

# THE MESSENGER

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## Sunday 27th September 2020

### TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Year A, Psalter Week II

|                      |          |  |
|----------------------|----------|--|
| <b>Sun 27th Sept</b> | 9.00 am  | Mass: Gillian Sims RIP   |
|                      | 11.00 am | Mass: Carmel Harding RIP   |
|                      | 6.00 pm  | Mass: People of the Parish                                       |
| <b>Mon 28th</b>      |          | <b>St Wenceslaus or St Laurence Ruiz &amp; Companions</b>        |
|                      | 12 noon  | Mass: Kate Raymund RIP   |
|                      |          | <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 am</i>            |
| <b>Tues 29th</b>     |          | <b>The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael</b>        |
|                      | 9.30 am  | Mass: Alby Gibson RIP  |
| <b>Wed 30th</b>      |          | <b>St Jerome</b>   |
|                      | 9.30 am  | Mass: Int. Dea Tony & Family                                     |
| <b>Thur 1st</b>      |          | <b>St Teresa of the Child Jesus</b>                              |
|                      | 9.30 am  | Mass: Joseph Chandy RIP  |
| <b>Fri 2nd</b>       |          | <b>The Holy Guardian Angels</b>                                  |
|                      | 9.30 am  | Mass: Pino Michele Colella RIP                                   |
|                      |          | <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 11am</i> |
| <b>Sat 3rd</b>       | 9.30 am  | Mass: Thomas Reilly RIP  |
|                      |          | <i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am</i>             |

### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Year A, Psalter Week III

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|--------------------|----------|--|
| <b>Sun 4th Oct</b> | 9.00 am  | Mass: People of the Parish                 |
|                    | 11.00 am | Mass: Jessica McCully & Terry Sullivan RIP |
|                    | 6.00 pm  | Mass: Laurence Williams RIP                |

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#### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

On his way to Damascus, Paul, the zealous Pharisee, encountered the risen and crucified Christ. He had to choose: either the Jewish Law or the Risen Lord. Paul was overwhelmed by God's grace and turned to Christ. He had to rethink all his views. He understood now that the God who had freed Moses from slavery in Egypt and brought the Jews out of their prison of exile had gone even further and been willing in Jesus, God's Son, to suffer the degrading death of the cross. It blew Paul's mind that God could reveal such amazing love.

Instead of being ashamed of the cross, he puts it in the centre of his Gospel. When he writes to his congregation at Philippi in today's second reading he wants to touch their hearts to make them more loving to each other. How can he change them? He recites a beautiful hymn, which tells the story of Jesus' divine love: how Jesus did not cling to His status as divine Son but in the incarnation humbly took on our human condition and was willing to face death. And not just any death but the terrible punishment meted out to slaves—crucifixion. Paul tells his congregation to steep themselves in this story so that their hearts are touched by this divine love, and they imitate Jesus and think like him.

*Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications*

## ATTENDING PUBLIC MASS AT ST. BEDE'S CHURCH

When attending church for Mass or for prayer, we need to keep each other safe and observe the following guidelines:

- **When attending Mass please WEAR YOUR OWN FACEMASK or face covering at all times except when receiving Holy Communion**
- Apply hand sanitizer when entering the church
- Dispensation from the Sunday obligation remains and we actively encourage you to attend Mass any day of the week where possible
- The number of parishioners able to attend each Mass will be limited to a maximum of 80
- Toilets remain closed and the Cloister must be kept clear for access
- Volunteers are needed to assist after each Mass, weekday and weekends, to wipe clean the benches ready for the next Mass (guidelines stipulate that volunteers must be below the age of 70 for this)
- **Please do not enter the Sacristy area via the side door in the Church as this is an emergency exit only**

\*\* Details will now be taken for everyone attending weekday Masses for Track and Trace purposes\*\*

## HOW TO BOOK TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

To book tickets for Mass on Sunday 4th October at either 9 am, 11 am or 6 pm please use the following link (links are also posted on our Facebook page):

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sunday-mass-4th-october-2020-tickets-120661286155>

Please remember to cancel your tickets if you find that you are no longer able to attend, thank you.

## BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to Chimkasi Nduka, Zofia Martin and Cillian Jonathon Coombs who will be Baptised this weekend.

## CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY

On 10th and 11th October our parish is marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected and donate online at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give) where possible or by using one of the envelopes and putting it in the collection basket or send it direct to CAFOD. You can also give easily via text. Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085. Thank you.



## NEW COURSES FROM THE ACADEMY OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Dr Christina Pal and Dr Denise Clare Oliver from the Academy of the Annunciation (AoA) invite you to consider engaging more deeply in the work of the New Evangelisation by joining one of our two new courses. Both programmes are designed to help promote parish renewal. This autumn, AoA is launching the St John Diploma in Spiritual Formation and the Newman Catechetical Certificate Programme in Reasons for Faith. The Academy of the Annunciation is a Catholic Institute for the New Evangelization - forming, educating, and training people to understand the Catholic faith more deeply. To find out more you are cordially invited to attend our informal Academy Open Evenings on zoom – on Wednesday 23rd September at 8pm. In just 45 minutes, you can meet the teaching staff and the trustees, get an overview of the courses, get your questions answered, and decide which programme may be most beneficial for you and your parish. To attend the meeting, please email [enquiries@aoa-edu.com](mailto:enquiries@aoa-edu.com).

## ST BEDE'S CHURCH OPENING TIMES

The church is open on Monday from 11.00 am until 12.30 pm, Tuesday to Saturday from 9.00 am until 11.00 am and on Sunday's from 8.30 am until 12 noon and 5.30 pm until 7.00 pm. Please check the latest newsletter for daily Mass, Confession and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament times.



## PARISH DONATIONS

The easiest and safest way to make a donation to the parish is electronically. If you would like to setup a Standing Order our bank account details are: Lloyds Bank, Sort Code: 30-93-04, Account Number: 00874184 Account Name: PRC DTR BASINGSTOKE HOLY GHOST (please also use this for cheque payments). Forms are available on our website or in the entrance to the church. You can also make your donation via our virtual online collection basket <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk/virtual-collection-basket/> Please also consider registering for the Gift Aid scheme if you have not already done so. Many thanks.

