

THE MESSENGER

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 20th October 2019

We are invited to be faithful in prayer and to know the scriptures. St Jerome said, "Ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ." The scriptures are the way by which we begin to understand God's mercy and the person of Jesus Christ. By watching Him in the Bible stories, listening to His words, we begin to taste and see, sense and feel, with the mind of Christ. We begin to see with different eyes and have different attitudes. The Bible stories and the stories of the saints open up the children's minds to the person of Jesus. As they hear the words of Jesus, they begin to know His love for them. As they hear of God working in the saints, they begin to learn about the ways to be a Christian in the world. As they learn their prayers and say the Our Father, they begin to speak with words taught by Jesus. Could any other stories be more important? The scriptures are a treasure to be ever more deeply explored so that we might know the love and mercy of Jesus Christ and become women and men dedicated to God and fully equipped for God's good work.

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Morning Prayer before all weekday Masses

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| Sun 20th Oct | 9.00 am | SB | Maureen McCauley RIP |
| | 11.00 am | SB | Antonio Martino RIP |
| | 1.00 pm | SB | Baptism—Michael John Stokes |
| | 6.30 pm | SB | People of the Parish |
| Mon 21st | 12 noon | HG | Dec. Mbrs of the Parish |
| | <i>Adoration before Mass from 11.00 am</i> | | |
| | 2.00 pm | | Funeral Service Anita Tiling RIP Worting Road Chapel |
| Tues 22nd | 9.30 am | HG | <i>St John Paul II, memorial</i> Anne Murray RIP |
| Wed 23rd | 9.30 am | HG | <i>St John of Capestrano, memorial</i> John Togher RIP |
| Thur 24th | 9.30 am | SB | <i>St Anthony Claret, memorial</i> Getrude Wong RIP |
| Fri 25th | 9.30 am | SB | Thomas Farmer RIP |
| | <i>Adoration after Mass until 11.00 am</i> | | |
| | 7.15 pm | HG | Private Intention |
| Sat 26th | 9.30 am | SB | <i>Ss Chad & Cedd, memorial</i> Dea Arantes RIP |

Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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| Sun 27th Oct | 9.00 am | SB | Gerard Murphy RIP |
| | 11.00 am | SB | People of the Parish |
| | 6.30 pm | SB | Harold & Eileen White, Pat Farrelly RIP |

"Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ." - Saint John Paul II

MASS TIMES

From this week the Friday 9.30am Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will move to St Bede's Church.

A new evening Mass will be added at 7.15pm at Holy Ghost Church to enable those who work during the day to attend Mass. What a great way to end the working week!

ST. BEDE'S SCHOOL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Fr. Chris and Liz will be available on Saturday 30th November between 11 – 12 noon to sign Supplementary Information Forms. Please remember to bring your Child's Baptismal Certificate and Mass Attendance Card. Another date will follow in January 2020.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

The first sessions for our Parish First Holy Communion and Confirmation Sacrament Programmes take place this weekend. Both are fully subscribed. Please keep our children and their Catechists in your prayers at this time.

CAFÉ

"The Gift—a Life in the Spirit" course continues on Monday 21st October at 7.30 pm until 9.00 pm at St. Bede's Church. If anyone would still like to attend please email: thegiftcourse@gmail.com or alternatively the prayers from the course are available on our website www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk/the-gift/

RCIA

Anyone who is currently attending CAFÉ, the Catholic Faith Exploration Programme, who feels they would like to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith are welcome to come along to the next RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) session at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 30th October in Holy Ghost Church Hall, Burgess Road. Everyone is welcome not only those who are seeking to become a Catholic.

KNEELER GROUP – DRAW FOR WINNING TICKETS

Many thanks to the parishioners of both St. Bede's and St. Joseph's for their support in helping to raise £716. This will be shared between St. Bede's Kneeler Group and the Knights of St. Columba. The winning prize numbers will be displayed on the noticeboard in the Cloister.

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

During the month of November, a Holy Soul's box will be placed in front of the Altar both at St. Bede's Church and Holy Ghost Church. If you so wish, please write the names of your deceased loved ones on a slip of paper and put them into the box.

FACEBOOK VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are looking for a volunteer to join our social media team. . Max 1 hour per week - voluntary commitment. For more info please email webmaster@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - PASTORAL CARE TEAM

If you wish to contact a member of the SVP Pastoral Care Team to have a chat, please contact the Parish Office (Tel No. 01256 465214)

DIARY:

Sunday 20th Oct: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg: 6.30 pm Piano
Refreshments after 9 am Mass
Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB
Café Course 7.30 - 9 pm SB
Toddler Group 1.30 pm—3.15 pm SB
Choir 7.30 pm SB
Repository Shop open 9.00 am—3 pm

Sunday 27th Oct: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg: 6.30 pm Quiet
Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today is World Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for World Mission, you will help missionaries like Sr Clara share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can. There will be a second collection after all Masses today. For further information visit www.missio.org.uk.

BAPTISM

Congratulations and welcome to Michael John Stokes who will be Baptised today.

FUNERAL

Funeral Service for Anita Tiling RIP at Worting Road Cemetery Chapel on Monday 21st October at 2 pm.
Funeral Service for Teresa Scarrott RIP at Basingstoke Crematorium at 4.15 pm on Thursday 24th October.
May they Rest in Peace.



REPOSITORY SHOP—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with the Repository Shop after Sunday Masses, particularly 11 am Mass. If you are interested in getting involved please send an email to jackiekinge@btinternet.com. The Repository also has a great range of Christmas stock.

COATS4CALAIS

Each year Coats4Calais provides warm clothing for the refugees in Calais throughout the winter months. This is an opportunity for you to clear your wardrobes of your unwanted coats, jackets, scarves, hats and gloves. Joe Shevlin will be collecting your donated items between 14th November and 15th December. Your donations will be very much appreciated. Please contact Joe on 0781781407 to arrange the drop-off point for any items. More information about this project may be found on the following link: www.care4calais.org/#coats4calais

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Parish Collection amounted to £2,653.70p. Grateful thanks. Second collection today is for World Mission Sunday.

DON'T FORGET NEXT Sunday 27th October British Summer Time ends so remember to move your clocks back one hour!!

