

# THE MESSENGER

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**Confessions**

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**PASTORAL AREA CLERGY**

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Fr. Austin Gurr  
Sat 6 pm / Sun 10.30 am

**Thought for the week**

As Christian stewards we are called to devote a regular portion of our time to God in prayer. Perhaps we find it intimidating to find the right words when approaching our perfect and all-holy God.

Today's Gospel shows us we need to have our "act together" before we can spend time with Him in prayer. In this passage from Mark, we see that Bartimaeus received a powerful answer to prayer at a very low point in his life. There, he sat, begging at the side of the road in a very undignified manner. His posture wasn't exactly reverent, and his prayer wasn't eloquent, just a desperate, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me."

But it was a sincere cry from his heart. And Jesus, though surrounded by a sizable crowd, heard it, and called for Bartimaeus to come to Him. Folks from the crowd called to Bartimaeus, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." And right there on the spot, Bartimaeus experienced a profound moment of personal encounter with our Lord and the healing of his vision he desired.

How simple it is to encounter Jesus! All we must do is reach out to Him in prayer and we can be assured that He will hear us and call us to Himself. So let's all take courage this week knowing that Jesus is calling us right now to spend time with Him just as we are, in all our weakness and brokenness. Tell Him, the great High Priest, what your needs are and then, like Bartimaeus, follow Him, and keep on keeping on in this stewardship way of life. It's a life with the ultimate happy ending.

Taken from the Catholic Steward.com

**Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 28 October**

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Master, let me see again.

**Sat 27 6:00 pm Good Estate of Sean Dillow**

**Sun 28 10:00 am People of the Parish**

Mon 29 *Feria*  
10:00 am Mass -

Tues 30 *Feria*  
10:00 am Mass -

Wed 31 *Feria*  
10:00 am Mass -

Thur 1 **ALL SAINTS (Holy Day of Obligation)**  
10:00 am Deceased Members of the Parish  
7:30 pm Deceased Clergy of the Diocese

Fri 2 **ALL SOULS**  
10:00 am Mass -

Sat 3 Our Lady on Saturday  
10:00 am Mass -

**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4 November**

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This is the first commandment. The second is like it.

**Sat 3 6:00 pm**

**Sun 4 10:00 am People of the Parish**

## REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers Edna Welton RIP, from Maryfield Convent who died this week. Her Requiem Mass will be on Friday 16th November at 11:30 am here at Sacred Heart  
May her soul and the souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen



## 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:  
Mary O'Driscoll, Sean Dillow, Helena Allen, Tony Hopgood,  
Jean Williams, Yvonne Beaumont, Debbie Cavedon,  
Patrick & June Walsh, Margaret Sauce & 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 are available in the porch** this weekend, closing date for applications will be 31st October. The Confirmation Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral by the Bishop on Saturday 8th June 2018 at 11 am

## THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

During the month of November, a box for the request of prayers for the souls of loved ones will be placed in front of the altar. If you would like prayers for a deceased loved one, please write their name on one of the slips of paper and place it in the box.

## THE BLESSED CHARLES DE FOUCAULD FRATERNITY.

We recently started a Fraternity of blessed Charles de Foucauld in our parish. We get together once a month for couple of hours at convenient day and time for all. We start with the exposition of the blessed sacrament in the church. We also read the Sunday's gospel reading and contemplate on the reading and share our views. We also discuss the life and writings of blessed Charles de Foucauld. The next meeting is in **Tuesday 13th November at 2.15pm**, in the Convent.

## SAINT OSCAR ROMERO

On Saturday 24th November 2 pm at the Cathedral, Bishop Philip will be celebrating a Thanksgiving Mass for the Canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero. For further details please contact Mugeni Sumbia on [m.sumba@oaklandscatholicschool.org](mailto:m.sumba@oaklandscatholicschool.org). or Tel No. 07843 514376.

## KNIGHTS OF ST. COOLUMBA

'Lucky Me Winner' for October—Congratulations to J. Allen of Basingstoke who won £25.

## 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.

## FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Thursday 1st November is a Holy Day of Obligation  
Mass times at Sacred Heart Church are:  
10:00 am and 7.30 pm

## 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.**

## RCIA—JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next meeting is on **Thursday 8th November** at 7:30pm in the Hall. The title of this session is "**The Eucharist, Confession & Anointing**". All are welcome. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

## BAMENDA SUNDAY

BAMENDA COLLECTION: This will be taken at all our Masses on the weekend 3/4 November, to support the work of our brothers and sisters in the Archdiocese of Bamenda which is twinned with the Diocese of Portsmouth. In return, the Archbishop releases four of his badly needed priests to help with our shortage of priestly vocations. Fr. Emmanuel from the Cameroon has recently joined Fr. Chris Whelan in St Josephs Parish Basingstoke. Whilst pursuing studies at Southampton University, he is assisting in our Pastoral Area as far as possible and is spending time in chaplaincy work at Basingstoke Hospital.

## 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.

## 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.

## CAFOD

CAFOD Portsmouth is looking for volunteers who can help in our office at St Mary's church in Aldershot during the week. If you have good computer skills, familiar with word and excel and can spare a few hours a week to help out with administrative tasks then please contact Jo Lewry on 01252 329385 or email [portsmouth@caofd.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@caofd.org.uk) for more information .