

# THE MESSENGER

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## Sunday 17th October 2021

### TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Year B, Psalter Week I

<b>Sun 17th Oct</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Appleton Family
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: 40th Wedding Anniversary – Maria & Reza Mahdavi
	1.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Requiem – Mary Peter RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
<b>Mon 18th</b>	<b>ST LUKE</b> , Evangelist, <i>feast</i>		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Int. Mnemosyne Anna Thea Domantag
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Kusiachen Sebastian RIP
<b>Tues 19th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Herman Yabut – 50th birthday
<b>Wed 20th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Sue Rushbrook RIP
<b>Thur 21st</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Katherine & Simon Cooper Wedding Anniversary
<b>Fri 22nd</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Masykutty Jose RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int. NWH Hospital Staff
<b>Sat 23rd</b>	<b>Diocesan Day of Prayer &amp; Reparation for Life</b>		
	9.30am	SB	Mass: Jose Fernandes RIP

### THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Year B, Psalter Week II

<b>Sun 24th Oct</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Maureen McCauley RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Antonio Martino RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

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#### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Jesus starts His teaching here by telling James and John that there are matters that are not His to decide on. He takes this further when He speaks about His own role: this is not a glorious, all-powerful figure, despite being the Son of God, but a suffering servant, as prophesied by Isaiah, who will serve God's purpose by making the ultimate sacrifice - that of His life. He "offers His life in atonement", as Isaiah puts it or, as Mark's Gospel says, "as a ransom for many". It is in fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah that Jesus is hinting at what is to come as well. For rather than having James and John on His right and left in glory, He will die on a cross with a thief on either side. The Gospel offers an enormous challenge to Jesus' followers. Here we see God's own Son prepared to be not the one served but the one who serves and He urges the apostles to live their lives in the same way. The pagans, Jesus says, had rulers who lorded it over them. But Christianity is about a rethinking of leadership and the way everyone lives. It may seem hard, for putting others first may go against our survival instinct, but the Gospel offers hope too. The apostles went on to be inspired by the Holy Spirit and to spread the Good News, taking Jesus' message to heart. So they show us that ambition and pride can give way to self-giving and humility.

*Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications*

## WELCOME

A very warm welcome to all parishioners who join us for Mass whether in our 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.

## 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.

## POPE FRANCIS OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION

Missionary Disciples: We pray that every Baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.



## THANK YOU TO OUR HOSPITAL LAY CHAPLAINS

St. Bede's & St. Joseph's have supplied eight Hospital Lay Chaplains for many years, who on a rota basis co-ordinated by St. Bede's office, have been visiting the Hospital and St. Michael's Hospice weekly to take Holy Communion to those who have requested it. Also to patients far and wide outside of the Pastoral Area. Due to the Covid pandemic we were forced to cease this arrangement, as only priests are allowed to visit the Hospital. Once the Covid situation is over we hope that our Hospital Lay Chaplains will be able to resume their weekly role. The Pastoral Area and Parishes all over the country are indebted to the Hospital Lay Chaplains who have done an amazing job for so many years. Sadly, Rex Barham and Alison Luker have decided to permanently stand down from the role. So we want to thank them and the entire Hospital Lay Chaplaincy Team for the time and commitment they have given to the role.

## TEA & CAKE

The next 'Tea & Cake' will be on Sunday 31st October at 3 pm in St. Bede's Church Hall. ALL are welcome to come along.

## WEDNESDAY COMMUNION

The Dominican Sisters are launching a new initiative this Advent, to mark the Year of the Eucharist, called Wednesday Communion. This weekly online meeting with the sisters will consist of: a time of shared Lectio Divina on the first reading of the coming Sunday (especially helpful for readers!), a time of fellowship, getting to know each other and share our stories, a time of intercession for each other, for the Church and for the world and a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament through the sisters' livestream in their chapel. We hope that you'll take this opportunity to join us whenever you can on Wednesday. Find out more and register here: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/wednesday-communion>

## DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER

The autumn edition of our quarterly Diocesan Newsletter, Viva Voce, is available in the Cloister for you to take home.

## PREPARING FOR COP26

In November, governments from across the world are gathering in Glasgow – and the Holy Father too will be attending - to discuss how to tackle the climate emergency at COP26. It's vital for the Catholic community to demand that our leaders act now to protect our common home. The destruction of our land, oceans and forests is threatening people's homes and their ability to earn a living, together with climate change that threatens the world's poorest. What might we do as a Diocese? Our first response is always to turn to the Lord in prayer and to ask for an outpouring of His Holy Spirit. Bishop Philip is asking all parishes over the weekend 30th and 31st October, the 'vigil' of COP26, to hold a Holy Hour of prayer and petition. It will be an opportunity for us to pray for the leaders meeting at COP26 that God will provide them with the courage necessary to take action on behalf of the environment and the world's poorest. The Diocese is making various efforts at the moment in terms of advocacy and pursuit of environmental justice: you can read about the work of Caritas in the latest edition of Viva Voce.



## CAFOD GO GREEN CHALLENGE

Judith Aylmer has taken on the CAFOD Go Green Challenge and has gone veggie for the month of October. If you would like to sponsor her, please go to Just Giving and search for her by her name.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The next Baptism programme will take place on Sunday 14th and Sunday 21st November. For more information please email [baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](mailto:baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)

## FUNERALS

We pray for all members of our Parish who have died during the past year. We remember especially Henry 'Harry' Patton RIP, whose funeral service took place this week. For Reginald Smart, whose Requiem is on Tuesday 2nd November at 12.30 pm at St. Bede's Church. We remember all those mourning a loved one at this time. May they Rest in Peace.

## SECOND COLLECTION

World Mission Sunday supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this collection. To donate online go to: [Donate - Missio](#) or for cash donations place in an envelope marked 'World Mission Sunday'.

## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 10th October amounted to £2,001.98. Thank you for your generosity. Second collection next week is for SVP.

## 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](#)