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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 28th July 2019

In the Gospel today the disciples realise how important prayer is for Jesus. He is constantly turning aside to pray. They want a share in it and they ask Him to teach them to pray.

So what does He tell them? First, you must talk to God. After all, if you never speak to a friend, how can that be friendship? And you must talk with boldness. It's rather like Abraham in today's first reading—he really wants to save innocent people and so he bargains with God. Surely, he says, you are not much of a God if you destroy the innocent with the guilty? Some of us may find that rude; surely, we think, you should not talk to God like that? But God is not offended, and at least such frankness means you actually believe in God.

Jesus expects us to have a similar daring. He wants us to call on God as Father and state our needs. He gives us a model prayer for this. Ask Our Father, he says, that his rule may come, that we have food to live on, mutual forgiveness to unite us and protection against evil. And go on asking; God will answer you. You have to be like that neighbour who wakes up his friend at midnight because a guest has come and he needs food for him. The important thing about prayer is to do it. Don't give up and despair because God does not seem to answer. Go on knocking till God answers. Jesus says you will receive an answer.

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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
Mon 29th	9.15 am		Mass at St. Joseph's Church <i>Adoration Holy Ghost Church from 11.00 am to 12 noon</i>
Tues 30th	9.15 am		Mass at St. Joseph's Church
Wed 31st	9.15 am		Mass at St. Joseph's Church
Thur 1st	9.15 am		Mass at St. Joseph's Church
Fri 2nd	9.15 am		Mass at St. Joseph's Church <i>Adoration Holy Ghost Church from 11.00 am to 12 noon</i>
Sat 3rd	9.15 am		Mass at St. Joseph's Church

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sun 4th August	9.00 am	SB	Mgr Gerald Chidgey RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Arnold Azavedo RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

The First Holy Communion Programme will be starting in October. We will have an enrolment Sunday on 22nd September, more information to follow. You can print the First Holy Communion application forms online, or alternatively there are also copies in the cloister area.

Please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate and the fee of £25 into the Parish Office. We will not accept the forms if we do not have the Baptismal Certificate and fee.



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2020

Parents, when you apply for a place at our Catholic Primary School in January 2020, you will be required to complete a Supplementary Information Form stating how often you have attended Sunday Mass in the past year. You will need to ask Fr. Chris to verify the information which you provide on the Supplementary Information Form regarding your Mass attendance.

The grey card will be available in the Cloister Area for stamping on Sunday 1st September. This card needs to be stamped every time you attend Sunday Mass. (If your Child is not present, there will be no stamp).

MASS INTENTIONS AND TIME CHANGES

When an offering is made for a Mass to be celebrated, and a date is booked, everything possible is done to ensure that the Mass takes place at the time and venue arranged. There are however times when Masses have to be moved if unforeseen circumstances occur. Your understanding in these circumstances is appreciated.

CARITAS HOMES WITHOUT BORDERS

There will be another get together for the group of parishioners who expressed support for the project to help house a displaced refugee family in Basingstoke. The meeting will take place at 7 pm on Thursday 12th September in the hall at St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke. We will update you on progress with the project and also outline some of the practical ways that you could help get ready for the family's arrival. We hope to see you there.

FOODBANK VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The Foodbank are looking for a person to collect Foodbank donations from the permanent crate at Tesco in Chineham and drop these off at the Foodbank Centre. You will be required to make this collection any time between the 9th and 12th inclusive every month. There is a team of 7 other drivers who cover other slots during the month and you are able to swap a date with them, should you be unable to do one month. We are also hoping to increase our pool of drivers - volunteers who are willing to collect donations from various stores in and around Basingstoke. If this could be you, or you would like further information, please drop us an email at: admin@basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk



DIARY:

Sunday 28th:

Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg:
6.30 pm Richenda
Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB
Welcome to Fr. Emmanuel who will be celebrating all Masses this weekend.

Sunday 4th:

Music: 9 am Quiet: 11 am Quiet:
6.30 pm Quiet
Welcome to Fr. Peter Codd who will be celebrating all Masses on Sunday 4th August.

ST. BEDE'S TODDLER GROUP NEEDS NEW VOLUNTEERS

St. Bede's toddler group runs every Tuesday 1.30 pm – 3.15 pm (term times). It is a great opportunity for toddlers with their parents, guardians/carers to meet and socialise. We are in desperate need of help to keep the Toddler Group going. So, if you have a couple of hours to spare on a Tuesday afternoon, we would love to hear from you. A retired person, a Grandma, Grandad would be ideal. If you are interested in joining the group in September, please call the Parish Office for more information, telephone number 01256 465214.



THANKS

During the month of August, our Choir, Musicians, Refreshments Group, Toddler Group and Repository Shop all have a well-earned rest. We thank them all for their commitment during the course of the year. We wish you all a happy, healthy and safe summer. Of course, there are still people who will be working during August!!!! Like, the cleaners, and we thank them for all their efforts throughout the course of the year.



COFFEE/TEA AFTER 9AM MASS

We wish to also say thank you to all those who have been working on a rota basis for many years serving refreshments after the 9 am Mass here each Sunday, the new rota for September has been sent out.

PLANT SALE

Eileen and Alfredo wish to thank the Parish for their support and generosity last weekend at the plant sale. All proceeds raised will go to St. Michael's Hospice.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Parish Collection amounted to £2,503.25p. Grateful thanks.

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

AND FINALLY
Happy Holidays!!!

