

THE MESSENGER

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Confessions

Saturday evenings 5:15 - 5.45 pm.

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Fr. Austin Gurr

Sat 6 pm / Sun 10.30 am

Thought for the week

Today's readings give us a wonderful refresher on the Biblical origins of the Sacrament of Marriage, going all the way back to the second chapter of Genesis in our First Reading, and then reinforced by Jesus in our Gospel Reading from St. Mark.

Perhaps more than any other time in Christianity, marriage and family life are under attack right now. It is vital that we have a proper understanding of the Church's beautiful and solid teachings in these areas. We call this type of knowledge, "Formation" and it is one of the pillars of a stewardship way of life. Solid formation in the faith not only strengthens us in our own walk with the Lord, but it allows us to pass on this knowledge to others who are thirsting to know the truth about the human person, and it also arms us to defend our beliefs, when necessary.

These readings also invite us to reflect on the reality that we are to be good stewards of the vocation the Lord has entrusted to us. If I am married, do I recognize that my spouse and my marriage are a gift from God that must be nourished, developed and tended? This brings to mind the stewardship aspect of "Time." After time spent with God, my next priority of time should be for my spouse. Do I realize that at the end of my life I will have to give an account to God for how I cared for the gift of my spouse and marriage?

Taken from the Catholic Steward.com

Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 7 October

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What God has united, man must not divide.

Sat 6 6:00 pm Michael Byrne RIP
Sun 7 10:00 am People of the Parish

Mon 8 10:00 am *Feria*
Mass -
Tues 9 10:00 am *Blessed John Henry Newman*
Mass -
Wed 10 10:00 am *Feria*
Mass -
Thur 11 10:00 am *St John XXIII*
Mass -
Fri 12 10:00 am *Feria*
Mass -
Sat 13 10.00 am Our Lady on Saturday
Mass -

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14 October

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Go and sell everything you own and follow me.

Sat 13 6:00 pm People of the Parish
Sun 14 10:00 am Intentions of the Goddard & Keen Families and Lucy and Richard

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Lord, have all those who are unable to be with us at Mass in Your safekeeping as we remember:

Sister Connie, Mary O'Driscoll, Edna Welton, Helena Allen
Yvonne Beaumont, Debbie Cavedon, Patrick & June Walsh,
Margaret Sauce, Pat Olohan, Mary Bone & Charles Paice

LAUNCH OF THE PARISH CARE GROUP

We have just launched the Sacred Heart Parish Care Group comprising of our Eucharistic Ministers. The group will meet every 4 to 6 weeks in the Parish Hall, in order to share relevant information concerning those parishioners residing in the various care homes/hospitals in the area, who currently receive Holy Communion from us. The meeting is an opportunity to keep abreast of their health and welfare. Also it will be a chance to find out about others who are sick either at home or in hospital who would like to be visited and to receive the Eucharist.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Extraordinary Minister or if you know of someone who is not well enough to attend Mass, but would appreciate receiving Holy Communion then please talk to Fr Paul.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is the month of the Rosary and the Holy Father has invited us this year to pray the Rosary every day during this entire Marian month. He wants us to join in communion and in penitence, as the people of God, in asking the Holy Mother of God and Saint Michael Archangel to protect the Church from the devil, who always seeks to separate us from God and from each other. He asks us to conclude the recitation of the Rosary with the ancient invocation *Sub Tuum Praesidium*. The Russian mystics and the great saints of all the traditions advised, in moments of spiritual turbulence, to shelter beneath the mantle of the Holy Mother of God pronouncing this invocation. May the Holy Mother of God place the Church beneath her protective mantle. Pope Francis has also asked us after the Rosary to add the prayer to Saint Michael Archangel that he protect and help us in the struggle against evil (cf. Rev 12, 7-12). This latter prayer, written by Pope Leo XIII, is, Pope Francis, says the weapon against the Great Accuser who "goes around the world seeking to accuse".

Sub Tuum Praesidium

We fly to thy protection, O Holy Mother of God,
Despise not our petitions in our necessities,
But deliver us always from all dangers.
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen

Prayer to Saint Michael

*Holy Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the
devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God, cast into hell satan and all the wicked
spirits
who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.*

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Child Protection Training (with Maureen Wiltshire)
Sat 27 October 2018 – 10.00am – 12.30pm
St Bede's, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX
Vulnerable Adults Training (with Maureen Wiltshire)
Sat 27 October 2018 – 1.30pm – 4.00pm
St Bede's, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX
Please book via Jan in the Parish Office (577007)

RCIA—JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next meeting is on **Thursday 11th October** at 7:30pm in the Hall. The title of this session is "Scripture and Tradition". Please bring a bible with you. All are welcome. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

IF YOU ARE GOING INTO HOSPITAL

If you wish to receive Holy Communion whilst in Hospital, please contact Jan Hughes in the Parish Office. The Hospital Volunteer Chaplains visit the hospital on a Wednesday to give Holy Communion to those who request it.

CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY 5th OCTOBER

On Family Fast day CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal or give up a meal to help our brothers and sisters overseas who do not have enough to eat or clean water to drink. Please put your donation in the fast day envelope provided and don't forget to gift aid your donation if you are a UK tax payer. Many thanks for your generous support.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Praying the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is a glorious way to enter into the abundant Mercy of God. Please join us on Friday afternoons from 2:30—3:00 in the Church. To pray for the Mercy of God on us and on the whole world.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We will be celebrating Confirmation as a Pastoral Area in 2019, and are awaiting the date from the Bishop's Office. Applications forms will be available in the Porch this weekend, closing date for applications will be 31st October.

The Confirmation celebration will be celebrated at the Cathedral by the Bishop.

THE SACRISTY

Is a place of prayer and contemplation and should be an oasis of calm, before and after Mass. The Priest and Servers need time and space in order to prepare themselves for The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Please respect this and refrain from visiting the Sacristy in the last 15 mins before Mass.