

# THE MESSENGER

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**28th October 2018**

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**Night of Light**

What immediately comes to mind when you think of Hallowe'en? Probably, like most people, it is the images of witches and ghosts and so on, which belong to the dark world of the occult and magic - images of darkness and death.

In fact Halloween ('All Hallows Eve'), the evening of the 31st October, is the vigil (beginning) of the Feast of All Saints - the Feast in which we celebrate the glory of God in His Saints. The victory of light over darkness in the lives of God's Holy Ones in heaven. Jesus is the 'Light of the World'. The saints lived by that light and became a beacon in their own generation. We too are called by Jesus to live out this vocation - to be the 'Light of the World' today. Let Christians reclaim Halloween for God so that it is transformed from a night of darkness into a great Christian festival once again. In this way, in years to come, when people are asked what immediately springs to mind when they think of Halloween, they will think of Jesus Christ and the glory of God in His saints. They will think of a Night of Light.

The Night of Light, is an international initiative to *reclaim Hallowe'en for the church*. It is running in many, many countries in the world from England to India, from Africa to New Zealand and Hungary to the United States, with uncountable numbers of people involved. Celebrations have taken place in small chapels and cathedrals in parish churches and monasteries in Schools, homes and on the streets. The inspiration for it was received by Damian Stayne the founder of the Catholic Community, Cor & Lumen Christi. The Night of Light has the endorsement of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales. Here are some things you could do:

- Treats and fun for the children in celebration of All Saints and the Light of Christ. Perhaps the lighting of a candle at supper and sweets and fun events in families or schools, e.g. a bonfire or dressing up as saints.
- Placing a light in your window (safely!) and a picture of the Risen Christ as a sign to passers-by that yours is a Christian household and Christ is your light.
- In addition, some may like to wear a white item of clothing as a symbol of their allegiance to Christ our light.

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

28th Oct:	9.00 am	SB	Jesse Grey RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Maureen Burnand RP
	6.30 pm	SB	Mary Jamila Babu RIP
Mon 29th	12 noon	HG	In thanksgiving Standing Family
Tues 30th	No Mass		
Wed 31st	9.30 am	HG	Mamie & Bertie Quinn RIP
Thurs Nov 1st	<i>Feast of All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Dec. Mbrs Holy Ghost Parish
	7.30 pm	SB	All Souls (Mass by candle light)
Fri 2nd	<i>Feast of All Souls</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Maria Stowell RIP
	Adoration after 9.30 am Mass/Divine Mercy Chaplet		
Sat 3rd	9.30 am	SB	Dec. Mbrs St Vincent de Paul
	Confessions after Mass till 10.45 am		

**4th Nov :**

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

Year B Psalter Week III

9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
11.00 am	SB	Azavedo D'Souza Family
6.30 pm	SB	John Hennessy RIP

### 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. Closing date for applications will be this coming Wednesday 31st October.

The Confirmation Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral by the Bishop on Saturday 8th June 2018 at 11 am

### 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](http://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions).

### ST. BEDE'S SUPPLEMENTARY FORMS

This weekend is the last weekend for stamping School form cards.

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 keep them safe and bring your purple stamped card with you.

### SAINT OSCAR ROMERO

On Saturday 24th November 2 pm at the Cathedral, Bishop Philip will be celebrating a Thanksgiving Mass for the Canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero. For further details please contact Mugeni Sumbia on [m.sumba@oaklandscatholicschool.org](mailto:m.sumba@oaklandscatholicschool.org). or Tel No. 07843 514376.

### KNIGHTS OF ST. COOLUMBA

'Lucky Me Winner' for October—Congratulations to J. Allen of Basingstoke who won £25.

### CAFOD

CAFOD Portsmouth is looking for volunteers who can help in our office at St Mary's church in Aldershot during the week. If you have good computer skills, familiar with word and excel and can spare a few hours a week to help out with administrative tasks then please contact Jo Lewry on 01252 329385 or email [portsmouth@caofd.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@caofd.org.uk) for more information .

### LIFE LINE FOR THE HOMELESS

On Sunday 18th November in the cloister we shall be holding our "Life Line" appeal for items for the homeless, who we will be helping during this year's Night Light Winter Shelter project between 1<sup>st</sup> December and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Each label on the Life Line will have an item of basic human need, e.g. socks, underwear, woollen hat, gloves, scarf, toiletries, etc. Last year the support from St Bedes was

overwhelming. Unfortunately, this year, we have just as many rough sleepers in Basingstoke to look after as in 2017, so we hope we can count on your support again this year.



### DIARY:

Sunday 28th Oct: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg: 6.30 Quiet

Refreshments after the 9 am Mass  
Refreshments after 11 am  
BACCA meeting after 11 am Mass

Tues 30th Oct: Toddler group meet SB 1.30—3.15 pm  
Wed 31st Choir practice SB 7.30 pm

### FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Thursday 1st November is a Holy Day of Obligation  
Mass times at St. Bede's Church are:

9.30 am St. Bede's School joining us  
7.30 pm Mass by Candle light



### FEAST OF ALL SOULS

9.30am Mass at Holy Ghost followed by  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### NOVEMBER

November is the Month of the Holy Souls, there will be a basket in front of the Altar, please place all those names of members of your Family and Friends you wish to remember. May they rest in Peace. (do not put money into the envelopes)

### BLESSING OF GRAVES

Blessing of Graves in Worting Road Cemetery at 2.30 pm on Sunday 11th November. This short service reminds us to honour the graves of our loved ones, and to pray for their souls are now with the Lord sharing His promise of eternal life. Where they have gone we hope to follow. There will also be a Blessing of the Graves in Holy Ghost Cemetery on Wednesday 14th November after 9.30 am Mass.

### FIRE EVACUATION DRILL

Thank you to all who participated in the fire evacuation drill held at the 11 am Mass on 21st October. The drill was successful, but also enabled us to highlight a few issues with the evacuation process. These issues are being of them. There will be a further communication once the review is completed.

### CAR PARKING

The fire drill did highlight issues with parking. There is no parking allowed on any paved area, these are foot paths, not designed for cars, and parking on them hinders pedestrian access or exit as in the fire drill. **DO NOT PARK** across the end of footpaths as you block them for everyone with pushchairs or wheelchairs. This occurred during the fire drill and caused issues with evacuation. The yellow hatched area is not for parking, it is for unloading and emergency vehicles (ambulances etc.) Finally the drive should be kept clear from Popley Way down to the car park. This is the access route for emergency vehicles. If there are a lot of cars please double park between the row in the car park and do the same in the school. If there is no space then please park off site and do not block the drive access.

### COLLECTIONS

Collection last week Parish Collection £2,362.19.  
World Mission Sunday £388.83. Grateful thanks.