

THE MESSENGER

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 17th November 2019

In today's Gospel, Jesus the prophet speaks of things yet to come, and most of the event's predicted would have taken place by the time this Gospel was written, so it was already known that these had been fulfilled – the end of Jerusalem, the destruction of the Temple, wars, and persecutions – the latter can be read of in the Acts of the Apostles. Likewise, floods, earthquakes and other disasters were known to have happened; and unfortunately such things are still happening today. This is historically interesting to us, but perhaps the remainder of what Jesus has to say is more relevant to our own day. Jesus' disciples – in his time and in our time too – may have to face hardship, but it is important that they endure, remain faithful to Jesus' words and live their lives according to his teaching. They are to act as Jesus acted. The strategy is, of course, to have disciples focus on the kingdom of God, and thereafter all else will be given to them. Disciples need to steel themselves against all that distracts them from the teaching of Jesus, who alone has the message of eternal life.

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Morning Prayer before all weekday Masses

Sun 17th Nov	9.00 am	SB	Brenda Eakins RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Int. Armelina Domantay
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish
Mon 18th	12 noon	HG	<i>Dedication of the Basilica's of Ss Peter & Paul</i> Dec. Mbrs Murphy Family <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 am</i>
Tues 19th	8.00 am	HG	Maria Sauleek RIP
Wed 20th	9.30 am	HG	John Crawley RIP
Thur 21st	9.30 am	SB	<i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Irene Fleming RIP
Fri 22nd	9.30 am	SB	<i>St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr</i> In Thanksgiving Goolye Family <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10 to 10.30 am</i>
	11.30 am	SB	Funeral Service Maureen Hocking RIP
	7.15 pm	HG	Int. John Lloyd
Sat 23rd	9.30 am	SB	<i>St Clement I Pope, St Columbanus</i> Dec. Mbrs Broadbent Family <i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am</i>
	12 noon	HG	Mrs. Harvey RIP

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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Sun 24th Nov	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Veronica & Robert Leckie RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	Kathleen & Patrick Bruen RIP

"Teach us to give and not to count the cost." - St Ignatius of Loyola

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.



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.

SATURDAY MASS AT HOLY GHOST CHURCH

An extra Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon on Saturday's at Holy Ghost Church from now until Christmas. Check the weekly newsletter for details. If popular 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 final session of the course is on Monday 18th 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/

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.

E-NEWSLETTER

Sign up for the latest news and events taking place across the Diocese at www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews

DIARY:

Sunday 17th Nov: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg: 6.30 pm Piano
Refreshments after 9 am Mass
Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB
The Gift Course 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm SB
Toddler Group 1.30 pm — 3.15 pm SB
Choir 7.30 pm SB
Repository Shop open 9.00 am—3 pm

Mon 18th
Tues 19th
Wed 20th
Thur 21st

Sunday 24th Nov: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg: 6.30 pm Lord's Flock
Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Today Sunday 17th November is World Day of the Poor and Pope Francis reminds us that "the poor are not numbers, but people", to be assisted, accompanied, protected, defended and saved. He recalls that this is not possible without the humility of listening, the charism of the whole, the courage of renunciation. He reminds us that to "follow the way of charity, of humility and of listening means lending an ear to the little ones", because God reveals himself through them. And he asked us not to look down on anyone from above. "You can only look down at a person from above," he insisted, "in order to help them get up". On this day we are invited to offer friendship, solidarity and welcome to the poorest of our sisters and brothers, and to recognise Christ in those who we meet or whose stories we hear.



MISSIO RED BOXES

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

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

FUNERALS

Funeral Service for Maureen Hocking RIP takes place on Friday 22nd November in St. Bede's Church at 11.30 am. Funeral Service for Lorraine Kirby RIP takes place on Tuesday 3rd December in Basingstoke Crematorium at 1.15 pm. Requiem for Tony Tambascia RIP will take place in Holy Ghost Church on 28th November. Time to be confirmed. May They Rest in Peace.



SUNDAY COLLECTION

Parish Collection amounted to £2,556.49p . Grateful thanks.