

# THE MESSENGER

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**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**18th November 2018**

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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Julian of Norwich, a Holy Woman of medieval England, is famous for a saying: "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well". It is a heart-warming sentiment to hear spoken and we all love reassurance in life. But in the face of life's hardships and problems these words can also sound very hollow and empty. The dark deeds of war and the roar of this world's angers and the depths of people's sufferings are so strong and so emphatic that any promises that "all shall be well" may seem laughable and even insulting. And yet people came to listen to Julian of Norwich. They valued her advice and were impressed by her strong humanity. She was not whispering pious platitudes, but rather she had a true insight into the ways of this world and into the resolution of life's real ills.

This insight that good will prevail was also the belief of an old soldier. Nearing the end of His days, this old man was sitting by his fireside and thinking back over the journey of his own life; from childhood poverty to joining the army and fighting through the Second World War. He had been close to death, had seen comrades die on desert sands and he had come ashore on Normandy beaches. He had faced death every day and he had survived to make a home and family and reach old age. He had seen the world in times of great distress and now, as life's end drew near, he turned to his son and quoted the words of the Gospel: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away". Through hell and high water and everything in between, the old soldier held on to the words of the Lord.

*Taken from the Living Word—Redemptorist Publications*

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

<b>18th Nov</b>	9.00 am	SB	Tito Gomes RIP
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	SB	Veronica & Robert Leckie RIP
Mon 19th	9.15 am	SJ	
Tues 20th	10.00 am	SH (Hook)	Maria Sauleek RIP
Wed 21st	10.00 am	SH (Hook)	Dec. Mbrs Murphy Family
Thurs 22nd	9.30 am	SB	Brenda Eakins RIP
Fri 23rd	9.30 am	HG	Dec. Mbrs Broadbent Family
Sat 24th	9.30 am	SB	Michael Baldwin RIP
	4.30 pm	SB	In thanksgiving Filipino Group
	Confessions after Mass till 10.45 am		

**25th Nov**

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

Year B Psalter Week II

9.00 am	SB	Kathleen, Patrick Bruen RIP
11.00 am	SB	Joe Murphy RIP
6.30 pm	SB	Krzysztof Szezepanski RIP

## ADVENT GIVING TREE

Advent Giving Tree will be up in the Cloister Area from Saturday 24th Nov. This is an opportunity to give Christmas presents for the children in the care of Social Services. Take a label and return the presents wrapped and labelled to us by Sunday 9th December.



## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER

If you are an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the sick/housebound, will you kindly sign the book in the Sacristy before Mass, this will enable us to know who is receiving Holy Communion. This applies also to the Holy Ghost Church.

## SACRED HEART FATHERS AND BROTHERS OF BETHARRAM

This year, at the request of Bishop Philip, The Diocese is supporting the Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers of Betharram in their Annual Mission Appeal. There will be a retiring collection for this appeal at all Masses next weekend. We honour Our Blessed Lady under many titles, one you may not have heard of is Our Lady of Betharram.

Betharram means in the local patois 'Beautiful Branch' and is a shrine in the south of France not far from Lourdes.

Our Blessed Mother has been honoured there for many centuries after a young girl fell into the river and was saved by a Beautiful Lady holding a Child and held a branch by which the girl was able to gain safety. Hence the title Our Lady of the Beautiful Branch, Betharram.

A young Priest went to Betharram in 1825 and spent the rest of his Priestly life there. It was at Betharram that this young Priest, Fr Michael Garicoits, gathered together a group of men who became the Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers of Betharram. This young Priest today is known as St Michael Garicoits after his Canonisation in 1947. Today St Michael's congregation works in sixteen countries across the globe. Not only in Europe but also in Latin America, Africa and Asia.

In Asia it is about India that the Fathers and Brothers want to ask your prayers and help.

Betharramite mission in India is comparatively very young, only 30 years old. As young missionaries, the focus was the formation of young Indian men for Priesthood and Religious Life. As the result of 30 years of Betharramite Religious formation in India, today they have 32 Indian Priests and as many as 40 young men in different stages of Religious formation. Next month two of their young Indian Religious will be ordained as Priests.

## LOURDES 2019

### Date for your diary

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2019, will take place between 9th—14th June. More details will follow as soon as we have them. (Our Lady of Lourdes: pray for us)

## LOST PROPERTY

There are a lot of 'lost property' items in the Lost Property Cupboard just adjacent to the automatic door, there are glasses, gloves, coats etc. If these are not claimed by Sunday 25th November, they will be disposed of.

## DIARY:

Sunday 18th Nov : Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Filipino: 6.30 Cantorg

Refreshments after the 9 am Mass  
Raffle tickets on sale today for CAFOD

Tues 20th

Toddler group meet SB 1.30—3.15 pm

Wed 21st

Choir practice SB 7.30 pm

Thurs 22nd

Repository open 9.00—3.15 pm

**Please note** that the Repository will now be open on a Thursday in the run up to Christmas

RCIA HG at 7.30 pm

Sun 25th

Refreshments after the 9 and 11 am Masses

## TODDLER GROUP

St. Bede's Toddler Group meet every Tuesday between 1.30—3.15 pm in the Church Hall. A nominal charge of £1..... per family weekly. This is a good way for Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Toddlers to meet up and chat.



## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation programme starts on Saturday 24th November at 10.30 until 3 pm (this is two sessions). Please bring with you a packed lunch, Bible and the registration fee £25. See you there.

*Fr. Chris*

## SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS

There is no need to have the attendance card signed for school admissions as I will be signing you SIP forms very shortly. A few more stamps in the card is not going to make much of a difference. School Admissions Forms will be signed on Thurs 29th November at 10.30 am and Sat 5th January 2019 at 11am at St. Bede's Church.

## ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPICE

Sunday 2nd December at 6 pm at St. Michael's Hospice. Remember and celebrate the life of someone special by dedicating a star as part of our 'Light up a Life appeal' This special service offers time for reflection and to share memories with those closest to us. For further information, please visit: [stmichaelshospice.org.uk/events](http://stmichaelshospice.org.uk/events) on Tel. No. (01256 848848)



## BASINGSTOKE NHANTS HOSPITAL

Will be Carol Singing around the Wards of Basingstoke & North Hampshire Hospital on the **evening of Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** and would like as many people as possible to join them. They will meet at 6pm in the Hospital Chapel which is found on B-level, near the lifts. There will be light refreshments afterwards in the Chapel.

## COLLECTIONS

Collection last week Parish Collection £2,450.55p. Second collection next weekend for Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers of Betharram in their Annual Mission Appeal. Grateful thanks and blessings upon you.