

THE MESSENGER

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Sunday 18th October 2020

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week I

Sun 18th Oct	9.00 am	Mass: In Thanksgiving Mnemosyne Anna Thea DiVergara
	11.00 am	Mass: Int. BACCA Group
	6.00 pm	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 19th		Ss John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions: or St Paul of the Cross
	12 noon	Mass: Edward O'Brien RIP
		<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 am</i>
Tues 20th	9.30 am	Mass: John McCormick RIP
Wed 21st	9.30 am	Mass: Fr. Constant Botter SCJ RIP
	6.00 pm	Rosary: Join us in prayer via the webcam
Thur 22nd		St John Paul II
	9.30 am	Mass: Leticia Ybera RIP
Fri 23rd		St John of Capestrano
	9.30 am	Mass: John Togher RIP
		<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 11am</i>
	6.00 pm	Rosary: Join us in prayer via the webcam
Sat 24th		St Anthony Claret
	9.30 am	Mass: Ivory Lapitan RIP
		<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am</i>

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week II

Sun 25th Oct	9.00 am	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Mass: Antonio Martino RIP
	6.00 pm	Mass: Int. Jonathan Randall

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

In today's Gospel, Jesus' enemies tried to trap Him with a clever question about whether or not to pay taxes. Whichever answer He gave could lead to His ultimate downfall. Despite the flattery with which they tried to ensnare Jesus, the Pharisees saw themselves as the religious elite to which He could never belong. How dare an uneducated carpenter from Galilee tell them how to live! The Pharisees and Herodians were not concerned about the legitimacy of taxation: they just wanted to get rid of Jesus, who was "not one of us". Likewise, they saw the Romans as "them" and not "us": foreigners with a different language, way of life and religious beliefs. There was an unbridgeable divide: "they" could never be the same as "us". True, the Romans had occupied Israel and had created their own "them and us" situation which fostered hatred and dissent rather than respect and unity, but Jesus' questioners had no intention of healing the divisions between the two peoples. They only wanted to trap Him and did not look for a sincere answer to their question. They were unprepared for Jesus' suggestion that the only conflict of interests lay in their own hearts.

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:

- * 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 before and after each Mass, weekday and weekends (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**

BOOKING TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

To book tickets for Mass on Sunday 25th 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-25th-october-2020-tickets-124406277525>

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

APP TO AID TRACK AND TRACE PROCESS

The government has launched a new system to aid the Track and Trace process and places of worship are on the list of venues. You may already have seen that our parish has created a QR Code poster that is displayed in the entrance and other areas of the church. If you have the NHS App on your phone you can scan the QR Code on the way into the church in order to register your details with the Track and Trace programme. For anyone attending who is unable to use the NHS App, details will be logged as before and retained in line with government guidance.

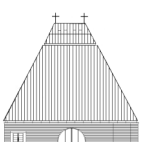
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place before all weekday and Saturday Masses. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with the Lord in prayer before Mass begins.



ST BEDE'S CHURCH OPENING TIMES

The church is open on Monday from 11.00 am until 1 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, Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament times.



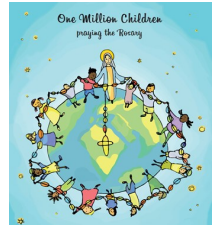
PRAYING THE ROSARY

Half an hour before each Sunday Mass there will be the opportunity to pray the Rosary. In addition, on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 6.00 pm the Rosary will be prayed in St. Bede's Church and we invite you to join in via the webcam at <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk/live/>



A MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY

Aid to the Church is inviting all children to once again take part in the worldwide prayer initiative "A Million Children Praying the Rosary" on Sunday 18th October – alternatively if you wish to pray the Rosary with the children in your school on Monday 19th October. May this joint worldwide Rosary prayer initiative fill us all with new courage and confidence in God's loving protection, bestowed on us through His Holy Mother.



CAFOD HARVEST APPEAL

Our parish raised a fantastic £300 for CAFOD's coronavirus appeal this Harvest Family Fast Day, in addition to donations made online or by text. Your support will help ensure our global family can survive, rebuild and heal. Thank you for your generosity, and please keep the world's poorest communities in your prayers at this time.

BACK2BASICS - RECONCILIATION

The sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) is often called 'the forgotten sacrament.' It's not an easy sacrament to talk about, either as a parent or a catechist. Yet it is the sacrament of God's infinite mercy, a sure means to receive and experience the transforming power of God's forgiveness and love. The FFM team have created an online group input that will help everyone wanting to know more about this sacrament, especially catechists and parents whose children are preparing for first Reconciliation and Communion. The sacrament will be presented through artworks and group activities, and in the light of the Faith of the Church explained in a deeper way, with opportunities for discussion. There will also be a time of prayer with the Dominican sisters at the end of each session. The Back2Basics Reconciliation will take place every Monday evening via Zoom, from 7pm to 9pm starting on the 2nd November for 6 weeks. See this weeks e-News <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews>

GIFT AID SCHEME

Are you a UK Taxpayer? If so, the government could top up your gift by 25%, through the Gift Aid scheme. Forms are available in the entrance to the church or on our website. Just fill in the form and post it back through the church letterbox to take part. It's that easy, and for every donation we receive the government gives us 25% extra, so if you give £20 the parish will receive £25.

DON'T FORGET ... NEXT weekend, Sunday 25th October, British Summer Time ends so remember to move your clocks back one hour!!

