

# THE MESSENGER

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## Sunday 3rd October 2021

### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Year B, Psalter Week III

<b>Sun 3rd Oct</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Conrad DeSousa RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: BACCA Intentions
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
<b>Mon 4th</b>	<b>St Francis of Assisi, Founder, memorial</b>		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Private Intention
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Anne Higgins RIP
<b>Tues 5th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Rita Garroni RIP
<b>Wed 6th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Anne Higgins RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int. Merriam Family
<b>Thur 7th</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary, memorial</b>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Edward O'Brien RIP
<b>Fri 8th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Aleyamma Philip RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Carmel Harding RIP
<b>Sat 9th</b>	<b>ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, Religious, feast</b>		
	9.30am	SB	Mass: Tim Murphy RIP
	<i>Confession after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am</i>		

### TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Year B, Psalter Week IV

<b>Sun 10th Oct</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Christine & Brian Young, 40th Wedding Anniversary
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Peggy White – 99th birthday

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#### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Jesus gives us a lot to think about in today's Gospel. He speaks especially on behalf of married women and of children. Women were too often seen as property, without social power to protect themselves from the whims of a husband's disloyalty or disinterest. Jesus defends women and speaks out for the protection of marriage. He seems to accept the reality of separation in some marriages but the passage is less about the regulations for ordering relationships and more a glimpse or vision of God's loving plan. Then Jesus rebukes the disciples who try to block children who are being brought by their parents for his blessing. "Let the little children come to me," says Jesus, "do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs." While the disciples see the small children as unimportant, with little economic or social power, Jesus wants to meet them for they are precious and worthy of His blessing. To emphasise their value, He makes the claim, "I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the Kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Jesus blesses the children because He loves vulnerable people and has compassion for those whose innocence and powerlessness make them susceptible to abuse and exploitation.

*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.

## WELCOME TO FR. JOHN LAVERS

Fr. John has now completed his move and is settling in to his new accommodation at Holy Ghost. Fr. John is a Priest from Canada who is a member of the clergy serving in the Diocese of Portsmouth. Within the diocese, Fr John has served as a Priest in Bournemouth, Reading, Alderney, Hayling Island and Holbury. Fr. John follows the charism of St Francis of Assisi through a Rule of Life and Constitutions.

## 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.

## CONFESSION

Please note that Confession will no longer be available after Mass on Wednesday mornings.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This Sunday 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.

## 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.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

If you would like your child to prepare for First Holy Communion, enrolment will take place in person on **Saturday 9th October 10.30 – 11.30 am at St. Bede's Church**. Please bring a **COPY** of your child's **BAPTISM** certificate and the fee of £25 (cash or cheque). For further information please email [fhc@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](mailto:fhc@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk).  
**Dates for your information:** Saturday preparation sessions will take place on: 16th Oct, 13th Nov, 11th Dec 2021, 8th Jan, 5th Feb, 5th March, 2nd April, 30th April 2022 from 10 am - 12 noon. **First Holy Communion Day:** Saturday 14th May 2022 at 12 noon.

## THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October is traditionally dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary, with its sequence of prayers and mysteries, is a Christ-centred Gospel prayer, which we say in union with the Blessed Mother. The Rosary is recited after all weekday Mass in St. Bede's Church. During October, why not stay after Mass for the Rosary.



## CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2021

By donating to CAFOD this Family Fast Day you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. Donate online via CAFOD at [Family Fast Day - Harvest 2021 | CAFOD](https://www.cafod.org.uk/family-fast-day-harvest-2021) or via the Parish

donate button stating 'CAFOD'. You can also easily give via text. Text CAFOD10 to 70580 to donate £10\*. Or choose to give any whole amount between £1 and £20 by texting CAFOD, followed by the amount you would like to donate, to 70580. \*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70580. For Privacy Policy go to: [cafod.org.uk/privacy](https://www.cafod.org.uk/privacy)



## TEA & CAKE

Thank you to everyone who came to 'Tea & Cake' last Sunday. We raised £23.81 for CAFOD. The next 'Tea & Cake' will be on Sunday 31st October at 3 pm. ALL are welcome to come along.

## RICH MAN POOR MAN MEAL

A Rich Man Poor Man meal will be held in St. Bede's Church Hall on Saturday 23rd October at 7pm for 7.15pm. A two-course planet friendly meal will be served to seven out of eight diners with one in eight receiving soup and bread in solidarity with the one in eight people who go hungry every day. The 'poor' will be chosen by lot on the night! Tickets are £16 a head to include a donation to CAFOD. Please reserve your place by emailing [judith@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](mailto:judith@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk) by Saturday 16th Oct. Payment can be made online to Account Name: PRCDTR Basingstoke Holy Ghost; Sort Code: 30-93-04; Account Number: 00874184 with the reference CAFOD MEAL.

## VOCATIONS

"Let the little children come to me; ..." Are you being called to bring others to Christ and His Kingdom as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact Cn. John Cooke. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869.

## BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to Diego Garcia, Jamie Estrada and Patrick Brown who were Baptised in September.



## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 26th September amounted to £2,285.99. Thank you for your generosity.

## 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.giveasyoulive.org.uk/donate-to-st-bede-s-church)