

THE MESSENGER

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Year B

Psalter Week III

Sunday 15th July

Thought for the Week

Both the first reading from Amos and the Gospel passage from Mark have an important message for us, the Christian Community today. In Amos we are presented with the Prophet being lambasted by a crowd and told that he is never to speak in the way he has been doing again. Poor Amos, we may think. However, he does not need our pity; he is a man who utterly believes that what he says and does is just what he was told to say and do by the Lord.

In the Gospel we witness how the The Twelve are given the power to anoint sick people and drive out demons from those who find themselves possessed. This power has come from Jesus and has been gifted to the Apostles. These are people who can now Minister as they have seen the Lord Minister.

There was nothing that could deter either Amos or the The Twelve from carrying on the Ministry that had been given to them from a source much more significant and important than the opinion of the crowd. Even when opinion is gravely against them they have the confidence and the bravery to continue the Lord's business. They are people who keep their focus and somehow manage to continue believing even at those moments where doubt and disbelief would be a more realistic option.

Taken from 'The Living Word' Redemptorist Publications

Sunday 15th July **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sun 15h	9.00 am	SB	Dec. Mbrs Liddell Family
	11.00 am	SB	Domenico Marchese RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish

Mon 16th *Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

12 noon	HG	Marion Bedford RIP
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Tues 17th *No Mass Parish Office Closed today and every Tuesday*

Wed 18th	9.30 am	HG	Int. Adolf Saldanha
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Thurs 19th *Feast Ss Joachim and Ann—Parents of Our Lady*

9.30 am	SB	Int. Daniel Standing
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Fri 20th	9.30 am	SB	Peggy Newe RIP
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St. Bede's joining us for End of Term Mass

Sat 21st	9.30 am	SB	Int. Tockock Family
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Confessions after 9.30 am Mass till 10.45 am

Sunday 22nd July **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9.00 am	SB	Winifred Isabella Theresa Timothy RIP
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11.00 am	SB	Int. Anna Morris & Darren Benjamin
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6.30 pm	SB	Virginia Abella Derera RIP
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NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM

From September I shall be the only Priest in the Parish, and we need to review the way the Parish is run. Our former Pastoral Council has run its course and in line with the Bishop's vision, I wish to establish a New Leadership Team, (NLT). I want to utilise the Charisms of those who attended the Called and Gifted Group Program to coordinate the different aspects of Parish Life. More information to follow.

CONGRATULATIONS

Chris Olding, Director of Music at St Bede's, led the music at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on June 30th to celebrate the Mass at the end of the Columban Fathers' Centenary Year. A thousand people came to the Cathedral for the Mass with the theme. "Sharing Gospel Joy". Chris' hymn for Oscar Romero's anniversary in 2017 was sung at the same Cathedral and also at Westminster Abbey.

ADORE

(Alton Day Of REnewal) – Saturday 28th July 11.00-4.00
You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on Renewal and Mission. At Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 11.00am Rosary; 11.30am Mass; 12.15 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch (please bring finger food to share); 2.00pm Praise & Worship; 2.30 Talk "Good News and Gospel" – Canon Jeremy Garratt; 3.30 Prayer for healing. We end about 4pm.

There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information and directions, see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com Or telephone Alastair Emblem on 01252 714809.

Following month's meeting: 18th August. "The Church exists to evangelise" with a guest speaker.

CAFOD

You are invited to come to our Harvest fast day briefing meeting to hear about CAFOD's work on Saturday 8th Sept. from 10:30am to 1pm with a speaker from Head Office.



Everyone is welcome Please book your place by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call Jo Lewry on 01252 329385

VACANCIES AT MERRYFIELD CONVENT CATHOLIC RESIDENTIAL CARE

Maryfield Convent Catholic Residential Care Home in Hook, provides care and comfort to members of all religious denominations. The Sisters and Staff provide continuous, quality care, twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. They currently have vacancies. If you would like to arrange a visit, or require further information, please call: 01256 762394 and speak to Trish Davies.

BACCA

Last weekend, the BACCA Group held their annual event in the School playing fields, it was an enormous success. Many thanks to all those who organised this event. Not even the England Football Game got in the way, as a TV was set up under the tree, so all could see the match.

PARISH DIARY:

Sun 15th Music: 9.00 am Choir: 11.00 am Filipino: 6.30 pm: Cantorg
Plant Sale after all Masses today, all Proceeds go towards St. Michael's Hospice

Next Sunday 22nd July after the 11 am Mass

There will be refreshments and cakes in the hall to celebrate Fr. Chris' anniversary of being a Priest for 23 years. All proceeds will go towards the Lourdes Fund. All home made cakes will be gratefully received.

Wed: Choir 7.30 pm SB

GOING INTO HOSPITAL

If you are going into hospital, please let the Parish Office know. Our Hospital Volunteer Chaplains visit the hospital weekly with Holy Communion. We pray for all those who are sick in our Parish.

Lord, have all those who are unable to be with us at Mass in Your Safekeeping.

MASS INTENTIONS & TIME CHANGES

When an offering is made for a Mass to be celebrated, and a date is booked, everything possible is done to ensure that the Mass takes place at the time and venue arranged.

There are times when Masses have to be moved if unforeseen circumstances occur. (e.g. Funeral or if Fr Chris has an emergency call to the hospital)

Changes will happen more often in the future, as we will have only one Priest in our Parish for over 1,000 weekly Mass goers.

COFFEE/TEA AFTER 9 AM MASS

We wish to thank all those who have been working on a rota basis for many years serving refreshments after the 9 am Mass here on Sundays. Because of lack of people who are available to do this, we are going to discontinue until the New Year. We are very grateful to the people who have been serving teas/coffees for the Parish for such a long time.

GETTING MARRIED

If you are getting married here or abroad, please note you need to give us one year's notice. You will need to attend a Marriage Preparation Course, and provide recent copies of your Baptismal Certificate (date of issue within six months of your first appointment with the Priest).



There is a charge of £40 for documents that have to be processed through the Chancery Office of the Diocese.

COLLECTION

Collection amounted to £2,400.97.

Second collection this weekend for the Apostleship of the Sea amounted to £833.04p. Grateful thanks.

Second collection today for Fr. Gerry, who will be leaving us at the end of August to take up a new post in Totton & Lyndhurst.