

THE MESSENGER

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21st October 2018

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

To be admired was as important in Jesus' time. The Roman Empire was a world of patronage. Prestige depended on cultivating connections with those higher up the social scale, one favour in exchange for another. Such norms were not alien to ancient Jewish culture; status was important even to Pharisees. Today's Gospel tells of two fishermen who had abandoned their business to follow Jesus. They believed that He was going to be King of the Jews. Naturally, they anticipated favours in return for their loyalty. There seems to have been an expectation of rapid promotions when Jesus rose to power. The two brothers were not especially greedy, just products of the thinking of their time.

Jesus was a product of that same culture, yet over Him ambition had no hold. Quite the reverse; the "magnetic pull" within Him was away from Himself towards people who were vulnerable and despised. He experienced a gut wrenching compassion for anyone who suffered. Again and again, He turned aside to help and care and listen. His vision for the Kingdom of God was not the substitution of one set of powerful rulers for another, but a radical alternative. In the "reversed polarity" of God's Kingdom it would be those who were poor and sick who mattered most. Leaders would no longer be driven by power and prestige but by the desire to be of service. The Kingdom of God was to be a world turned upside down.

Taken from the 'Living World' Redemptorist Publications

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

21st Oct:	9.00 am	SB	Maureen McCauley RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Antonio Martino RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish
Mon 22nd	12 noon	HG	Dominic Lawrence RIP
Tues 23rd	No Mass		
Wed 24th	9.30 am	HG	Int. Mary Hickey
Thurs 25th	9.30 am	SB	Mathew Kurian RIP
Fri 26th	<i>Feast of Ss Chad & Cedd</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Jim Rolston RIP
	Adoration after 9.30 am Mass/Divine Mercy Chaplet		
Sat 27th	9.30 am	HG	Int Catherina Orteta Juanta
	Confessions after Mass till 10.45 am		

28th Oct: THIRTIETH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

	Year B Psalter Week II		
9.00 am	SB	Jesse Grey RIP	
11.00 am	SB	Maureen Burnand RIP	
6.30 pm	SB	Mary Jamila Babu RIP	

FIRE EVACUATION DRILL

Our annual fire evacuation drill takes place **TODAY** during the 11 am Mass. It is a legal requirement that we do this annually. Next year it will be either the 9 am or 6.30 pm



SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The course has now started. Sadly we are unable to take any more children on the programme.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We will be celebrating Confirmation as a Pastoral Area in 2019, and are awaiting the date from the Bishop's Office.

Applications forms are available in the Cloister area this weekend, closing date for applications will be 31st October. The Confirmation Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral by the Bishop on Saturday 8th June 2018 at 11 am

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Child Protection Training (with Maureen Wiltshire)

Sat 27 October 2018 – 10.00 am – 12.30 pm

St Bede's, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX

Vulnerable Adults Training (with Maureen Wiltshire)

Sat 27 October 2018 – 1.30 pm – 4.00 pm

If you are working with Children or Visiting the Sick within this Parish, this training is compulsory, please contact the Parish Office to book a place (Tel. No. 01256 465214)

BASINGSTOKE FOODBANK

Thank you Parishioners of St Bede's for your continuing generosity with your Donations of Food and for the time spent volunteering in the centre.

Donations of Food can be left in the boxes in the end room off the cloister at St Bedes.

BASINGSTOKE CHORAL SOCIETY

Next Concert is on Sunday 18th November at The Anvil, which features the ever popular work of Karl Jenkins. Karl takes his text from the writings of iconic figures such as Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, Anne Frank and the Dalai Lama. For further information and ticket availability please ring the Anvil on Tel. No. 01256 844244.

BISHOP CHALLONER ADMISSIONS

The deadline for Year 7 September 2019 applications is 31st October. Applications must be made online via Hampshire County Council; www.hants.gov.uk?educationandlearning/admissions.

ST. BEDE'S SUPPLEMENTARY FORMS

Fr. Chris will be signing the St. Bede's School Supplementary Forms on Thursday 29th November at 10.30 am and on Saturday 5th January 2019 at 11 am. in the Cloister Area. Please bring your purple stamped card with you.

WEDDING

Congratulations to Narquita Navarro and Matthew Williams who were married this weekend in Holy Ghost Church.



DIARY:

Sunday 21st Oct: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Filipino
6.30 Cantorg

Refreshments after the 9 am Mass
Refreshments after 11 am next

Sunday 28th

Mon 22nd Oct: SVP SB at 7.30 pm

Tues 23rd Oct: No Toddler group this week

Repository SB 9 am—3 pm

Wed 24th Oct: Choir practice SB 7.30 pm

Thurs 25th Oct: Confirmation Catechists meeting
SB 7.30

TODAY

World Mission Sunday is the one Sunday in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission. And all the donations from these worldwide Masses go entirely to support Churches, Hospitals, Schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.

World Mission Sunday, usually on the penultimate Sunday in October, is our chance to show love and solidarity to our family in faith overseas. Through our prayers, we support missionaries everywhere in spreading the Good News. And by donating we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Blessing of Graves in Worting Road Cemetery at 2.30 pm on Sunday 11th November

RECYCLING FOR CAFOD

Please bring any jewellery, currencies and coins, used stamps, mobile phones, cameras and gadgets (including broken or damaged) and place them in the pink sack in the large meeting room near the food bank box. Please do not include any ink or toner Cartridges. You can bring these items when you come to Mass.

Basingstoke Choral Society's next concert 18th November in The Anvil, one week after Armistice Day. Featuring The Peacemakers by Karl Jenkins, a work dedicated to peace. Jenkins takes his text from the writings of Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, Anne Frank and the Dalai Lama. The New London Sinfonia will also perform Palladio a composition for string orchestra by Jenkins. Tickets available on 01256 844244 or www.anvilarts.org.uk

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that in our Diocese of Portsmouth there are 91 Parishes, 76 Catholic Schools? We have over 100 Priests and 45 Deacons working in our Parishes. We also have 38 Religious Communities. The total population of the area covered by the Diocese of Portsmouth is 3,129,000 of whom 235,000 are Baptised Catholic, 34,000 Catholics are practising. We have 12 Students in formation for the Priesthood and 14 Students in Formation for the Diaconate.

COLLECTIONS

Collection last week amounted to £2,399.99p.

Second collection this weekend for Word Mission Sunday. Grateful thanks for your support of the parish.