

# THE MESSENGER

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## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

9th September 2018

### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Jesus is a wise Teacher, teaching us by every way possible. In this Gospel He is teaching us that there is no single way in which we have to do things as Christians. Often we may feel that to be a faithful follower of Jesus we need to speak and act openly and publicly; and some of us may find that a very difficult thing to do. Today's Gospel points to the fact that this is not always the most effective way. There are many occasions in our lives when we can be powerful witnesses to Jesus by what we do in private, without anyone else knowing what is done. These are the often unseen ways in which we show love and care for those in need; the visit to a person who is sick or housebound; the welcome we offer to someone who is lost or lonely; the generosity to the homeless person whom everyone else ignores; the constant love with which we support our Children. All of these may bear quiet yet faithful witness to Christ.

Let us remember today the people of 9/11; those who were victims and those who were perpetrators. Let us think about the enormous amount of love that poured out from the victims and from around the world as people watched in disbelief. As we do so, let us resolve to live as people of love in all things in our lives, with Jesus as our guide and our example. May Jesus show us the way, a way that sometimes is very public, but other times is done in secret and in silence.

*Taken from 'The Living Word'*

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**9th Sept:**

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9.00 am	SB	Betty Harrington RIP
11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
6.30 pm	SB	Jose Orlando da Silva RIP

Mon 10th

No Mass

Tues 11th

9.15 am SJ Mass at St. Joseph's Church

Wed 12th

9.30 am Mass at St. Anne's School

Thurs 13th

9.15 am SJ Mass at St. Joseph's Church

Fri 14th

9.15 am SJ Mass at St. Joseph's Church

Sat 15th

No Mass

**16th Sept:**

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Page 132**

Year B Psalter Week IV

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

## **WELCOME BACK !!!**

We welcome back our Teachers and Children to School after the long summer break, we trust you all have had happy fun filled holiday and are ready to start a new academic year.

## **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.

## **A DAY WITH MARY AT THE CATHEDRAL**

A Day with Mary is an open day of prayer held in a Catholic Church or Shrine. It emphasizes worship of the Blessed Sacrament and devotion to Our Lady. You are welcome to join the event for a little while or for the whole day. It includes the Mass, Scripture, Rosary, Meditations on the Passion, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, Processions of the Blessed Sacrament and of Our Lady, Act of Consecration, Theological Instructions, Hymns, a programme on the story of Fatima and periods of rest with refreshments. The Sacrament of Penance is readily available. There is a bookstall and the opportunity to enrol in the Brown Scapular (consecration to Our Lady) and Miraculous Medal if so wished.

A Day with Mary at the Cathedral has become an Annual event since 2015 and this year's event is on Saturday 13th October from 9.30am - 5pm.

## **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

## **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.

## **DIARY:**

Sunday 9th Sept: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg:  
6.30 pm Piano

Tues: 11th: Toddle Group meet SB 1.30—3.15 pm

Thur 13th: RCIA at 7.30 pm in Holy Ghost Church

## **BAPTISMS**

Congratulations and welcome to Madeline Dover, Timothy Benjamin Boks, Grayson Tring, Chisam Abigail Chika Nwokike and Vihaan Jayden Fernando who will be Baptised this weekend, also to Charlotte Grace Pollard who will be Baptised the following weekend.

## **POLISH MASS**

Polish Mass in the Holy Ghost Church on Saturday 15th September at 6 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 to attend.

## **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.

## **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 16th September. This is absolute.

Date for First Holy Communion 2019

Saturday 18th May 2019

If you any queries or wish to be a Catechist please email: [fhc@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](mailto:fhc@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)



**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** details to follow soon.

## **NATIONAL MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS**

The National Mass for Altar Servers will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in Westminster Cathedral at 2:30pm. Please see the flyer on the noticeboard in the Cloister Area for more information about this event

## **CHILDREN'S BOOKS**

In the Cloister area, there is a lovely box in which is contained a variety of Children's Prayer Books and other religious books aimed at our younger Parishioners. These books are offered to help our Children grow in their Religious Knowledge and better understand the Mass.

## **COLLECTION**

Collection last week amounted to £2,669.83p. The collection for the Catholic Education Service is not Obligatory, and will not be taken in the Parish this weekend. However, if you have envelopes for this Collection and wish to contribute, please put them in the Parish Collection, and they will be forwarded as necessary.