to many Catholics, we sum up what this kind of love to which we are called really is, when we pray, "Lord, grant that I might not so much seek to be loved, as to love."

Taken from the Catholic Steward.com

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time A—Psalter Week II

Sun 29th	9.00 am	SB	Maureen McCauley RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Antonio Martino RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish
Mon 30th	12.00 noon	HG	Kevin Danaher RIP (Ward)
Tues 31st	9.30 am	SB	Bertie & Mamie RIP (Ford)
Wed 1st	ALL SAINTS (Holy Day of Obligation)		
	9.30 am	SB	Holy Ghost Parish Deceased Members
	12.00 noon	HG	Sr Margaret Shorten RIP (Shorten)
	7.30 pm	SB	Carmel Hyland RIP
Thur 2nd	ALL SOULS		
	Adoration between 8 - 9 am in St. Bede's Church		
	9.30 am	SB	Jimmy Hanafee RIP
	7.30 pm	HG	Holy Souls
Fri 3rd	9.30 am	HG	John 'Rusty' Butler RIP
	Adoration after Mass at Holy Ghost Church		
Sat 4th	9.30 am	SB	Giorgina Balbi RIP (Marchesini)
	Confessions after 9.30 am Mass till 10.45 am		

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time A—Psalter Week III - 5th November

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



Before Mass:
pray to God

During Mass:
listen to God

After Mass:
talk to everyone

BLESSINGS OF GRAVES

In Worting Road Cemetery at 2.30 pm on Sunday 12th November.

NOVEMBER

November is the Month of the Holy Souls, there will be a basket in front of the Altar, 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).

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION (Wednesday 1st)

All Saints' Day is a Solemn Holy Day of Obligation. The day is dedicated to the Saints of the Church.

Mass times:

9.30 am at St. Bede's—School Mass

10.00 am at Sacred Heart Hook

12 noon at Holy Ghost

7.30 pm at St. Bede's

7.30 pm at Sacred Heart Hook

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 IRISH CLUB

The Basingstoke Irish Club are holding their Annual Dinner Dance on Friday 3rd November. Tickets are available from Kathleen Kelly on Tel. No. 07748321534

ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPICE

Please support St. Michael's Hospice

Light up a Life on Sunday 3rd December at 6 pm in St. Michael's Hospice.

Remember and celebrate the life of someone special by sponsoring a star as part of our Light up a Life appeal. For further information, please ring (Tel. No. 01256 848848 or visit their website: stmichaelshospice.org.uk/events



CALLED AND GIFTED AT ST BEDE'S

Save the date – Saturday 11th November 9am – 5pm - Called and Gifted starts at St Bede's.

BLUE SKY FOSTERING

Could you change the life of a local teenager? if so, please contact Tel. No. 0845 450 3519 or visit: www.blueskyfostering.co.uk

PARISH MASS COUNT

Throughout the Sundays of October.

PARISH DIARY:

Sun 29th Oct Music: 9 am Choir ; 11 am Popley; 6.30 pm Cantorg

Refreshments after the 11 am Mass today

BAAC meet in the large meeting room after 11 am Mass

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

Tues: Toddler Group 1.30—3.15 pm

Thurs: Choir practice: 7.30 pm at SB

Thurs: RCIA in Holy Ghost Hall, Burgess Rd. at 7.30 pm

BAMENDA SUNDAY

This is kept in our Diocese this year on Sunday 5th November, there is an obligatory collection at all Masses that weekend. The collection supports projects in our twinned Archdiocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. A Bamenda newsletter will be available also for Parishioners to learn of our link with this part of Africa.

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. This has nothing to do with St. Bede's Church. Please respect all Residents who live in the surrounding areas of the Church.

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

INTERESTING FACT: NO.1

Did you know, that in the Bell Tower in the Holy Ghost Church contains the bell called "John", because it was sponsored by John Liddell Esq. It weighs 140 kilos (22 stone) and is inscribed with the words "Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost". The bell was blessed by Bishop Cahill immediately after the

Consecration of the Lady Chapel Altar. One of the roads in the new Chapel Gate estate near Holy Ghost Church is called 'John Liddell Way'.

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £2,251.96p. grateful thanks. Second collection for Mission Sunday amounted to £651.69p.

