

# THE MESSENGER

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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## Sunday 12th September 2021

### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Year B, Psalter Week IV

<b>Sun 12th Sept</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Hawks Family
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Deceased Members of the Moore Family
<b>Mon 13th</b>	12 noon	SB	No Mass
	6.00 pm	HG	No Mass
<b>Tues 14th</b>	9.30 am	SB	No Mass
<b>Wed 15th</b>	9.30 am	SB	No Mass
	6.00 pm	HG	No Mass
<b>Thur 16th</b>	9.30 am	SB	No Mass
<b>Fri 17th</b>	9.30 am	SB	No Mass
	6.00 pm	HG	No Mass
<b>Sat 18th</b>	9.30am	SB	No Mass

*St Bede's Church will be open during the week for prayer from 9.30 am until 12.30 pm*

### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Year B, Psalter Week I

<b>Sun 19th Sept</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Annakutty Mandackal RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention Catherine
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

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#### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

The story of the servant in today's Gospel comes to life again in the life and death of Jesus. Just as the anonymous servant in Babylon is misunderstood, so too is Jesus. On His journey in the vicinity of Caesarea Philippi, Jesus poses two questions to His disciples. First, He asks, "Who do people say I am?" His disciples tell Him. Apparently the people think He is John the Baptist, or perhaps Elijah, or at least one of the prophets from of old. Then Jesus drops a bombshell of a question, saying to the disciples, "But who do you say I am?" Silence is all around; no one is prepared to express an opinion. Eventually Peter breaks the silence: "You are the Christ," says Peter. Well done Peter, or so it seems, but as soon as Jesus speaks of the inescapable fate of His suffering and death, Peter gives a classic example of snatching defeat from the jaws of victory. He takes Jesus aside and gives Him some advice, "This must not happen to you." Peter is rewarded with Jesus' famous rebuke, "Get behind me, Satan!" Peter is not thinking what God thinks. To get behind Jesus is to follow Him. That is the task of the disciple. Following Jesus was literally what His disciples did when they were journeying, but the really important following is in living as Jesus instructs. To do otherwise is to run the risk of going in the opposite direction altogether.

*Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications*

## 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 using the form on our website.

## NO MASS FROM 13TH - 18TH SEPTEMBER

Fr. Dominic will be away on a training workshop from Monday 13th September to Saturday 18th September.

**There will be no Adoration or Mass at St. Bede's or Holy Ghost during this time.** Masses booked for this week will be rescheduled. We will return to normal with Sunday Masses on 19th September.

## COVID RESTRICTIONS

Our priority is to continue to create a safe environment within our Parish so that everyone feels they can safely come to church and share in Parish life. Please can we ask you to continue to book to attend Sunday Mass using the link on our website/Facebook page, wear face masks and maintain social distancing. Thank you.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

On Sunday 3rd October we mark Black History Month. The 11 am Sunday Mass will be led by BACCA (Basingstoke African Caribbean Catholic Association) and we will also welcome the Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane. There will be light refreshments for everyone afterwards. Please come and support this special celebration.

## POPE FRANCIS SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle:- We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

## BASINGSTOKE WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

If you would like to know what the plans are for the Winter Night Shelter for rough sleepers, there will be a meeting at the Sarum Hill Centre on Thursday 16th September at 7.30pm. All are welcome. There will not be any provision for overnight dormitory style sleeping. Find out more at [Volunteer.::Night Light Winter Shelter \(webnode.co.uk\)](http://Volunteer.::NightLightWinterShelter(webnode.co.uk))

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (Journey in Faith)

The RCIA programme provides preparation for Adult Baptism, Reception into the Catholic Church and completion of the Sacraments of Initiation for already Baptised Catholics. Anyone looking to find out more about the Catholic faith is also welcome. The next session will take place on Wednesday 15th September at 7.30 pm in St. Bede's Church Hall. Please come along or if you would like more information please contact the Parish Office.



## NEW ONLINE COURSE - METANOIA

Join us for a virtual weekly course called Metanoia! It's a 10-part series on Monday evenings from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm starting on 13th September until 22nd November. For more information click the link <https://bit.ly/MetanoiaCourse>

## EDUCATION SUNDAY

Sunday 12th September is Education Sunday in England and Wales. The annual national focus on Catholic education this year will be on the theme of "Thank You, Teachers!" We give thanks to God for all those who work in Catholic schools, for their hard work and for their dedication over what has been a very challenging 18 months.

## TEA & CAKE

The next 'Tea & Cake' will be on Sunday 26th September from 3.00 - 4:30 pm in St. Bede's Church Hall. Everyone is welcome. Donations to CAFOD. Feel free to bring along a cake! Please contact [stbedessocial@gmail.com](mailto:stbedessocial@gmail.com) to let us know you're coming, or let the Parish Office know if you don't have email. See you there.

## REPOSITORY SHOP OPENING HOURS

The Repository has now re-opened after it's summer break. Opening hours are Wednesday 9.30 am -11.30 am, Thursday after 9.30 am Mass and Sunday's after 9.00 am Mass every week and after 6 pm Mass on 1st and 3rd Sunday's of the month. Sadly we still do not have enough volunteers to open after 11 am Sunday Mass. If you would like to help please contact the Parish Office.

## WHAT'S YOUR CALLING?

We need more priests for our Diocese. Could God be calling you to serve Him and His people in the Sacred Priesthood? Perhaps you've thought about it but haven't discussed it with anyone? If this sounds like you, why not attend one of our monthly First Friday "Seeker" events in Fareham. They run from 7-9 pm on the first Friday of the month, the next event is 1st October at Sacred Heart Presbytery, 41-43 Portland Street, Fareham PO16 0NF. For further details contact Canon John Cooke on 01329 318869 or email [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to Juan Eltagonde, Keeva Lyons, Aidan Bower and Liliana Saban-Smith who were Baptised during August.



## FUNERALS

Requiem for Mary Jane Elie RIP on Wednesday 15th September at 12.15 pm at Holy Ghost Church. Requiem for Susan Rushbrook RIP on Friday 17th September at 3 pm at St. Bede's Church. Susan was a member of our 'Flower Team'. Sadly, another 'Flower Team Member' passed away this week, Anne Higgins RIP. Funeral arrangements for Anne have not been finalised yet. We pray the Lord will reward Susan and Anne for their services to the Parish. May they Rest in Peace. We remember all bereaved families at this sad time.



## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 5th September amounted to £2,262.56. Thank you for your support and generosity to the Parish.