

THE MESSENGER

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

16th September 2018

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sometimes the Sunday Readings bring peace and consolation. Other times they come as a swift kick in the pants. Today's Readings definitely fall in the latter category.

In the Gospel of St. Mark, Jesus begins to instruct the Apostles in what was ahead for Him – and for them. "Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and that of the Gospel will save it." In Peter's worldly way of thinking, Jesus should not have to suffer — and for that matter, neither should Peter.

But, rebuking Peter strongly, Jesus indicates He meant exactly what He said earlier. What's more, He was inviting Peter, and all of us, to join him in this way of life that is costly and self-sacrificing.

Why? Isn't Jesus all about love? Of course He is. He is love. And Jesus shows us by His example that real love requires toughness as much as tenderness. Our Second Reading teaches that real faith in Him is displayed through service or "works." In fact, this passage goes so far as to state that "faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead."

These Readings make it clear that faith and love are not alive in us until they are demonstrated through service to others for the sake of the Gospel. Service of any kind will involve some self-denial. But when I embrace this way of life, I have the joy of knowing my faith and love are real. By laying down my life for Him, I gain a life that is really worth living.

Taken from the Catholic Stewardship.com

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

16th Sept	9.00 am	SB	Kitty Lloyd RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Int. Oliveira Family
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish

Mon 17th	No Mass		
Tues 18th	9.15 am	SJ	Mass at St. Joseph's Church
Wed 19th	9.15 am	SJ	Mass at St. Joseph's Church
Thurs 20th	9.15 am	SJ	Mass at St. Joseph's Church
Fri 21st	9.30 am	HG	Lawrence Williams RIP
	Adoration after 9.30 am		Mass/Divine Mercy Chaplet
Sat 22nd	9.30 am	SB	Int. Sr. Marie Ann
	Confessions after 9.30 am		Mass till 10.45 am

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			Year B Psalter Week I
9.00 am	SB		People of the Parish
11.00 am	SB		In thanksgiving Gloria
6.30 pm	SB		Maria Manuela & Fernando Vale Costa RIP

TODAY IS HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Home Mission Sunday provides us with the opportunity to focus on spreading the Gospel in our local areas. At the same time, the second collection for this Sunday supports the work of the Home Mission Office.

Contributing to this collection is one way to play your part in our vision to help the local Church make the Joy of the Gospel a reality across England and Wales.

From the donations made for Home Mission Sunday in 2017 we were able to provide training and support to diocesan evangelisation personnel, put on [events](#) that inspire people to share their faith and encourage the faithful to pray for evangelisation – particularly from the Ascension to Pentecost

MISSION RED BOXES

The red boxes will be collected for counting at all Masses on Sunday 8th October.

It would be helpful if you could collect a brown Missio envelope from the stand by the sliding doors. Empty the contents of your red box into it and return the envelope on Sunday 8th October.



APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Apostleship of the Sea invites you to a Mass in honour of Our Patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea. Come pray for the work of Apostleship of the Sea and for seafarers on Tuesday 18th September 2018 at 12.15pm in St John's Catholic Cathedral, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth, PO1 3HG. Bishop Philip Egan will celebrate Mass, followed by a reception. All invited. Please RSVP by email to salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

ST. BEDE'S KNEELER GROUP

The Kneeler Group is now 6 yrs old. Tickets will be available for a draw on Sunday 23rd and 30th September after all Masses. The draw will take place on Sunday 7th October. Please support.

SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS

Parents, when you apply for a place at our Catholic Primary School in January 2019, you will be required to complete a Supplementary Information Form stating how often you have attended Sunday Mass in the past year. You will need to ask Fr. Chris to verify that the information which you provided on the Supplementary Information Form regarding your Mass attendance is accurate. The purple card will be available in the Cloister Area for stamping from the 2nd September. This card needs stamping every time you attend Sunday Mass. (If your Child is not present, there will be no stamp).

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA 'LUCKY ME'

'Lucky Me Draw' Promotion after all Masses today in the Cloister Area.

Monthly Prize £25. December Prizes, £100, Second Prize £50, Third prize £25.

A donation of £6 (or multiples of £6) entitles one entry per £6 into 12 monthly draws.

Forms are available in the Cloister Area.

DIARY:

Sunday 16th Sept: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Popley Group : 6.30 pm Priest Led Refreshments after 9 am Mass Refreshments after the 11 am Mass on Sunday 30th September

Tues: 18th: Toddler Group meet SB 1.30—3.15 pm

BACCA

On Sunday 7th October at the 11 am Mass, the BACCA will be celebrating Black History Sunday. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards, all Parishioners are welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

Application forms are now available for children who wish to make their First Holy Communion next summer. Applicants should be 7 years plus, and Baptised Catholic. To apply, your child must be from Holy Ghost Parish, St. Bede's Church. The deadline for applications is **TODAY**. This is absolute.

Date for First Holy Communion 2019

Saturday 18th May 2019

If you have any queries or wish to be a Catechist please email: fhc@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION details to follow soon.

WINTER SHELTER

A reminder that there will be a briefing session at St Bedes at 7.30pm on Thursday 20th September for anyone (minimum age 18 years) who would like to know more about helping in the Winter Shelters, which start on 1st December.

If you have not volunteered before, you must undergo training at one of the sessions (approx. 2 hours) being held at Sarum Hill Centre on either Saturday morning 29th September, Tuesday evening 16th Oct or Saturday 20th October .

Please contact Pat Murphy (pfm190654@outlook.com or 07785 312486) for more information

PARISH MASS COUNT

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. Mass counts will be on Sunday 23rd/30th September, 7th/14th October.

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.

COLLECTION

Collection last week amounted to £2,411.21p. Second collection **TODAY** for MISSION SUNDAY. Second collection for the SVP takes place on Sunday 23rd September.

