

THE MESSENGER

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 22nd September 2019

The unjust steward in today's Gospel parable is, perhaps, on to something, because one solution to the problem of debt is to let people off with their own debt. But the steward does it for unjust reasons, seeking his own benefit. However, remember that all Jesus' parables are about God. To the question, "How much do you owe my master?" - if the master is, in fact, God—the answer is, quite simply, "Everything". We owe everything to God; not just our life, our existence, but the redemption we are offered in Christ and the promise of eternal happiness. If it were a matter of justice, there could be no possibility of us ever being able to pay off our debts. The saints and the angels joyously live in eternal debt to God, because God is the giver and we—all of us who are part of God's creation— are the receivers. Only pride would make us resent this undeniable truth. It was through pride, and pride alone, that the bad angels fell. Yet it is also true that, because God became incarnate in Jesus Christ, we are allowed to share in the redemption of the world. This is not because God needs us to do it, nor is it because we need to do it. We could perfectly well be redeemed by a simple act of God's mercy. Yet God has decided to give us the greater gift of allowing us to act as givers ourselves. The unjust steward abuses his master's money, driven by his own self-interest. Yet it is mercy that is the wealth of God that we are to share with others. We forgive the debt of other people's sins against us, because we are in such an enormous debt to God ourselves.

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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
Mon 23rd	12 noon	HG	Donald O'Haa RIP <i>Adoration before Mass from 11.00 am</i>
Tues 24th	9.30 am	HG	Debbie Keenan RIP
Wed 25th	9.30 am	HG	Neil O'Boyle RIP
Thur 26th	9.30 am	SB	Dea Arantes RIP
Fri 27th	9.30 am	HG	Int. Ardre-Van Tegelen <i>Adoration after Mass until 11.00 am</i>
Sat 28th	9.30 am	SB	Lettie Murphy RIP <i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am</i>

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sun 29th Sept	9.00 am	SB	Barbara Grygier RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Kate Raymund RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish

"Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe." - Saint Augustine

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

Enrolment for children who have been accepted onto the FHC Programme takes place today at all Masses. If you are able to help with the programme as a Catechist or with refreshments, please contact Jayney Lampard by email: fhc@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk



CONFIRMATION 2020

The deadline for receipt of application forms has now passed and no more will be accepted. Thank you to all those who have submitted applications, you will be hearing from us soon.



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. This card needs to be stamped every time you attend Sunday Mass. (If your Child is not present, there will be no stamp).

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding training will be held on Saturday 5th Oct at St Joseph's Church, Basingstoke RG22 6TY.
Child Protection – 10.00 am – 12.30 pm
Vulnerable Adults – 1.30 pm – 4.00 pm
Please email safeguarding@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk or contact the Parish Office to book a place.

BURNING BUSH TABERNACLE

"God appeared to Moses in the form of a burning bush, God called him from within the bush".

Have you noticed that we have raised the burning bush on a new plinth. This height makes it easier to access and can be seen as you enter the Church. Be respectful every time to visit the Tabernacle, bow or genuflect.

EXTRAORDINARY MISSION MONTH

October is the Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM) that Pope Francis has called. To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter Maximum Illud, Pope Francis announced the Extraordinary Missionary Month and chose as its theme: 'Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on a Mission in the World'. This EMM will be a very special time for us in the Diocese of Portsmouth as well as an opportunity to pray for the mission of the Church around the world. At the end of this month of September, I intend to send you a Pastoral Letter on this theme. There will be a special World Mission Sunday Mass on Sunday 20th October 2019 at 2 pm in the Cathedral.



60th ANNIVERSARY

We extend our congratulations to Fr. Pat Tansey and all Parishioners at St. Michael's Church Tadley, who celebrate their 60th Anniversary of the Parish on 29th September.

LUCKY ME WINNER

Congratulations to Sheila Anderson-Dixon of Basingstoke who is this month's Knights of St Columba 'Lucky Me' winner.

DIARY:

Sunday 22nd Sept: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg: 6.30 pm Piano

Refreshments after 9am Mass

Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB

FHC 'Enrolment' at all Masses today.

Parish Mass Count.

Welcome to Deacon Tony Darroch who joins our Parish today and will be at all Masses.

Thur 26th

Sat 28th

Repository Shop open 9.00 am—3 pm

Eucharistic Minister & Reader Training

11 am—1 pm SB

Sunday 29th Sept: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Popley:

6.30 pm Cantorg

Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB

Refreshments after 11 am Mass in

support of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Cake donations gratefully received.

FUNERAL

Funeral Service for Ian Wildash RIP takes place on Friday 11th October at 11.30 am in Holy Ghost Church. May He rest in peace.



CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY



Friday 4th October is CAFOD Family Fast Day. No one should be beyond reach of the love and support they need to thrive. This Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to fast, pray and give, so we can extend the hand of friendship to the world's poorest people. Fabiano's village in rural Uganda has been devastated by drought. Every day, children would trek miles for water, risking their education – and safety. Donations from parishioners across England and Wales helped install a solar powered water pump in the village. Now Fabiano and his friends can collect water quickly and safely. On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and give the money we save to help children like Fabiano. Please collect a Fast Day envelope from church this week and give generously or you can donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/fastday

WEAR YOUR CROSS ON NATIONAL CROSS DAY

Thursday 26th September is National Cross Day and to mark this we are encouraged to wear our cross to show other Christians and the public that we are a Christian. Wear your cross with pride and tell others about National Cross Day.

PARISH MASS COUNT

Parish Mass counts will start today 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 that Catholics still come to Mass.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Parish Collection amounted to £3,038.99p. Second collection for Home Mission Sunday amounted to £337.99p. Grateful thanks. The second collection today is for SVP.