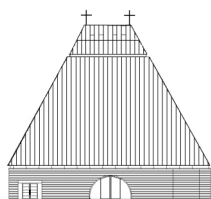


THE MESSENGER

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Pope Francis has chided the Catholic Faithful for using their mobile phones during Mass. Speaking at his weekly audience in St. Peter's Square in Rome, Pope

Francis said that Mass was a time for prayer and not a show.

Holy Ghost & St. Bede's Churches

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A—Psalter Week IV
Sunday 12th November 2017



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"I DO NOT KNOW YOU". Those chilling words of Christ remind us that when we come to meet the Lord, we hope for that meeting to be a reunion of friends who know each other well—not meeting Him for the first time. Being prepared is not simply about having our eyes fixed on the distant horizon of the day of our death and final judgement. Rather, being prepared is a state of mind, or a way of living in the here and now. As Christians we believe that we encounter the Bridegroom in our daily lives. Every day is filled with grace-filled moments when we can light our lamps and let the light of our faith shine out. What proves whether we belong to the wise or to the foolish is whether we are able to recognise and welcome the Christ who comes to us each day in the shape of those who hunger for food and thirst for love, those who are naked and vulnerable, sick and imprisoned, the stranger and the refugee. There are lots of ways of trying to stay awake during the day—going for a walk, listening to music, drinking coffee. For the Christian, the only way of being truly awake is by welcoming Christ in the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives by serving those who are in need. We are not asked to do extraordinary things, just for a daily faithfulness. To paraphrase St. Teresa of Calcutta; it is not about doing great things, but about doing ordinary things with great love. That is how we stay awake.

Taken from Redemptorist Publications

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
Mon 13th	12 noon	HG	Holy Souls
Tues 14th	9.30 am	SB	Rose Easton RIP (Webb)
Wed 15th	9.30 am	HG	Dec. Mbrs Goolye Family (Gibson)
Thur 16th	Adoration between 8—9 am in St. Bede's Church		
	9.30 am	SB	Erika Anna Schmeider RIP (Flynn)
Fri 17th	9.30 am	HG	John Nunn RIP (Kinge)
	Adoration after Mass at Holy Ghost Church until 11am		
Sat 18th	9.30 am	HG	Thanksgiving Armelina Domantay
	10—12 noon	SB	FHC Session

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time A—Psalter Week I 19th November

Sun 19th	9.00 am	SB	Maria Sauleek RIP (Fond)
	11.00 am	SB	Robert & Veronica Leckie RIP (Clague)
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish

NEXT FHC SESSION

Here on Saturday 18th November between 10—12 noon.
First Holy Communion children participating at all Masses this weekend.

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



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.

REPOSITORY

The Repository is open on Tuesdays between 9 am—3 pm, also after all Masses on Sundays. Christmas stock is now available.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY

Bishop Philip invites young adults (16 - 35) from around Portsmouth Diocese to join him at St John's Cathedral on the 26th November: The Feast of Christ the King and National Youth Sunday. He will be celebrating the 6pm Mass, after which there will be a social with food, and talks from inspiring guest speakers in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. Isaac Withers from the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales; Former President of Birmingham University Cathsoc: "Being a Catholic Student" The Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS): "Discipleship on Campus" This is a fantastic opportunity for young adults to network, connect to events locally and further afield, and communicate the things that they want to see happening in the Diocese. Register by contacting your University Catholic Chaplaincy, or emailing youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Ages 16+ £7

LIFE LINE FOR THE HOMELESS

Today in the cloister we have "Life Line". Each label on the Life Line has an item of basic human need, e.g. thermal socks, underwear, woollen hat, gloves, scarf, toiletries, track suit bottoms, etc. Items donated to Life Line will go to the homeless Night Shelter Project. Please visit the Life Line table to take a label and return the item the next time you come to Sunday Mass. Thank you for your support.

POLISH MASS

Polish Mass will be celebrated at Holy Ghost Church on Saturday 18th November at 6 pm.

PARISH DIARY:

Sun 12th November: Music: 9 am Choir; 11 am Cantorg; 6.30 pm ; Guitar

BLESSING OF GRAVES: Worting Rd Cemetery at 2.30 pm
Children's Liturgy at the 9 am and 11 am Masses

Tues: Repository open 9 am—3 pm

Tues: Toddler Group 1.30—3.15 pm

Wed : Choir practice: 7.30 pm at SB

Thurs: R.C.I.A at Burgess Rd. At 7.30 pm

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.

ST. BEDE'S SCHOOL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Fr. Chris will be available on Thursday 16th November after the 9.30 am Mass until 11 am, also on Saturday 16th December 11—12 noon. There is no need to make an appointment, just turn up. Fr. Chris will be in the meeting room, just off the Cloister. Please remember to bring your Child's Baptismal Certificate and Mass Attendance Card.

CHOIR

St. Bede's Choir meet every Wednesday between 7.30—8.30 pm. as from 15th November. They will be practicing for Christmas. If you would like to join the Choir, please come and join us.

FILIPINO CHOIR

The Filipino Choir are celebrate their 15th Anniversary next weekend (Sunday 19th), they will be participating at the 11 am Mass. There are refreshments in the hall afterwards, all are welcome.

ST. BEDE'S CHURCH KEYS

We are in the process of auditing Church keys, if you have any keys and not spoken to Stephen Flitcroft, then please contact the Parish Office.

TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN

May we suggest !

Relax? God put the wiggle in children,

Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome

Sit towards the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what is happening on the Altar. They tire of seeing the backs of people heads.



LUTHER ON CONSCIENCE & CHRISTIANITY

The Wessex Theological Society invite you to a lecture by Dr Jacob Phillips of St. Mary's University entitled "Luther on Conscience and Christianity at 10.30 on Sat. Nov 25th at St. Peter's Parish Centre, Jewry St. Winchester.

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £2,346.78p. grateful thanks. Second collection for Bamenda amounted to