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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK Sunday 15th September 2019

Today's parables of Jesus teach us something of how God feels about sinners and about the repentance of sinners. But more than that, they tell us that if we can look into the heart of any human being, even into our own heart, we can look into the heart of God. Of course, human hearts can be embittered, hurt, twisted, and we must make allowances for this. But if we are willing to let our imagination sweeten the bitterness, soothe the hurt, straighten out what is twisted, then we can learn something of the love of God from everyone we meet. That offensive neighbour who gives us such grief; that annoying colleague who always irritates us; that person whose lifestyle seems so contrary to the teachings of our faith; even that violent and vicious criminal who has just received a very long stretch in prison—all have something to tell us about the love of God, if we look at them through the eyes of Jesus. If we do this effectively, we must remember a saying of Jesus: "Do not judge, and you will not be judged." It is not for us to judge these lost children of God our Father, who have wandered so far from Him; it is our business to pray for them, that like the prodigal son they may turn back to their heavenly Father. It is our business, too, to gaze into our own hearts, which are the hearts nearest and most accessible to us, to discern our deepest longings, our profoundest yearnings, and to see in them a reflection distorted, no doubt, as if through a glass darkly, but still a likeness of the yearning of God our Father to bring us, His dear children, into full union with the love of His own heart.

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year C, Psalter Week IV— Parish Mass Book Page 136

Sun 15th Sept	9.00 am	SB	Int. Frank & Sue McKenna
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	12.30 pm	SB	Baptisms
	6.30 pm	SB	Lawrence Williams RIP
Mon 16th	12 noon	HG	Kitty Lloyd RIP <i>Adoration before Mass from 11.00 am</i>
Tues 17th	9.30 am	HG	Int. Sr. Ann Marie
Wed 18th	11.00 am	HG	Requiem Luigi Saini RIP
Thur 19th	9.30 am	SB	Dominic Lawrence RIP
Fri 20th	9.30 am	HG	Dec. Mbrs. Sattival Family <i>No adoration after Mass today</i>
Sat 21st	9.30 am	SB	Krzysztof Szczepanski RIP <i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am</i>

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year C, Psalter Week I— Parish Mass Book Page 140

Sun 22nd Sept	9.00 am	SB	Celina Grisewood RIP
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	SB	Fernando, Maria Manuela Vale Costa RIP

"The saints did not all begin well, but they ended well." - Saint John Vianney

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

The deadline has passed and no further candidates will be accepted. Enrolment will take place on Sunday 22nd September at all Masses for children who have been accepted onto the FHC Programme. If you are able to help with the programme by being a Catechist or helping with refreshments, please contact Jayney Lampard by email: fhc@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk



CONFIRMATION 2020

The deadline for receipt of application forms for this year's Sacrament of Confirmation programme is today (Sunday 15th September). Thank you to all those who have submitted applications, you will be hearing from us soon.



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

We have arranged for Safeguarding training to be held on Saturday 5th October at St Joseph's Church, 171A St Michael's Road, Basingstoke RG22 6TY.
Child Protection – 10.00 am – 12.30 pm
Vulnerable Adults – 1.30 pm – 4.00 pm
If you are a FHC or Confirmation Catechist and have not attended training in the past five years, you are required to complete the Child Protection Training session. Any Eucharistic Minister's who take Communion to the sick and have not attended training within the last five years, must complete the Vulnerable Adults training. Please contact the Safeguarding team on safeguarding@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk or via the Parish Office to book a place or for more information.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2020

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 Mass attendance. A grey coloured card will be available in the Cloister Area for stamping this weekend. This card needs to be stamped every time you attend Sunday Mass. (If your Child is not present, there will be no stamp).

RCIA **CHANGE OF DATE**

Please note that our Parish Journey in Faith course will now begin on **Wednesday 18th September** at 7.30 pm— 9.00 pm in Holy Ghost Church Hall, Burgess Road. Please come along if you are considering becoming a Catholic, or are already Baptised a Catholic but have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation.



TODDLER GROUP

Toddler Group will resume on Tuesday 1st October 1.30 pm – 3.15 pm at St. Bede's Hall. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Liz Murphy in the Parish Office on Tel No. 01256 465214.



DIARY:

Sunday 15th Sept: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Filipino: 6.30 pm Cantorg
Refreshments after 9am & 11am Mass
Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB
Welcome to Fr. Leo Odomeja our new Assistant Priest who will be at all Masses today.

Wed 18th

Choir 7.30 pm SB
RCIA 7.30 pm, Burgess Road

Thur 19th

Repository Shop open 9.00 am—3 pm

Sat 21st

St Bede's Kneeler Group 2-4.30 pm SB

Sunday 22nd Sept: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg: 6.30 pm Piano
Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB
Welcome to Deacon Tony Darroch who will be at all Masses today.

APPEAL FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS/READERS

Last weekends appeal by Brian Morris was very successful. Training for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers will take place on 28th September 10 am—12 noon at St. Bede's.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Today is Home Mission Sunday and we are invited to rejoice with those who have returned home to our parish community over the last year. The Home Mission Office is a national organisation that helps the local Church engage in the vital mission of Evangelisation. This weekend, they ask for our prayers and our financial support through the second collection. Our prayers help them to be attentive to the Holy Spirit who directs their work and our donations will enable them to help the local Church share the joy of the Gospel throughout England and Wales. For more information please visit www.homemission.org.uk

FUNERAL

Requiem for Luigi Saini RIP takes place on Wednesday 18th September in Holy Ghost Church at 11 am. Funeral Service for Robert Collinge RIP at Holy Ghost Church on Monday 7th October at 1 pm. We pray also for Ian George Wildash RIP who died on Thursday, funeral details to follow. May they Rest in Peace.



POLISH MASS

There will be no Polish Mass during September.

PARISH MASS COUNT

Parish Mass counts will start on Sunday 22nd September for one month. We are obliged by the Bishop to count the number of people coming to Mass. The information is useful in Diocesan planning and to prove to others that Catholics do still come to Mass.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Parish Collection amounted to £2,483.28p. Grateful thanks. The second collection today is for Home Mission Sunday. Next weekend there will be a second collection for SVP.