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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

7th October 2018

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's readings give us a wonderful refresher on the Biblical origins of the Sacrament of Marriage, going all the way back to the second chapter of Genesis in our First Reading, and then reinforced by Jesus in our Gospel Reading from St. Mark.

Perhaps more than any other time in Christianity, Marriage and Family life are under attack right now. It is vital that we have a proper understanding of the Church's beautiful and solid teachings in these areas. We call this type of knowledge, "Formation" and it is one of the pillars of a stewardship way of life. Solid Formation in the faith not only strengthens us in our own walk with the Lord, but it allows us to pass on this knowledge to others who are thirsting to know the truth about the human person, and it also arms us to defend our beliefs, when necessary.

These readings also invite us to reflect on the reality that we are to be good stewards of the vocation the Lord has entrusted to us. If I am married, do I recognize that my Spouse and my Marriage are a gift from God that must be nourished, developed and tended? This brings to mind the stewardship aspect of "Time." After time spent with God, my next priority of time should be for my Spouse. Do I realize that at the end of my life I will have to give an account to God for how I cared for the gift of my Spouse and Marriage?

Taken from the Catholic Steward.com

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

7th Oct:	9.00 am	SB	Tito Gomes RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Jessica McCully, Terry Sullivan Christy Enright RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	Virgina De Vera
Mon 8th	10.30 am	HG	Int. Barbara Rokosz
	11.45 am		Christopher White RIP Basingstoke Crematorium
Tues 9th			Blessed John Henry Newman No Mass
Wed 10th	9.30 am	HG	Ronald Grasso RIP
Thurs 11th			St John XXIII Pope 9.30 am
Fri 12th	9.30 am	SB	Peter Kennedy RIP
	9.30 am	HG	Jean & John Nunn RIP Adoration after 9.30 am Mass/Divine Mercy Chaplet
Sat 13th			St. Edward the Confessor 9.30 am
		SB	Mary Fowler RIP

14th Oct:

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Year B Psalter Week IV
9.00 am SB Betty Pakula RIP
11.00 am SB Betty Harrington RIP
6.30 pm SB People of the Parish

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is the month of the Rosary and the Holy Father has invited us this year to pray the Rosary every day during this entire Marian month. He wants us to join in communion and in penitence, as the people of God, in asking the Holy Mother of God and Saint Michael Archangel to protect the Church from the devil, who always seeks to separate us from God and from each other. He asks us to conclude the recitation of the Rosary with the ancient invocation *Sub Tuum Praesidium*. The Russian mystics and the great saints of all the traditions advised, in moments of spiritual turbulence, to shelter beneath the mantle of the Holy Mother of God pronouncing this invocation. May the Holy Mother of God place the Church beneath her protective mantle. Pope Francis has also asked us after the Rosary to add the prayer to Saint Michael Archangel that he protect and help us in the struggle against evil (cf. Rev 12, 7-12). This latter prayer, written by Pope Leo XIII, is, Pope Francis, says the weapon against the Great Accuser who "goes around the world seeking to accuse".

Sub Tuum Praesidium

We fly to thy protection, O Holy Mother of God,
Despise not our petitions in our necessities,
But deliver us always from all dangers.
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen

Prayer to Saint Michael

Holy Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;

and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,

by the power of God, cast into hell satan and all the wicked spirits

who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

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 celebration will be celebrated at the Cathedral by the Bishop.

BAPTISMS

Welcome and congratulations to Matilda Jo Attard-Ferrito, Elaina Rose Bowditch, Arielle Katraluchi Mammah and Elzira Kaizirach Mammah who will be Baptised this weekend.



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

At St. Bede's on Saturday 27th October - Child Protection Training 10.00 am — 12.30 pm. Vulnerable Adults Training 1.30 pm — 4 pm. Please contact the Parish Office. (Tel. No. 01256 465214) email: stbedes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PARISH MASS COUNT

We are obliged by the Bishop to count the number of people coming to Mass. This weekend is the final count.

DIARY:

Sunday 7th Oct: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am BACCA
6.30 pm Piano
Welcome to our FHC children this weekend
Refreshments after the 11 am Mass
Mon 8th: SVP @ SB 7.30 pm
KSC @ SB 7.30 pm
Tues 9th Oct: Toddler Group meet SB 1.30—3.15 pm
Repository SB 9 am—3 pm
Wed 10th Oct: Choir practice SB 7.30 pm

BACCA

Welcome to the Black African Community, who will be participating at the 11 am Mass today. We also welcome the Mayor of Basingstoke Cllr Sean Keating.

FUNERALS

Service at Basingstoke Crematorium on Monday 8th October at 11.45 am for Christopher White RIP. May he Rest in Peace



ST. BEDE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Train to be a Teacher at St. Bede's School.
The Catholic Teaching Schools Alliance and the Primary Catholic Partnership at St. Bede's School.
Train to Teach Open Day on 8th November between 9.00 am 12 noon. Please contact Mrs Tobin on Tel. No 01256 473379 or email: f.blackburn@st-bedes.hants.sch.uk

GUITARIST NEEDED

Richenda Power, who used to sing with Jim Mooney at the 1830 masses, is, with Tanya Sidley, looking for a guitarist, now that Jim is working abroad and is no longer available. The commitment is to providing music for the evening mass about once a month. Please contact Richenda by email or phone if you are interested, so as to make arrangements for a try out.

richendapower@btinternet.com or 07818476910

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.

DOMINICAN SISTERS SWAY

The Dominican Sisters are offering weekly webinar and podcasts to unpack the Sunday Gospel. You can find them here: <http://podcasts.dominicansistersofstjoseph.org/> at <https://portsmouthdiocese.eventbrite.co.uk>

COLLECTION

Collection last week amounted to £2,662.29p. Second collection TODAY for CAFOD. Second collection next weekend for the Foreign Missions. Grateful thanks and a thousand Blessings.