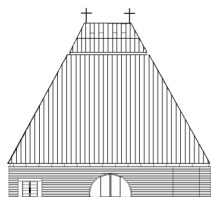


THE MESSENGER

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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Psalter Week 111—8th October

We are called to persevere in goodness. God will reward all faithfulness.

Thought for the Week

The teaching of the Lord for us today in a world where fear and favour jostle for advantage is that we persevere in goodness and never let go of it. In the face of the forces gathering against Him, Jesus reminds His listeners of the old saying, "It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone". Violence will never win the day. Wrongdoing contains within itself the seed of its own destruction, and the Lord who went to the Cross rose that we might live.

St. Paul, writing to the Philippians, promotes this way of goodness today. "Fill your minds with everything that is true," he tells us, "Everything that can be thought virtuous". "Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me", he says. It is in this way that the God of peace will always be with us. This is no easy commitment and we will need stout hearts to do as Paul urges us. In our own times the temptation to act like the workers in the vineyard is ever present, to resort to power politics to sort out the world. Let the words of Adlai Stevenson be heard again. He said, "The early years of the United Nations have been difficult ones, but what did we expect? That peace would drift down from the skies like soft snow? That there would be no ordeal, no anguish, no testing, in this greatest of all human undertakings?" Let prayer be our habit so that peace may be our reward.

Taken from Redemptorist Publications

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time A—Psalter Week III

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
Mon 9th	10.00 am	HG	Brenda Eakins Rip (Scorey)
Please note time of Mass in HG is 10 am			
Tues 10th	9.30 am	SB	Mike and Fay Redmond RIP (Butler)
Wed 11th	9.30 am	HG	Rose Easton RIP (Patel)
Thur 12th	Adoration between 8—9 am in St. Bede's Church		
	9.30 am	SB	Int. Anna Alex
Fri 13th	9.30 am	HG	Mary Fowler RIP (Fond)
	Adoration after Mass at Holy Ghost Church		
Sat 14th	9.30 am	SB	Walter Brazier RIP (Reddaway)
	Confessions after 9.30 am Mass till 10.45 am		

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time A—Psalter Week IV - 15th October

The Lord gives His invitation to all of us, to both good and bad alike

Sun 15th	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Arnold Azavedo RIP (Azavedo)
	6.30 pm	SB	John Reilly RIP

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.

CAFOD

Do you have a few hours free during the week to volunteer in the CAFOD Portsmouth Office at St Mary's Church Aldershot GU12 4RX. Office volunteers help with a range of administrative tasks from data entry to contacting volunteers. If you are computer competent and happy using Word and Excel then please contact Jo on 01252 329385 or email jewry@cafod.org.uk for more information.

POLISH MASS

At Holy Ghost Church on Saturday 21st October at 6 pm.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to Nalani Mahoto who will be baptised today

MARRIAGE CARE

Marriage Care Reading Centre, wants to spread the good news of the services they offer to couples and also to stay abreast of any needs in Parishes. Marriage Care is a Catholic Charity which can help couples to improve their relationship when things aren't going so well. Our skilled relationship counsellors can make all the difference. They are trained to listen and to support couples towards positive outcomes. For further information visit www.marriagecare.org.uk or for an appointment phone 0800 389 3801

CALLED AND GIFTED AT ST BEDE'S

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

WHAT IS CALLED AND GIFTED?

A diagram of the Called and Gifted process

Welcome to Gerry Penfold who will give a brief talk about Called and Gifted during all Masses today.

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.

CALLED & GIFTED PRAYER

Loving Father, pour out Your Spirit on us

And on our called and gifted process.

Guide us to know how You are

Calling us personally

To be channels of Your love and

Provision to others.

Grant us a new vision of Your glory,

A new experience of Your power,

A new faithfulness to Your word

And a new consecration to Your service.

That those we meet may

Encounter our Risen Lord, Jesus.

In whose name we humbly make this prayer.

Amen

PARISH DIARY:

Sun 8th Oct Music: 9 am Choir; 11 am BAAC:

6.30 pm: Lord's Flock

Second collection TODAY for CAFOD

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018

We have ninety four children preparing for First Confession and First Holy Communion next year. Please pray for them and their Parents and Catechists. They had their first session yesterday. The children will be joining us at all Masses today.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This Sunday at our 11 am Mass, the Basingstoke African & Caribbean Catholic Association (BACCA) and will contribute some of the music and much else to our Liturgy.

Welcome to the Mayor of Basingstoke Mr. Paul Frankum who will be joining us at this Mass.

PRISON SUNDAY TODAY

Our prayers and thoughts today are directed to Prisoners, their Families and their Children. We open our hearts to those members of our Community who may be in crisis and to be there for those who most need our support. For further information go to Pact's website www.prisonadvice.org.uk

FUNERAL SERVICE

Requiem on Monday 16th October at St. Bede's Church for Carmel Hyland RIP.

We remember also George Thomas Wildash who died this week. May They Rest in Peace.



PARISH MASS COUNT

Throughout the Sundays of October, we are obliged by the Bishop to count the number of people coming to Mass. Such information is useful in Diocesan planning and also to prove to others that Catholics do still come to Mass.

NIGHT SHELTER

The Night Light Winter Shelter, offering friendship, a hot meal and shelter to the homeless rough sleepers in the coldest 3 months of the year is starting again in Basingstoke on 1st December. The Catholic community have been asked if they would like to manage and provide all the staffing for the Thursday night shelter at the URC at the top of town. Could you help the underprivileged, by volunteering to get involved this year? We need drivers, cooks, washers up, greeters, people for set up & break down, laundry, etc. You do not have to commit to all 13 Thursdays. Full training will be given. If you want to know more, there will be briefing session at St Bede's Church Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th October. If anyone would like more Information, in the meantime, please contact Pat Murphy 07785 312486 or pfm1906@aol.com

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £2,758.90p grateful thanks. Second collection for CAFOD today.