

THE MESSENGER

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Confessions

Saturday evenings 5:15 - 5.45 pm.

PASTORAL AREA CLERGY

St Bede, Basingstoke 01256 465214

Fr. Chris Rutledge

Sun 9 am, 11 am, 6.30 pm

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Sat 6 pm / Sun 9 am, 11 am

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Fr. Paul Leonard

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Fr. Patrick Tansey, Deacon Anthony Cairns

Sat 6 pm / Sun 9.30 am

St. John the Baptist, Andover 01264 352829

Fr. Austin Gurr

Sat 6 pm / Sun 10.30 am

Thought for the week

Part of the beauty of stewardship spirituality is its simplicity and practicality. It can be summed up in the simple phrase, "All I have is a gift from God and I must make a grateful return to Him for all He has given me."

So simple, that even our youngest parishioners can grasp the concept. Simple, however, does not necessarily mean easy. Simple also does not mean shallow.

Today's readings invite us to look into the depth of a stewardship way of life. And they reveal that it requires the commitment of our whole being to God. It is anything but easy or shallow. It points us to seek after higher things — the wisdom of God and Heaven itself.

Our Second Reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, shows us a way to obtain such wisdom — it is available to us right in the Scriptures, which are the *living* word of God. Every time we approach them in a spirit of prayer, they will speak to us. God's wisdom is right there for us. All we need to do is commit some daily time to seek it.

Our Gospel Reading from Mark is one of the better-known passages in the Gospel — the story of the rich young man. In response to the man's question on what he must do to obtain eternal life, Jesus tells him to keep the commandments. The man replies that he has always done this much. But he rightfully suspects there is more to being a disciple of Jesus than just following the external rules

We are called to be so much more than rule-followers; we are called to be Christ followers. A stewardship way of life frees us follow Christ with all of our being and so to find eternal life.

Taken from the Catholic Steward.com

Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel

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
Mon 15	10:00 am	St Teresa of Avila
Tues 16	10:00 am	Mary & Alan Clark RIP
		St Hedwig
		Mass -
Wed 17	10:00 am	St Ignatius of Antioch
Thur 18	10:00 am	Blessings on the Vella Family
		ST LUKE
		Int of Fouad Hemchaoui
Fri 19	10:00 am	St Paul of the Cross
		Mass -
Sat 20	10.00 am	Our Lady on Saturday
		Mass -

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21 October

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The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.

Sat 20	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 21	10:00 am	

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Child Protection Training (with Maureen Wiltshire)

Sat 27 October 2018 – 10.00 am – 12.30 pm

St Bede's, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX

Vulnerable Adults Training (with Maureen Wiltshire)

Sat 27 October 2018 – 1.30 pm – 4.00 pm

St Bede's, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX

If you are working with Children or Visiting the Sick within this Parish, this training is compulsory, please contact Jan in the Parish Office (577007) to book a place or for more dates.

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

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.

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.

RCIA—JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next meeting is on **Thursday 25th October** at 7:30pm in the Hall. The title of this session is "**Liturgy & Sacraments: Baptism & Confirmation**". All are welcome. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSION

– BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

The deadline for Year 7 September 2019 applications is 31 October 2018. Applications must be made online via Hampshire County Council <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>

The completion of a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) is not compulsory. However, the Governing Body uses the information it contains along with any supporting evidence to help determine the ranking of applicants. SIF's can be downloaded from the school website, please return completed forms and supporting evidence to the school marked for the attention of the Admissions Clerk by 31 October.

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.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Sunday 11th November 2018 is the Centenary of the end of World War 1. The Churches together in Hook have arranged a Remembrance Service at the Hook War Memorial, with a parade through Hook. The parade will leave the main carpark in Hook at 10:15 am finishing at the War Memorial at 10:45 am with the Remembrance Service starting at 10:50 am. The Scouts and Guides will lead the parade and we are expecting around 350 people to take part. **On Sunday 11th November the Mass here at Sacred Heart will be moved to 9:00 am.**

NEWS FROM BAMENDA

Many of you will have met Fr. Thom Amungwa, who until the summer was the parish priest of Bordon and Grayshott, previously assistant priest in Basingstoke. Fr Tom has now returned home to the Archdiocese of Bamenda in Cameroon and taken up his new post as the parish priest of St. Edmund's. As you know, the situation in Cameroon is very tense and we must keep in our prayers Archbishop Cornelius and the clergy and people of our sister diocese, the Diocese of Bamenda. Let us ask the Lord to pour out His grace that new ways forward might be found with a new spirit of cooperation. Meanwhile, what Fr. Thom writes gives us a flavour of things: *"I am settling in gradually. The main issue here now is that of the Presidential elections to take place on the 7th October but creating lots of tension. This is because the Anglophones are vowing not to let any elections take place in their territory and the government is also swearing the elections must take place. It's causing lots of tension, violence and killings. Thanks for the prayers."*

We keep Bamenda **Sunday on 4th November** this year, but Bishop Philip asks everyone to offer a decade of the Rosary each day this week for a breakthrough in the deadlock.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday.

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. World Mission Sunday is the one Sunday in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission. And all the donations from these worldwide Masses go entirely to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. World Mission Sunday, usually on the penultimate Sunday in October, is our chance to show love and solidarity to our family in faith overseas. Through our prayers, we support missionaries everywhere in spreading the Good News. By donating we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. Your support on World Mission Sunday will help brave missionaries in building a future of hope around the world.

PARISH OFFICE

Due to holidays the Parish office will be closed on Thursday 18th October.