

THE MESSENGER

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's Gospel Reading brings us to the very essence of a stewardship way of life, as Jesus responds to a question posed to Him by one of the scribes: "Which is the first of all the commandments?" His answer is a beautiful and concise description of a Christian steward's life: "The first [commandment] is this... You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

The use of time in the context of stewardship refers primarily to our relationship with the Lord — in other words, our prayer life. Since time is a gift to me from God, I show my love for Him and my gratitude for this gift by giving Him the best portion of my time. My best time for prayer may be first thing in the morning before the noise and hectic pace of the day begin. It may be a few quiet moments at my desk during my lunch break. Or it could be in the evening with my spouse after the children have gone to bed. Of course, it is vital to talk to God throughout the day, but if I really want to love Him with all my heart, soul, mind and strength, shouldn't I make time for God "first" on my agenda each day? Not as an afterthought, but as a time I have intentionally chosen to spend only with Him.

The use of talents in the context of stewardship refers to the way I offer the abilities, skills, and interests the Lord has given me for the good of those around me. While our loving Father gives us these things for our own enjoyment, He also intends for us to use them to help others. Doing so is a practical way to "love my neighbour as myself." At the same time, it is also a way to love the Lord with all that I am and have since He has told us that whatever we do for others we are also doing for Him.

When we live for God and others, we are living a stewardship way of life. And like the wise scribe in today's Gospel, we are moving closer to the kingdom of God, our ultimate destination.

Taken from Catholic Stewardship

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

4th Nov	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Azavedo D'Souza Family
	6.30 pm	SB	John Hennessy RIP
Mon 5th	12 noon	HG	Priestly Support Group
	4.00 pm	HG	Body in Church Francis O'Grady
Tues 6th	12 noon	HG	Requiem Francis O'Grady RIP
Wed 7th	9.30 am	HG	Private Intention (Standing)
Thurs 8th	9.30 am	SB	Eddie O'Brien RIP
Fri 9th	9.30 am	HG	In thanksgiving Gabryel Lloyd Sonme Gibson

Adoration after 9.30 am Mass/Divine Mercy Chaplet
Sat 10th 9.30 am SB Int. Joel George
Confessions after Mass till 10.45 am

11th Nov :

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Year B Psalter Week IV

9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
11.00 am	SB	In thanksgiving Mahdavi Family
6.30 pm	SB	Fr. Joseph Vempeny RIP

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral by the Bishop on Saturday 8th June 2019 at 11 am

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Louise Rebecca Garside, Leon Zacharczuk, Harriet Darcie Jeffreys, Bridget Anna Boyle and Tyrone Smith who will be Baptised today.



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.

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 next Thursday (8th Nov) between 9—12 noon. Please contact Mrs. Tobin on Tel. No. 01256 473379 or email: f.blackburn@st-bedes.hants.sch.uk

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 1st December and 28th 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.

Life Line table, take a label and return the item the next time you come to Sunday Mass. No need to wrap the donated item!



PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Wed 15th-22nd May 2019. In the Footsteps of Jesus, visiting the Holy Sites in Jerusalem, Nazareth, the Dead Sea & more. Cost: £1360pp. 50 places. Flights from Heathrow. Deposit £250pp. Led by Canons John O'Shea & Michael Dennehy. Apply to St James, Reading on 0118 957 4171 or email stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. A trip of a lifetime - experience the land of the Old Testament and that of Jesus & His Disciples. Applications to be in ASAP. Info evening Fri 16th Nov at 7.30pm at St James.

LOURDES 2019

Date for your diary

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2019, will take place between 9th—14th June.

DIARY:

Sunday 4th Nov : Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Popley:
6.30 Quiet
Refreshments after the 9 am Mass
Body in Church
Mon 5th
Tues 6th
Wed 7th
Thurs 8th
Toddler group meet SB 1.30—3.15 pm
Choir practice SB 7.30 pm
RCIA Burgess Rd Hall 7.30 pm

FHC

Welcome to our First Holy Communion Children this weekend, who will be participating at all our Masses.

FUNERAL

Francis O'Grady RIP—Body in Church at Holy Ghost on Monday 5th November at 4 pm.
Requiem on Tuesday 6th November at 12 noon. We remember his family at this sad time. May he Rest in Peace.



NOVEMBER

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

BAMENDA SUNDAY

Bamenda Sunday is kept in our Diocese this year **TODAY**. There is an obligatory collection at all Masses this weekend. The collection supports projects in our twinned Archdiocese of Bamenda, Cameroon.

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 hoping they are now with the Lord sharing His promise of eternal life. There will also be a Blessing of the Graves in Holy Ghost Cemetery on Wednesday 14th November after 9.30 am Mass.

CAR PARKING

There is no parking allowed on any paved area. These are foot paths, not designed for cars to be parked on them **DO NOT PARK** across the ends of footpaths as you block them for everyone with pushchairs or wheelchairs. 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. We still had people last weekend, parking in the drive through to the Church, and on the zebra crossing. This is the access route for emergency vehicles, please to and park in the school car park. If there is no space, then please park off site and do not block the drive access.



COLLECTIONS

Collection last week Parish Collection £2,318.47p.
Second collection today for Bamenda. Grateful thanks.