

# THE MESSENGER

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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**  
**Sunday 8th September 2019**

In today's Gospel Jesus says that his followers must be willing to give up everything for Him. Such total commitment could mean separation from treasured possessions and family. The passage speaks of the importance of loyalty and allegiance to Jesus over all other competing loyalties. The two parables remind us of the need to weigh up the costs of discipleship. Following Jesus seriously is a demanding way of life. It offers an interior freedom that understands that material possessions can be real obstacles and that even family can stand in the way of a vocation. Discipleship is a venture that demands total dedication. Everything else must become secondary if Jesus is to be the Lord of our life. The harsh-sounding words about "hating" are intended to indicate that if a conflict of interest arises, a disciple will prefer to follow Jesus and not let family ties, personal wealth or possessions, or work or leisure activities interfere. God always surprises us. The first reading calls us to remember that we cannot know God's intentions and should use the gift of wisdom to spend time discerning our paths in life. A surprise comes in the second reading where Paul appeals to Philemon to take back his runaway slave, not just as a slave but as a brother in Christ. Paul is challenging the practice of slavery which was common at that time throughout the Roman Empire.

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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Year C, Psalter Week III— Parish Mass Book Page 133**

<b>Sun 8th Sept</b>	9.00 am	SB	Theresa Sattival RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Maria Manuela, Fernando Vale Costen RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish
<b>Mon 9th</b>	12 noon	HG	Int. Vincent Family <i>Adoration before Mass from 11.00 am</i>
<b>Tues 10th</b>	No Mass		
<b>Wed 11th</b>	9.30 am	HG	Dec. Mbrs Broadbent Family
<b>Thur 12th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Alberto Arantes RIP
<b>Fri 13th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Int. Mary Anne St. Bede's School joining us for Mass
<b>Sat 14th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Groot-Moeder Haan RIP <i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am</i>

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

<b>Sun 15th Sept</b>	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

*"If you want to hear God speak to you, read Scripture. If you want to see a miracle, receive the Eucharist." - Saint Teresa of Avila.*



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

The deadline has passed, and we are heavily subscribed with candidates, so there will be no further candidates accepted. Enrolment will take place on Sunday 22nd September at all Masses for those who have been accepted onto the First Holy Communion Programme. Please take a copy of the enrolment form home this weekend, it is in the Cloister Area on white paper, and bring it with you on Sunday 22nd Sept. If you are able to help with the FHC programme by being a Catechist or helping with refreshments, please contact Jayney Lampard by email: [fhc@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](mailto:fhc@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)



## CONFIRMATION 2020

The St. Bede's Confirmation programme will be running from October until the celebration of Confirmation in May/June 2020, for students from Year 8 and above. The deadline for receipt of application forms is 15th September.



## 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](mailto: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.

## NIGHT LIGHT WINTER SHELTER

Basingstoke's Night Light Winter Shelter will be operating again this winter from 1 December 2019 to 29th February 2020. Essential training for volunteers will be taking place at The Sarum Hill Centre, RG21 8SR:  
Returning Volunteers: Sat 21st Sept at 9.30 am and Tues 8th Oct at 7.30 pm  
New Volunteers: Sat 28th Sept at 9.30 and Tues 15th Oct 7.30 pm. Please email [contact.nlws@gmail.com](mailto:contact.nlws@gmail.com) if you would like more information.

## DIARY:

**Sunday 8th Sept:** Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg: 6.30 pm Richenda  
Refreshments after 9 and 11 am Mass  
Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB  
Tues 10th Toddler Group 1.30 pm to 3.15 pm SB  
Wed 11th Choir 7.30 pm SB  
Thur 12th Repository Shop open 9.00 am—3 pm  
Caritas Homes Without Borders  
Meeting 7 pm SB  
**Sunday 15th Sept:** Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Filipino: 6.30 pm Cantorg  
Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB

## TEA AT 3

Thank you to Cathy and Joan and their wonderful team who raised over £330 for the Caritas Homes Without Borders for Refugees project. It was a lovely afternoon with splendid tea and cakes. Thank you to all who supported the team.

## APPEAL FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS/READERS

We are appealing this Sunday for Eucharist Ministers and Readers for our Sunday Masses. What criteria do you need to fill to become a Reader or a Eucharistic Minister?  
Eucharistic Minister: Importantly, you need to be in full communion with the Catholic Church and to have a marital status compatible with Church Teaching.  
To be a Reader: while you do not need to have English as a first language, you should be able to read English and to speak it clearly.  
Training will take place at St. Bede's Church on Saturday 28th September from 10 am until 12noon.

## BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to Sofia Martorelli, Kwesi Agyapong Mireku and Ruben Mendonca who will be Baptised on Sunday 15th September.



## FUNERAL

Requiem for Luigi Saini RIP takes place on Wednesday 18th September in Holy Ghost Church at 11 am. May He rest in peace.



## NATIONAL PRAYER WEEKEND

In celebration of National Prayer Weekend which takes place from 27th—29th September 2019, Sacred Heart Church in Hook will be hosting a special Mass at 7.30 pm on Friday 27th September. The Carmelites at Boars Hill Priory in Oxford will be speaking of the healing and empowering effects of prayer in our lives. The evening will also include praying of the Rosary and the Sacrament of Reconciliation which will take place before Mass from 7.00 pm. Prayer request forms will also be available to record personal prayers to be offered during this special time.

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

Parish Collection amounted to £2,459.30p. Grateful thanks. Next weekend there will be a second collection for Home Mission Sunday.