

THE MESSENGER

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK Sunday 3rd November 2019

St Teresa of Calcutta, more commonly known as Mother Teresa, was once selecting children for a new orphanage of the Missionaries of Charity in East Africa. She could not take every orphaned child and a journalist spoke up, "What are you going to do for the rest?" Mother Teresa looked him straight in the eye and replied, "What are you going to do?" The journalist was so touched by these words that he returned home, gave up his job and started to raise funds for another orphanage in that part of Africa.

Many people are touched by the heroic stories of those who give up their lives in order to serve others. Some may not be religiously motivated, but they have a deep compassion for the suffering of their fellow human beings. The witness of such lives can be contagious. It touches something deep within us and we are motivated to act and do something more than simply dipping into our pocket for a bit of spare change. It may be life changing.

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year C, Psalter Week III — Parish Mass Book Page 157 Morning Prayer before all weekday Masses

Sun 3rd Nov	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Dec. Mbrs Azerado & D'Souz Families
	6.30 pm	SB	John Hennessy RIP
Mon 4th	12 noon	HG	<i>St Charles Borromeo, memorial</i> Betty Amer RIP <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 am</i>
Tues 5th	9.30 am	HG	Int. Sarah & Victoria Duggan
Wed 6th	9.30 am	HG	Getrude Wong RIP
Thur 7th	9.30 am	SB	<i>St Willibrord, memorial</i> Martin, Mary McCauley RIP
Fri 8th	9.30 am	SB	Int. Gabryel Lloyd Sonme Gibson <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 11am</i>
	7.15 pm	HG	Joe Murphy RIP
Sat 9th	9.30 am at Holy Ghost Church		<i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i> Holy Souls <i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am</i>

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

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Sun 10th Nov	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

"Faith is like a bright ray of sunlight. It enables us to see God in all things as well as



THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER



During the month of November, a Holy Souls box will be placed on the Sanctuary at both 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.

THE GIFT—A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

The course continues on Monday 4th 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/

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.

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.

LOURDES 2020—DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

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

BASINGSTOKE CHORAL SOCIETY

Will be performing 'The Creation' on Saturday 23rd November 2019 at The Anvil, Basingstoke at 7.45pm. Featured will be the well-known chorus, "The Heavens Are Telling". With Erica Eloff and the New London Sinfonia, conducted by David Gibson. Tickets available from The Anvil Box Office: 01256 844244 or from anvilarts.org.uk

DIARY:

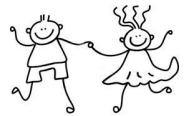
Sunday 3rd Nov: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Popley: 6.30 pm Richenda
Refreshments after 9 am Mass
Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB
The Gift Course 7.30 - 9.00 pm SB
Toddler Group 1.30—3.15 pm SB
Choir 7.30 pm SB
Repository Shop open 9.00 am—3 pm
Confirmation 6.45 pm to 9.00 pm SB
First Holy Communion 10-12 noon SB

Mon 4th
Tues 5th
Wed 6th
Thur 7th
Fri 8th
Sat 9th

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

WELCOME BACK

We welcome back our children, teachers and staff after the half term break. Toddler Group also resumes again on Tuesday 5th November from 1.30 pm to 3.15 pm.



BAMENDA SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

Today the Portsmouth Diocese celebrates Bamenda Sunday. Please remember our brothers and sisters in your prayers this weekend and be as generous as you can in your donation for the projects we support in our troubled twinned diocese in Cameroon. For an update please see your copy of the Bamenda Newsletter or visit our website: www.bamendaandportsmouth.com

BREAKTHROUGH WORKSHOP

The Breakthrough Workshop will take place on Saturday 23rd November from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm in St Phillip Howard, Fareham. The Breakthrough workshop offers married couples new perspectives on how to communicate better and more deeply. We all have differences of opinion on matters great and small. Breakthrough can be attended with or without your spouse. We encourage this workshop for all married couples especially those who find themselves in gridlock over an issue or issues. It is said that 'it takes two to Tango but it takes one to change the dance'. If you are married, Breakthrough could be a blessing for you. RSVP by 9th November 2019 via email to mandfl@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

FUNERAL

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



BAPTISM

Congratulations and welcome to Fabrizio Angelo Giannitelli Castro who will be Baptised today.



SUNDAY COLLECTION

Parish Collection amounted to £2,557.78. Grateful thanks. Second collection today is for Bamenda.