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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 9th February 2020

There is clarity in Jesus' teaching about the need to be His witnesses: to be bearers of light. Jesus calls His followers to proudly stand up and be bold in sharing the new life that they find in Him. To know Jesus is to be living in the light, and this light cannot be hidden. The analogies that Jesus uses are very clear. It's all about visibility brought about through loving service. Those good works, which followers of Christ would naturally want to engage in, will be a beacon for others. Today's Gospel reading is preceded in Matthew by the Beatitudes, Jesus' revolutionary teaching about how we are called to see ourselves in the way that God sees us. Jesus shows us that those who, in the eyes of the world, live in the darkness are in fact those who are truly blessed. These are the ones who share in the sufferings of Christ. These are the ones who have the light. This light is a light to be shared so that safe harbour may be found by all and thus fitting praise be given to God our loving Father. Just as lighthouses are all very different in their appearance, so are we. We all have our unique gifts and talents; we all have our way of interacting with each other and the world. As Christians, though, what we share in common is our overarching story. The central message of the whole Gospel is that God is love, and that we find freedom in Christ, who suffered, died and was raised from the dead for us.

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Morning Prayer before all weekday Masses

Sun 9th Feb	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Nell & Joe Dresser RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	Felicjan Sawko RIP
Mon 10th	12 noon	HG	<i>St Scholastica, Virgin</i> Int. Billy, Kitty Lloyd
			<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 am</i>
Tues 11th	9.30 am	HG	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> Int. for the Sick of the Parish
Wed 12th	9.30 am	HG	Int. Betty Lawlor
Thur 13th	11.00 am	SB	Requiem Susan Vanni RIP
Fri 14th	9.30 am	SB	<i>St Cyril & St Methodius</i> Int. Kurt Redlinger
			<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 11am</i>
Sat 15th	9.30 am	SB	<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i> Int. Louise Trower
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am</i>

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sun 16th Feb	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Int. Brian, Peggy Moore
	6.30 pm	SB	Pia Parham RIP

"One of the secrets of life is that all that is really worth the doing is what we do for others." – Lewis Carroll

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Tuesday 11th February is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is also World Day of Prayer for the Sick, an observance introduced by Pope John Paul II to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses.

*Lord,
Have all those who are unable to be with us for Mass
in Your Safekeeping,
Support them in Your love,
Be near them in moments of sickness and anxiety,
Bless all those who care for those in need.
Amen*



DIOCESAN BIBLE TESTIMONIES



Over the past few months, the personal testimonies from Catholics across our Diocese, about the place and impact of Scripture in their lives, have been recorded. These testimonies of faith will be published throughout the year. To listen to the testimonies released so far and to sign up to hear more as they are published please visit <https://www.godwhospeaks.org>. The website also contains lots more information to help you engage with the Bible during this Year of the Word.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS COMMISSIONED

Congratulations to Donna Lloyd, Bernadette Dunn and Roberto Consiglio, who have been commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers for the Parish.

CAFOD UPDATE MEETING

A reminder that a CAFOD update meeting is taking place on Saturday 15th February here at St. Bede's Church from 10:15 am to 12:15 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend but please let us know if you are coming by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 01252 329385.



A BIBLE STUDY ABOUT THE BIBLE—GENESIS TO JESUS

In Genesis to Jesus, we will study the divine covenants that God made with humanity in the course of salvation history. We will focus on His Old Testament covenants and then see how each is fulfilled in the New Testament covenant that God makes with the world through Jesus Christ. Come and join us for our first lesson this month on Monday 24th February at 7.30 pm or Thursday 27th February at 11 am in St. Bede's Church Hall.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

If you would like your child to be Baptised or would like to find out more about when the course will be running please email baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk or visit our website at <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk/sacraments/> where you will find a welcome letter and application form. The first session for February's Baptism course begins today.



DIARY:

Sunday 9th Feb: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg: 6.30 pm Piano
Refreshments after 9 & 11 am Masses
Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB
Toddler Group 1.30 pm —3.15 pm SB
No Choir Practice
Repository Shop open 9.00 —12 noon
CAFOD Meeting 10.15 to 12.15 pm SB

Tues 11th
Wed 12th
Thur 13th
Sat 15th

Sunday 16th Feb: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg: 6.30 pm Quiet
Refreshments after 9 am Mass
Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS

There will be refreshments after 11 am Mass today, Sunday 9th February. All money raised will go to the Refugee Community Sponsorship Resettlement Scheme.

WALKING THE ST JAMES WAY

Walking the St James Way from Reading Abbey to Southampton in 6 stages on a Saturday starting 21st March at St James Church, Reading RG1 3FD. The route passes through beautiful countryside, past points of historic and religious interest, to a place where many pilgrims in former days will have set sail for Spain. Why not re-enact their journey by joining us this year. Please email the St James parish office: stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to register your interest. Further details can be found on the poster displayed on the noticeboard in the Cloister.

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN "DON BOSCO" BOYS CAMP

The camp will take place Sunday 26th July to Saturday 1st August 2020. Fr Mark Hogan will again be leading a camp for boys of secondary school age at St. Cassian's, Kintbury. There will be plenty of sport, outings, competitions and fun and games to ensure that boys will have a fantastic few days. This will continue to take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic Faith, including daily Mass and morning prayer. The cost of the camp is £210 (part bursaries may be available on application). To find out more or to reserve a place, please email dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

FUNERAL

Requiem for Susan Vanni RIP takes place on Thursday 13th February in St. Bede's Church at 11.00 am. We remember Susan's family at this sad time. May She Rest in Peace.



SUNDAY COLLECTION

Parish Collection amounted to £2,466.30p. Grateful thanks.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

If you have any items which you want to be considered for inclusion in our newsletter, please email them to: newsletter@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk