

# THE MESSENGER

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## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK Sunday 10th November 2019

These final weeks of the Church's year offer us the opportunity to re-examine our understanding of Christ's promises. We would do well to consider again the meaning of the resurrection. St Paul, this time in his first letter to the Corinthians, is absolutely insistent that nothing makes sense without it: "If Christ has not been raised then our preaching is useless and your believing it is useless". But Paul also came to realise that the life of the resurrection is not simply something that we can look forward to experiencing when we face the crisis of death. Because of Christ's death and His resurrection, we already live this everlasting life here on earth. In our Baptism this is the life we are given. Accordingly, let Paul's exhortation to the Thessalonian's in today's second reading be the message you leave Church with today: "May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love ... comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say."

*Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications*

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

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Morning Prayer before all weekday Masses



<b>Sun 10th Nov</b>	9.00 am	SB	Dec. Mbrs St. Vincent de Paul
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	SB	Dec. Mbrs Lloyd Family
<b>Mon 11th</b>	12 noon	HG	<i>St Martin of Tours, Religious, Bishop</i> Int. Matthew Roche <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 am</i>
<b>Tues 12th</b>	9.30 am	HG	<i>St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr</i> Patrick Mooney RIP
<b>Wed 13th</b>	9.30 am	HG	In Thanksgiving Gibson Family <i>Blessing of the Graves in Holy Ghost Cemetery after Mass</i>
<b>Thur 14th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Liam O'Hanlon RIP
<b>Fri 15th</b>	9.30 am	SB	<i>St Albert the Great, Religious, Bishop</i> David Hawkes RIP <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 11am</i>
	7.15 pm	HG	Pema Riberio RIP
<b>Sat 16th</b>	9.30 am	SB	<i>St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop</i> Mike Baldwin, Seamus McLoughlin RIP <i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am</i>
	12 noon	HG	Joan & Tito Gomes RIP

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<b>Sun 17th Nov</b>	9.00 am	SB	Brenda Eakins RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Int. Armelina Domantay
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish

*"Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again: for forgiveness has risen from the grave!" - St. John Chrysostom*

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

There will be a two minute silence at all Masses today, Sunday 10th November, to remember those who have given their life in service for our country and freedom.



## THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER



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 Worthing Road Cemetery at 2.00 pm today, 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.

## SATURDAY MASS AT HOLY GHOST CHURCH

There will be an extra Mass celebrated at 12 noon on Saturday's at Holy Ghost Church from now until Christmas. Check the weekly newsletter for details. If the trial period is successful we will continue with the extra Mass in the New Year.

## 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.

## THE GIFT—A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

The course continues on Monday 11th November 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/](http://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk/the-gift/)

## NEW BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

From January 2020 a formal programme of Baptismal Preparation will be introduced at St. Bede's Church. The next date for Baptisms will be Sunday 26th January 2020 at 12.30 pm. If you would like your child to be Baptised you will need to attend the programme which will involve;

- \* Attendance at an Introduction Mass (2nd Sunday of the Month)
- \* Attendance at two sessions each held after the 11 am Sunday Mass
- \* Baptism which takes place on the 4th Sunday of the Month at 12.30 pm

You will need to register with the Parish Office to attend the course, and please note that there are no Baptisms during Lent and Advent.



## BISHOP PHILIP EGAN VISITATION

Bishop Philip will be here with us at St. Bede for his Visitation on Sunday 1st December (1st Sunday of Advent). He will celebrate all three Masses and in addition at 5pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with prayers for Vocations. As part of his visit he will also meet with our Confirmation candidates. The Bishop comes to us in his role as Chief Shepherd to his flock in Basingstoke. Please keep this date free in your diaries.



## DIARY:

**Sunday 10th Nov:** Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Filipino: 6.30 pm Cantorg  
Refreshments after 9 am Mass  
Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB

Mon 11th The Gift Course 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm SB  
Tues 12th Toddler Group 1.30 pm —3.15 pm SB  
Wed 13th Choir 7.30 pm SB  
RCIA 7.30 pm —9.00 pm Burgess Road  
Thur 14th Repository Shop open 9.00 am—3 pm

**Sunday 17th Nov:** Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg: 6.30 pm Piano  
Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB

## CAKE SALE

There will be a cake sale after 11 am Mass today. Money raised will go towards providing a specialist baby cot for the local maternity unit.

## MISSIO RED BOXES

The red boxes will be collected in at all Masses on Sunday 24th November for counting. There will be brown Missio collection envelopes available in the Cloister to use instead of having to bring your Red box to Mass.

## CARITAS "WORLD DAY OF THE POOR" EVENT

On the World Day of the Poor, 17th November, from 1.00 pm to 5:30 pm, Caritas Portsmouth are holding an afternoon in St. Peters, Winchester where we can come together to share experiences and encourage new ideas around the issue of poverty. For more information contact Kevin Gallagher at [caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

## ADORE (ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL)

You are warmly invited to a mini-retreat day (morning or afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on Renewal and Mission, at Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton, GU34 2NG on Saturday 23rd November from 11 am until 4 pm. Please bring finger food to share. For further information, please see website: [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)

## FUNERAL

Requiem for Maureen Hocking RIP takes place on Friday 22nd November in St. Bede's Church at 11.30 am. May She Rest in Peace.

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

Parish Collection amounted to £2,590.24p. Second collection for Bamenda amounted to £793.93p. Grateful thanks.