

# THE MESSENGER

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## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

23rd September 2018

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In Church circles, there can be a temptation to think that we are important when we are involved in various ministries, or are given impressive titles. Closeness to Christ the source of power, and to His People, does not always mean that humility naturally follows. Listening to St. James in today's Second Reading, we would do well to be reminded that the disordered desires fighting in ourselves can often be the source of a desire for power and glory. Prayer is surely the antidote. Closeness to Christ through regular prayer will help us to be shaped according to His will and to grow in the humility He so desires for all His followers. Prayer is our weapon of choice. Being without this weapon leaves us vulnerable, lost and prone to floundering around. True power comes when we allow ourselves to be filled by the Holy Spirit to be leaven in this world and a member of the Body of Christ, clinging to Him in prayer.

Taken from Redemptorist Publication

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>23rd Sept</b>	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)
Mon 24th	<i>Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham</i>		
	12 noon	HG	Mary Joseph RIP
Tues 25th	No Mass		
Wed 26th	9.30 am	HG	Michael Mullahy RIP
Thurs 27th	<i>Feast of St. Vincent de Paul</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Int SVP Members
Fri 28th	9.30 am	HG	Caroline D'Souza RIP
	Adoration after 9.30 am Mass/Divine Mercy Chaplet		
Sat 29th	<i>Feast of The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Kate Raymund RIP
	Confessions after 9.30 am Mass till 10.45 am		

## 30th Sept:

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Page 138**

Year B Psalter Week II

9.00 am	SB	Letty Murphy RIP
11.00 am	SB	Cathy Short RIP
6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

### 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

Wednesday 26th September at St. Bede's Church 7.30—8.30

pm There will be a talk for the Parents only of FHC Candidates, as an Introduction to the FHC Programme Enrolment for FHC Candidates will be during all three Sunday Masses next weekend 30th September.



## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We will be celebrating Confirmation this year and are awaiting the date from the Bishop's Office. We are currently recruiting Catechists, and if you would like to help please contact the Parish Office. In the meantime the Parish Leadership Team are working towards the programme and the Course to follow and the dates of the classes. More information to follow.

## MISSION RED BOXES

The red boxes will be collected for counting at all Masses on Sunday 7th 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 7th October.



## CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY

### 5th OCTOBER

On Family Fast day CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal or give up a meal to help our brothers and sisters overseas who do not have enough to eat or clean water to drink. Please put your donation in the fast day envelope provided and don't forget to gift aid your donation if you are a UK tax payer. Many thanks for your generous support.



## 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).

## DIARY:

Sunday 23rd Sept: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg  
6.30 pm Quiet

Refreshments after 9 am Mass

Refreshments after the 11 am Mass

Next weekend 30th September

Tues: 25th:

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.

## 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.

## BAPTISM

Congratulations and welcome to Eliza Allison Murphy who will be Baptised next weekend.



## SCIENCE – OR – RELIGION? A SYMPOSIUM.

A big Diocesan Symposium is taking place on Saturday 3rd November 2018, 10 am – 4 pm in The Discovery Centre in Winchester (opp. St. Peter's Church) on Science and Religion. Two leading scientists will ask whether recent research on the Universe suggests the existence of a Creator. There will also be a series of workshops led by experts on such topics as Christianity and Extra Terrestrial Life, the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence and whether human consciousness is immortal. The Symposium is open to all, whether religious or not. See the diocesan e-News for more details. Places are limited and bookings are now open at <https://portsmouthdiocese.eventbrite.co.uk>

## ST. JOSEPH'S SKITTLES EVENING

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October from 7.00 for 7.30pm start

At Loddon Vale Indoor Bowling Club, West Ham Leisure Park, RG21 2YR Cost - £10.50 per person

To book, please contact Alfredo & Eileen Lavorgna Tel. 01256 321496.

## ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

"Teach us, good Lord, to serve You as You deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do Your will".

## COLLECTION

Collection last week amounted to £2,440. Second collection for Mission Sunday, amounted to £204.38p. Second collection for the SVP TODAY, grateful thanks.