

THE MESSENGER

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Sat 6 pm / Sun 10.30 am

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's Gospel reading from John recounts the familiar story of the wedding feast at Cana when Jesus launched His public ministry by performing His first miracle at his mother's request.

In the midst of the feast, the Blessed Mother noticed that the wine had run out and pointed out the problem to Jesus. Then, she gave the servants instructions that are equally applicable to us modern-day stewards, saying, "Do whatever He tells you." Jesus gives the servants a simple and seemingly mundane task, telling them to fill some stone jars with water. They did what He told them to do. And Jesus used their obedience in the accomplishment of that simple task to perform His first miracle, turning the water into the choicest wine.

Our Lord didn't have to include those servants in order to perform this miracle — He *chose* to. And today, 2,000 plus years later, He still chooses to include us in the performance of His miracles through our cooperation with Him in using the gifts and talents He has given us. What a privilege! Let us take care to listen to our Blessed Mother: let's examine our lives this week to see if we really are "doing whatever He tells us," cooperating with God to make the best use of the gifts He has given us for the benefit of those around us. If we all take this call seriously, He will perform miracles in our families and our parish.

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Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20 January

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This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee.

Sat 19 6:00 pm Pat Cashman Snr & Pat Cashman Jrn RIP
Sun 20 10:00 am People of the Parish

Mon 21 *St Agnes*
10:00 am - Mass
1:00 pm **Requiem Mass Elizabeth Curran RIP**

Tues 22 *St Vincent*
10:00 am - Mass

Wed 23 *Feria*
10:00 am **Blessings on the Grech Family**

Thur 24 *St Francis de Sales*
10:00 am - Mass

Fri 25 **THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL**
10:00 am - Mass

Sat 26 *St Timothy & St Titus*
10:00 am - Mass

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 27 January

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This text is being fulfilled today.

Sat 26 6:00 pm Marion Flaherty RIP
Sun 27 10:00 am People of the Parish

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

REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of **Elizabeth Curran RIP, mother of Ann Cross** who recently died. Her Requiem Mass is to be held here at Sacred Heart on Monday 21st January at 1:00 pm

Please also remember in your prayers the family and friends of **Mary O'Driscoll RIP** who died this week.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.



NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 18: 8-10, 15 response John 6:63

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30

Gospel: Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

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

You are invited to a CAFOD meeting on Saturday 23rd February at St Bede's Church Popley Way Basingstoke RG24 9DX from 10:30am to 1pm. At this meeting Helen Lavaud CAFOD's HR adviser will be talking about her recent visit to CAFOD's Projects in the Eastern Congo and how CAFOD's partners are caring for child soldiers. There will also be an opportunity to explore the resources for Lent fast day on 15th March. Everyone is welcome so please book your place by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 01252 329385

RCIA—JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next meeting is on **Thursday 24th January** at 7:30 pm in the Hall. The title of this session is "**Grace & Beatitudes**" All are welcome.

OBLIGATORY COLLECTION FOR THE CATHEDRAL

This is taken at all Masses on the weekend of 26th/27th January. Envelopes are available at all Masses for those who do not have gift aided planned giving envelopes for second collections. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family. Please give generously, gift aiding your donation wherever possible.

SALT AND GRIT BIN

Just a reminder that there is a salt and grit bin by the side of the disabled parking bays, for use when the car park area is icy.



CHURCHES TOGETHER

Our annual Hook and Odiham Churches Together service is being held this Sunday (20th January) at 6 pm in Elizabeth Hall. Following the service, refreshments will be served. Please bring food to share.

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 **Monday 21st January at 2.15 pm**, in the Convent.

ADORE (Alton Day Of Renewal)

– **Saturday 26th January 11.00am - 4.00pm**

You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focusing on Renewal and Mission. Held at Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG.

11.00am *Rosary*; 11.30am *Mass*; 12.15pm *Adoration* of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch (please bring finger food to share); 2.00pm *Praise & Worship*; 2.30 *Talk* "Prayer and Renewal" Charles Whitehead KSG explains why and how we should be renewing our prayer lives through the power of the Holy Spirit;

3.30 *Prayer for healing*. We end about 4.00pm.

There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs).

For more information and directions, see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com

or telephone Alastair Emblem on 01252 714809.

Next month's meeting 23rd Feb. 2019: "Forming and Strengthening Prayer Groups" – Speaker Tim Stevens

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CARE

Catholic Marriage Care is a faith-based organisation, that draws on its Catholic tradition and contemporary research, to help couples in both good times and bad. Most relationships face difficulties at some point. Talking to a relationship counsellor can help. Our local centre in Reading offers relationship counselling with fully-trained counsellors. For further information please call 0800 389 3801.

If you are a trained relationship counsellor, could you volunteer with Marriage Care? Further counsellors are needed for our Reading centre – expenses and supervision is provided. For further information, please contact Sue Cooper at reading.admin@marriagecare.org or phone 0793 949 5774.

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.