

THE MESSENGER

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 21st July 2019

How long is Jesus present in the Eucharist after we've received Communion? We believe, as the Catechism states, that "In the most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist 'the Body and Blood, together with the Soul and Divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained'" (CCC 1374).

What does that mean when we receive him into our mouths? A famous story from the life of Saint Philip Neri helps answer that question. One day while he was celebrating Mass, a man received Holy Communion and left the church early. The man appeared to have no regard for the Presence within him and so Philip Neri decided to use this opportunity as a teaching moment. He sent two altar boys with lighted candles to follow the man outside of the church. After a while walking through the streets of Rome, the man turned around to see the altar boys still following him. Confused, the man returned to the church and asked Philip Neri why he sent the altar boys. Saint Philip Neri responded by saying, "We have to pay proper respect to Our Lord, Whom you are carrying away with you. Since you neglect to adore Him, I sent two acolytes to take your place." The man was stunned by the response and resolved to be more aware of God's presence in the future.

It is generally assumed that the Eucharistic species of bread remains for about 15 minutes after reception. This is based on simple biology and reflects the Catechism's statement that the presence of Christ "endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist." In our fast paced world it is often difficult to remain long after Mass, but that doesn't mean we can't at least pray a brief prayer of thanksgiving. The main point is that we need to remember Jesus' presence in the Eucharist stays with us for several minutes and presents us with a special time when we can commune with our Lord and feel His love.

Philip Kosloski

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sun 21st July	9.00 am	SB	Michele Colella RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Teresa Ellis RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish
Mon 22nd	9.30 am	SB	<i>Feast of St. Mary Magdalene</i> St. Bede's School Leavers Mass
Tues 23rd	No Mass		<i>Feast of St. Bridget of Sweden</i>
Wed 24th	9.30 am	HG	Int. Catherine Lamors
Thur 25th	9.30 am	SB	<i>Feast of St. James, Apostle</i> Thomas Nilappana RIP
Fri 26th	9.30 am	HG	<i>Memorial Ss Joachim & Anne</i> Dave Webb RIP
			<i>Adoration after Mass until 11.00 am</i>
Sat 27th	No Mass		

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sun 28th July	9.00 am	SB	Jack Bowman, Jack Togher RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Cyprian Ekechukwu RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

The First Holy Communion Programme will be starting soon.... We will have an enrolment Sunday on 22nd September at all Masses. More information to follow soon.



HOLIDAYS

As our schools begin to break up for the summer holidays, we wish all staff and students, and all the parents and governors of our Catholic schools a very happy time of recreation! We thank God for all their good work over the year and for all they do to hand on the Faith to the young. Let's keep in our prayers those who will be receiving exam results at some point over the next weeks and also those leaving school for work or for university.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIAN AND POSTULANT

Please keep in your prayers Ryan Hawkes from Holy Ghost Parish (also the Music Director of Holy Family Parish, Millbrook) and Tom Messenger also from Holy Ghost Parish. Ryan begins his discernment and formation for the sacred priesthood this autumn at Mater Sacerdotum House, Shrewsbury Cathedral. Tom Messenger will begin his monastic formation at Douai Abbey in September. We pray for Tom, Ryan and all those who will be beginning their formation this autumn.



ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

On Sunday 21st July at 2pm Fr. Chris will be attending the ordination of Tony Darroch to the Permanent Diaconate at the Cathedral in Portsmouth. Tony will be joining Holy Ghost Parish as a Permanent Deacon in September. We look forward to welcoming him and pray for him at this time.

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

From September Fr. Emmanuel Rinda will be moving to the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist as Assistant Priest. As announced previously we look forward to welcoming Fr. Leonard Odomeja Onuse to Holy Ghost Parish from the Diocese of Lokoja as Assistant Priest in September. We pray for all Priests, Deacons and parishioners during this time of transition.

HOMES WITHOUT BORDERS

Following on from the inspirational information evening we had with speakers from Caritas in St. Bede's Church Hall recently, we are committed, across our local Parishes, to bring a refugee family to resettle in Basingstoke. If you would like to get involved and were not at the meeting, please email your contact details to caritas_NWHPA@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to be added to our database. There is an update meeting being arranged which will be held in early September.

DIARY:

Sunday 21st:

Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Filipino:
6.30 pm Cantorg

Refreshments after 9am Mass
Plant Sale for St. Michael's Hospice
Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB

Thur 25th

Repository shop open 9.00 am—3 pm
Core Team Meeting 7.30 pm SB

Sunday 28th:

Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg:
6.30 pm Quiet

Refreshments after 9am & 11am Masses
BACCA meet after 11 am Mass

TODDLER GROUP

Toddler Group has now finished for the holidays and will resume again in September.

FORMATION IN CATECHESIS AND PARISH MINISTRY

The Diocese Formation for Mission team will be running two courses in collaboration with the Maryvale Institute starting this coming autumn (2nd November at St Dominic's Priory). The two courses are the Maryvale Certificate in Catechesis and the Certificate in Parish Mission and Ministry. These courses are designed for the formation of Catechists and anyone involved in evangelisation and pastoral ministry. They are especially helpful for those engaged working in Divine Renovation Leadership Teams and Pastoral Area Evangelisation Strategy Teams, as well as members of the PPC. Part funding may be available from the Living Our Faith Fund (usual terms apply Participant, Parish, Diocese each pay one third each), contact Lucy Sayer lsayer@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk directly for more information. For details relating to the courses please email Sr. Veronica at maryvale@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CUPCAKE AFTERNOON

A huge thank you to all those who attended and/or baked cakes for our recent Cupcake afternoon in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. We raised an amazing £305 on the day and a further £48 from donations for tea/ coffee after Masses.

CONGRATULATIONS

On Monday 22nd July our Parish Priest Fr. Christopher Rutledge celebrates his 24th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. We look forward to celebrating next years 25th Anniversary!



NEWSLETTER ITEMS

If you have any news items which you want to be considered for inclusion in our newsletter, please email them to: newsletter@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Parish Collection amounted t £2,297.99p. Second collection for Apostleship of the Sea amounted to £741.67p. Grateful thanks.