

THE MESSENGER

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Sunday 5th September 2021

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week III

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 5th Sept	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Sheila Armstrong 90th birthday
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Catenians
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro-Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 6th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Margaret Mary Foran RIP (Fond)
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int. Fr Leo
Tues 7th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Brian Crockford RIP
Wed 8th			THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, feast
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Anna Ramsden RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Kathleen Murray RIP
Thur 9th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention
			<i>Diocesan Prayer: Parish of Holy Ghost, consecrated 9.9.1903</i>
Fri 10th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Neil O'Boyle RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Confirmation Catechists/ Candidates
Sat 11th			Our Lady
	9.30am	SB	Mass: Int. Chris Simpson

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week IV

Sun 12th Sept	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Hawks Family
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Mr. Mrs Moore RIP

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

In today's readings the riches of the kingdom of heaven are offered to those who are poor, deaf and blind, who are chosen to remind us that God does not have preferences of culture, class or race. We might say God only views us through one lens - the lens of the heart. We are being asked to look beyond external appearances and see the holiness and beauty within the heart of others. It's not always obvious at first sight, but we are called to look through God's lens, God's eyes. In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah speaks of a time of joy to come, when "the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed" and the tongues of those without words will "sing for joy". It seems that the Lord is offering everything to those who, having little or nothing in this world, still cling onto faith and hope; to these the prophet proclaims the words of God, "Courage! Do not be afraid... your God... is coming to save you."

Reflecting on these readings offers us the opportunity to "open our ears" to God's call to have courage; to "open our eyes" to the living presence of God in all people; and to "open our hearts" to respect the inner beauty in every human soul. From a heart without borders, we will then be able to offer the unconditional love of God to all we meet.

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 by completing the new parishioner 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 whilst in church. Thank you.

WELCOME BACK

We welcome back our children, teachers and staff for the start of a new term after the summer break. Let us keep them in our prayers and all students preparing to start college and university in the coming weeks.



SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting each year on 1st September and finishing on the feast of St Francis, 4th October. To find out more go to [Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk)

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 be not be any provision for overnight dormitory style sleeping. Find out more at [Volunteer :: Night Light Winter Shelter \(webnode.co.uk\)](https://www.webnode.co.uk)

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (Journey in Faith)

The RCIA programme covers 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 7.30pm in St. Bede's Church Hall. If you would like more information please contact the Parish Office.



ST BEDE'S ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

There will be a training session for Altar Servers on Saturday 11th September after 9:30am Mass, lasting approximately 3hrs. After the training we can return to safely serve on Sunday. Please bring all Albs and Cinctures you have to the training session. Parents of Altar Servers attending the session need to fill in a consent form (available from the Parish Office). Should any parents be able to help on the day, please let us know. God Bless, Harrison & Steve. Parish MC's



NEW ONLINE COURSE - METANOIA

Join us for a virtual weekly course called Metanoia! It's a 10-part series, beautifully filmed on location in the Holy Land, highlighting sacred places such as the Sea of Galilee, the River Jordan, the desert of Temptations, and many of the holy sites in Jerusalem. Exploring topics such as who Jesus is, what we must do to inherit eternal life, and many other significant matters of faith. On Monday evenings from 7:30pm to 9:00pm from 13th September to 22nd November. It is being run across St Bede's, Hook, Tadley and Andover parishes. For more information, a trailer and to sign up please follow this link: <https://bit.ly/MetanoiaCourse>

FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB

St. Andrew's, St. Peter's & St. Joseph's Churches are running a Lunch Club fortnightly on 2nd and 4th Friday of each month held at St. Joseph's Church from 12.30pm to 2pm. It's a chance to catch up with friends and to share a 2 course lunch. Tickets are £4 each for main meal and fruit/cake (it is necessary to pre-book for catering). 2021 Dates are; Fri 10th & 24th Sept; Fri 8th & 22nd Oct; Fri 12th & 26th Nov and Fri 10th Dec (Christmas Dinner). To book or for more info call Nikki Pink on 01256 323595 (Mon - Thur 9am to 4pm).

BAPTISM PROGRAMME

The next Baptism preparation sessions will take place on Sunday 12th & Sunday 26th September in St. Bede's Church Hall from 1:15pm (in other words face to face!). To register to attend or for further information please send an email to baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

FUNERAL

Funeral service for Hermann Riepl on Thursday 9th September in Holy Ghost Church at 11.30 am. May he rest in peace.



PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 29th August amounted to £2,287.62. 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](https://www.giveandshare.com/Donation/Donation.aspx?Donor=StBede&DonorType=Individual) Thank you.