

# THE MESSENGER

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## Sunday 24th October 2021

### 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
<b>Mon 25th</b>	12 noon	SB	Mass: Teresa Nusca 50th birthday
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Desiree Margaret Partridge RIP
<b>Tues 26th</b>	<b>Ss Chad &amp; Cedd</b> , Bishops, <i>optional memorial</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Elsamma Dominic RIP
<b>Wed 27th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Reg Smart RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int. Christeena
<b>Thur 28th</b>	<b>Ss SIMON &amp; JUDE</b> , Apostles, <i>feast</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Maureen Burnand RIP
<b>Fri 29th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Donna Lloyd
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Dec Mbrs Holy Ghost Parish
<b>Sat 30th</b>	<b>Blessed Winchester Martyrs</b> , <i>solemnity</i>		
	9.30am	SB	Mass: Maureen Murphy RIP

### SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

#### Year B, Psalter Week III

<b>Sun 31st Oct</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Anne Marie Hamilton RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	4.30 pm	SB	Hour of Prayer for COP26
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Bertie & Mamie Quinn RIP

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### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, sits by the side of the road as the crowds pass by. We see Bartimaeus today sitting in a doorway, or by a lamp post, with a paper coffee cup begging for pennies or needing to find a bed on which to rest. We don't know how Bartimaeus lost his sight, but he feels the loss and wants to see again. More deeply he wants to meet Jesus because he recognises who He really is and that He can help him. He cries out from his heart, "Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me." Many people try to quieten him down and others walk past indifferently; a noisy person on the street is always a nuisance. Jesus hears him, spots him and recognises him as a person, a human being who is in need, and He speaks to him. He asks, "What do you want me to do for you?" When Jesus restores physical sight to Bartimaeus, he also receives the gift of faith because he gets up and follows Jesus along the road. Jesus asks each one of us, "What do you want me to do for you?" We are invited to tell Him our needs, our sufferings and sorrows, and reach out to Him in prayer. This is only the beginning of our calling. Whether in deed or word, each one of us is called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those around us. By our love we seek to renew the faith of others who have lost their hope, their future and their sight.

*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 - UPDATE

Our priority is to continue to create a safe environment within our Parish. At the recent Core Group meeting it was decided that we will proceed with a cautious and phased increase in the capacity of our church. This weekend some of the pews and chairs at St. Bede's Church will be moved back. Safety continues to be our priority and we ask you to book to attend Sunday Mass using the link on our website/ Facebook page, wear face masks and maintain social distancing. Thank you.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

The Parish First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programmes have started. There will be no more children accepted on to both programmes for 2022.

## TRAIN AS A RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLOR

Catholic Marriage Care are the largest faith-based relationship support specialists in the UK. We are looking for empathetic listeners who would like to train and volunteer with us as relationship counsellors and make a world of difference to couples and families. For more information please visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk/crc](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk/crc)

## 54TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ABORTION ACT

Wednesday 27th October is the 54th anniversary of the Abortion Act being passed in England and Wales. Since 1967 over nine million babies have lost their lives to abortion. Millions of women and men have also had to deal with the suffering which so often follows an abortion. Please join us on Wednesday 27th October in praying and fasting for the end of abortion in this country. For Post Abortion help and information go to [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

## WORKSHOPS FOR PARISH READERS

Two online workshops for Parish readers will be offered on Saturday 4th and 11th of December from 10am to 1pm. The first workshop covers an introduction to the Liturgy of the Church, with specific focus on the Liturgy of the Word. The second workshop offers a general introduction to the Bible as well as a set of keys to understand any biblical texts. Both workshops are led by a diocesan team: Deacon Martin McElroy from Winchester, Claire Tickell from Southampton and Sr Hyacinthe from the Lymington Dominican Sisters. To complete the training, awarded with a Diocesan Recognition, a reading practice with a Diocesan listener is required. The details for arranging for the 1:1 15 minutes practice are given during the workshops. To register for the workshops go to: [Church Readers | Portsmouth Formation for Mission \(pffm.org.uk\)](http://ChurchReaders|PortsmouthFormationforMission(pffm.org.uk))

## NEXT WEEKEND ....

British Summer Time ends on 31st October so don't forget to move your clocks back one hour next weekend!



## A MESSAGE FROM CAFOD

Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received: [Climate Crisis Appeal | CAFOD](#)



Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31st October to 12th November. There are prayer cards in the Cloister; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see [COP26 - Campaign for the climate | CAFOD](#)  
*May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.*

## HOUR OF PRAYER FOR COP26

On Sunday 31st October from 4.30pm until 5.30pm there will be an Hour of Prayer at St. Bede's Church. This 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.

## TEA & CAKE

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



## REPOSITORY CHRISTMAS STOCK

Christmas stock including a selection of calendars, Advent calendars and diaries is now available. Please come and take a look.

## 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)

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

The next session of the RCIA programme will take place on Wednesday 27th October at 7.30pm in St. Bede's Church Hall.



## FUNERAL

Requiem Mass for Reginald Smart RIP on Tuesday 2nd November at 12.30pm at St. Bede's Church. May he Rest in Peace.

## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 17th October amounted to £1,971.04. Thank you for your generosity. **Second collection today is for SVP.** Please put cash donations in an envelope marked "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](#)