

THE MESSENGER

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 27th October 2019

While it does not say that Jesus was speaking directly to the Pharisees in today's Gospel, this may be assumed to be the case. The Pharisees were, after all, a group who considered themselves to be righteous. Generally, they would have looked down on others who were not of their group. Jesus had already spoken to them about how they liked to take the places of honour at banquets. Now he is making a further point to this elite group about the need to root out their pride. What a way to do it, though, by comparing a Pharisee with a despised tax collector. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Romans; they were the scum of the earth as far as the religious authorities were concerned. Fancy holding up a tax collector as the one who goes home right with God! The Gospel shows us that true prayer is always directed to God. True prayer comes out of our awareness of our total reliance on God. If virtue only goes skin-deep and our relationship with everyone else is to look down on them, then pride is at work. Pride focuses our attention on ourselves and closes us to proper relationship with God. Pride is about us exalting ourselves when we truly want to be exalted by God. To be exalted by God is to have the humility to recognise that God is all in all.

Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Morning Prayer before all weekday Masses

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
Mon 28th	12 noon	HG	<i>Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles, feast</i> Maureen Burnand RIP
	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11.00 am</i>		
Tues 29th	9.30 am	HG	Bertie & Mamie Quinn RIP
Wed 30th	9.30 am	HG	<i>Blessed Winchester Martyrs, memorial</i> Int. Lloyd Family
Thur 31st	9.30 am	SB	Mary Mahoney RIP
Fri 1st Nov	All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)		
	9.30 am	SB	Dec. Mbrs Holy Ghost Parish
	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass for an hour</i>		
Sat 2nd	7.15 pm	HG	Private Intention
	9.30 am	SB	Holy Souls
	12 noon	HG	Dec. Mbrs Parish

Followed by Confessions after the 9.30 am & 12 noon Masses

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sun 3rd Nov	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Dec Mbrs Azerado & D'Souza Families
	6.30 pm	SB	John Hennessy RIP

"To be saints is not a privilege for the few, but a vocation for everyone." - Pope Francis

ALL SAINTS

On Friday 1st November we celebrate the Solemn Feast of All Saints, which is a holy day of obligation. On this solemnity we remember all those who have gone before us and who are now in God's presence. Mass times on Friday 1st November will be 9.30 am at St. Bede's Church and 7.15 pm at Holy Ghost Church.



THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

All Souls is celebrated the day after All Saints on 2nd November. Mass will be celebrated at St. Bede's Church at 9.30 am followed by Confessions and 12 noon at Holy Ghost Church followed by Confessions. It is a day set aside for honouring the dead, although not a holy day of obligation. During the month of November, a Holy Souls 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. Please do not leave any money in the box, or in the envelope.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Blessing of the Graves in Worting Road Cemetery at 2.00 pm on Sunday 10th November. This short service reminds us to honour the graves of our loved ones, and to pray for their souls hoping they are now with the Lord sharing His promise of eternal life. There will also be a Blessing of the Graves in Holy Ghost Cemetery on Wednesday 13th November after 9.30 am Mass.

CAFÉ

"The Gift—a Life in the Spirit" course continues on Monday 28th October at 7.30 pm until 9.00 pm at St. Bede's Church. If you are unable to attend and would like to follow the course from home the prayers are available on our website www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk/the-gift/

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.

LOURDES 2020—DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Fr. Chris is leading a Pilgrimage to Lourdes leaving on Sunday 24th May and returning on 29th May 2020. More information to follow in the New Year.

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, scarves, hats and gloves. Joe Shevlin will collect your donated items between 14th November and 15th December. Please contact Joe on 07881 781407 to arrange the drop-off point for any items.

DIARY:

Sunday 27th Oct: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg: 6.30 pm Quiet
Refreshments after 9 am & 11 am Mass
Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB
Café Course 7.30 - 9.00 pm SB
No Toddler Group
Choir 7.30 pm SB
RCIA 7.30 pm - 9pm Burgess Road
Repository Shop open 9.00 am—3 pm

Mon 28th
Tues 29th
Wed 30th
Thur 31st

Sunday 3rd Nov: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Popley: 6.30 pm Richenda
Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB

HALF TERM

We wish all our children, teachers and staff a restful half term break. Due to half term there will be no Toddler Group this week.

FUNERAL

Requiem for Maureen Hocking RIP at St. Bede's Church on Tuesday 12th November at 12 noon. We remember Maureen's family at this sad time. May She rest in Peace.



BAPTISM

Congratulations and welcome to Seth Ogbe who was Baptised yesterday.



IF YOU ARE GOING INTO HOSPITAL

If you wish to receive Holy Communion whilst in hospital, please contact Liz Murphy in the Parish Office (Tel. No. 01256 465214). The Hospital Volunteer Chaplains visit the hospital on a Wednesday to give Holy Communion to those who request it. On behalf of the Parish we thank the Volunteer Chaplains who visit the hospital throughout the year, they do a wonderful job.

BAMENDA SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND

Every year we have a special collection to support the projects driven by our friends in our twinned Diocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. Please ensure you see a copy of the Bamenda Newsletter to understand the mutual benefits of our twinned relationship and how much your help is needed in these troubled times.

E-NEWSLETTER

You can sign up to the latest news and forthcoming events around the Diocese. By visiting: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews

REPOSITORY SHOP—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with the Repository Shop particularly after 11 am Sunday Mass. If you would like to get involved please email jackiekinge@btinternet.com

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Parish Collection amounted to £2,691.05p. Second collection for World Mission Sunday amounted to £522.07. Grateful thanks. Second collection next weekend is for Bamenda.