

THE MESSENGER

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Sunday 25th July 2021

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 25th July	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Dave Webb RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Grandparents in the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Jim, Margaret Darroch RIP
Mon 26th	Ss Joachim & Anne , Parents of Our Lady, <i>memorial</i>		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Sam Josephine Francis RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Private Intention
Tues 27th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec. Mbrs Liddell Family (Fond)
Wed 28th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Marian Bedford RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Sick in the Parish
Thur 29th	St Martha , <i>memorial</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Maria Colella
Fri 30th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Ricta, Annie, Derrick Ormonde RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Dec. Mbrs Tobin Family
Sat 31st	St Ignatius of Loyola , Founder, <i>memorial</i>		
	9.30am	SB	Mass: Daphne Amy Broome RIP
	<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am</i>		

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week II

Sun 1st Aug	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Charles Wright RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro-Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Mamie, John Hynes RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The glimpses of followers of Christ giving food to hungry people in our time reflects today's Gospel, which demonstrates the compassion of Jesus and God's great power and mercy. This is the only miracle found in all four Gospels, which means it is an exceptional event. When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's killing, He and the disciples withdrew by boat to a lonely place by the Sea of Galilee. But thousands of people went after Him on foot. So, as He stepped ashore, He saw a large crowd; and He took pity on them and healed those who were sick. But He also recognised their hunger, not only for His words but for food. When the disciples attempted to disperse the crowd because food was scarce, Jesus instructed them to feed the people and then showed them how. The feeding of the thousands - probably at least ten thousand, if we take women and children into account - is a favourite Gospel miracle for many. This life-affirming story is a reminder of God's inclusive generosity. Jesus shows compassion for the crowds, caring for the material, as well as spiritual, needs. This beautiful miracle reminds us that we can offer to God all that we are. Even if we think it's inadequate, we can trust in God to take it, bless it, break it open and multiply it.

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WELCOME

A very warm welcome to all parishioners who join us for Mass whether in church or via the live-stream. If you are new to the area, please register as a member of our parish by completing the new parishioner form on our website.

ATTENDING MASS

- * Please wear a face mask
- * Apply hand sanitizer when entering and leaving the church
- * QR Codes are displayed for you to scan using your mobile for Track and Trace.
- * Please arrive for Sunday Mass at least 15 minutes early to allow time to register and find your seats.

COVID RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

This week the Government moved to Step 4 of its Covid response roadmap. We are currently awaiting more details from the Diocese on how we move forward with changes, whilst continuing to create a safe environment within our churches. For the moment, please can we ask you to continue to book to attend Sunday Mass, wear face masks and maintain social distancing whilst in church. A further update will follow shortly.

BOOKING TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

To book tickets to attend Sunday Mass please go to our website <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk> where links will be published each week.

PASTURES NEW

As announced previously, Fr Leo is sadly leaving us at the start of September to be the Bishop's secretary in Portsmouth. Please keep Fr Leo in your prayers and we wish him all the very best in his new role. More information to follow on a parish farewell.

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Deacon Tony who celebrated his second Anniversary of Ordination to the Diaconate this week. Let us also keep in our prayers all those who are preparing to be Ordained to the Diaconate and Priesthood at this time.

AFTERNOON TEA IN ST. BEDE'S CHURCH HALL



The first face to face afternoon tea will be taking place on Sunday 25th July from 3 - 4.30pm in St. Bede's Church hall. If you would like to attend please RSVP via email to stbedesocial@gmail.com or let the parish office know so that we can keep track of the numbers who hope to attend. We look forward to seeing you all very soon.

POPE FRANCIS JULY PRAYER INTENTION

Social Friendship - We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

"Let nothing trouble you, let nothing frighten you, everything passes; God never changes. Patience obtains all, whoever has God wants for nothing; God alone is enough."

Saint Teresa of Avila

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

The Holy Father has designated Sunday 25th July as the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. To mark the day and to encourage acts of charity, the Holy Father has established a special Plenary Indulgence for those who on that day devote adequate time to actually or virtually visiting their elderly brothers and sisters in need or in difficulty (such as the sick, the abandoned, the disabled and other similar cases).

THE MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

July is traditionally the month dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. Why not pray the beautiful Litany of the Precious Blood each day for the rest of this month?

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We will be offering a First Holy Communion programme starting in October for baptised children within the Parish of Holy Ghost, aged 7 and over. To be added to our mailing for this programme please email fhc@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk with the child's name. Children attending St Bede's School will follow a separate FHC course led by their teachers and the school will inform parents about this course.



PARISH WEBSITE

If you run a prayer, social, charity or community group within the parish, we'd like to hear from you. We are updating our website to showcase the many ways there are to get involved in our parish life. Please email webteam@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk for more info.

INVITATION TO AN IGNATIAN STAYCATION

Due to travel restrictions, we may not be able to travel abroad this summer. So the Spiritual Formation Team have planned an alternative journey which costs nothing! As this year is dedicated an 'Ignatian Year', you are invited in August to spend four sessions in reflection and imaginative contemplation, travelling as companions of St. Ignatius. No Covid tests, passports, or luggage required, just bring with you an open mind and the willingness to be surprised at the destination God will choose for you. Each Zoom meeting will be based around a scriptural meditation and will last less than one hour. To find out more click the link [Ignatian Staycation Flyer Final.pdf \(mcusercontent.com\)](#)

REPOSITORY SHOP

The repository shop will be closed during August and will reopen after the holidays in September.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to Richard Mortimer, Martha Gerance and Marcus Gerance who will be baptised this weekend.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 18th July amounted to £2,093. Thank you for your support and generosity to the parish.

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

The easiest way to make a donation to the parish is via standing order, bank transfer or online at [Donate to St Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate](#) Thank you.