

# THE MESSENGER

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## Sacred Heart

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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

**St. Joseph, Basingstoke** 01256 323595  
Fr. Chris Whelan, Fr Emmanuel Rinda,  
Deacon Pat O'Connell  
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Fr. Paul Leonard  
Sat 6 pm / Sun 10 am

**St Michael, Tadley** 0118 9814572  
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

Today's First Reading from the First Book of Kings, as well as the Gospel passage from Mark, both center on the actions of two seemingly poor and helpless widows who show themselves to be faith-filled and generous stewards.

In the eyes of the world, particularly in biblical times when there was no life insurance or Social Security, these widows were weak and dependent on others to take care of them. They each found themselves in desperate situations — one in the midst of famine with a child for which to care, and the other clearly impoverished. Yet, each demonstrated strength and generosity that distinguished them from those around them. From where did this strength come?

It came from knowing who they are, and *Whose* they are. These women must have known their security would not come from a good life insurance policy or connections to someone with a hidden storehouse of flour.

No, their security came from knowing they were daughters of the Most High God and from putting their faith in Him. They had no need to panic in the midst of natural disaster or cling desperately to their menial resources. Their faith in God set them free to trust Him when all seemed hopeless. Their faith kept them detached from material possessions. Their faith allowed them to be brave and generous, to think of others despite their own trials.

These women saw themselves as stewards, not owners, of the resources God gave them, regardless of how much or how little they had. And acting as stewards made them gracious, generous and mighty indeed.

Taken from the Catholic Steward.com

### Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel

#### Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 11 November Remembrance Sunday

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*This poor widow has put in more than all.*

Sat 10	6:00 pm	Int of Mary O'Driscoll
Sun 11	9:00 am	Remembrance Sunday
Mon 12	10:00 am	St Josaphat Parents & Relatives of the Sisters
Tues 13	10:00 am	Feria For the Holy Souls
Wed 14	10:00 am	Feria Benefactors of Maryfield
Thur 15	10:00 am	Feria Dec. Residents of Maryfield
Fri 16	10:00 am	ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON All Souls
Sat 17	10:00 am	Our Lady of Saturday For the Holy Souls



#### Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 18 November

Sat 17	6:00 pm	Bob Medway RIP
Sun 18	10:00 am	People of the Parish

## REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers Edna Welton RIP, from Maryfield Convent. Her Requiem Mass will be on Friday 16th November at 11:30 am here at Sacred Heart.



## 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 Hoppood,  
Jean Williams, Yvonne Beaumont, Debbie Cavedon,  
June Walsh, Margaret Sauce & Charles Paice

## 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.

## The Advent Wreath

We're now only a few weeks away from Advent and Bishop Philip wanted to suggest you make for your home an Advent wreath. The origins of the Advent wreath are German and Lutheran but in recent times Catholics, too, have adopted them as a way of marking mark the progression of Advent to the Nativity. The wreath is formed of ever-greens (yew or fir or laurel) and is either suspended from the ceiling or placed on a table. Fastened to it are four candles standing upright, at equal distances, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, at a set time, the family gathers for a prayer and each Sunday of Advent one more candle is lit, until all four candles shed their cheerful light to announce the forthcoming birthday of the Lord. The symbolism is a reminder of the Old Testament, when humanity was "sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death" (Luke 2:79); when the prophets, illumined by God, announced the Redeemer; and when the hearts of all burned with desire for the Messiah. It is common to use three violet candles and one rose, symbolizing the respective liturgical colours of the four Sundays of Advent, though in Germany, red candles are used.

## ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL

Saturday 24th November—theme "Liberty for Captives"

Speaker David Matthews

Time 11:00 am until 4:00 pm at Alton School, Anstey Lane

Alton GU34 2NG—plenty of parking spaces

Bring a lunch to share.

## MELFORT GLEN

**Saturday 17th November at 7.30 pm**  
**in the Parish Hall**



Time for you to hone your quiz skills and raise some funds for Melfort Glen. Bring food and drink. Drinks will also be available from the bar for a donation. Admission £5; tickets available after Mass from the Saturday 10th November and at the door on the night. Teams of 4. Raffle prizes are needed. Please leave any donations in the office. Thank you

## THE ODE OF REMEMBRANCE

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,  
we will remember them.

**All: We will remember them**

When you go home, tell them of us, and say:  
'For your tomorrow, we gave our today'.

## ETERNAL FATHER STRONG TO SAVE

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound the restless  
wave,  
Who bid'st the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea!



O Christ the universal Lord  
Who suffered death by nails and sword.  
From all assault from deathly foe.  
Sustain thy soldiers where they go;  
And evermore hold in thy hand,  
All those in peril on the land.

O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace  
Who fills with strength the human race,  
Inspire mankind to know the light,  
Guide all who dare the eagle's flight;  
And underneath thy wings of care  
Guard all from peril in the air.

O Trinity of love and power!  
Our brethren's shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them whereso'ere they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

## 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.