

THE MESSENGER

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Thursday and Friday 9 am - 2 pm

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Confessions

Saturday evenings 5:15 - 5.45 pm.

PASTORAL AREA CLERGY

St Bede, Basingstoke 01256 465214

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Sun 9 am, 11 am, 6.30 pm

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Sat 6 pm / Sun 10.30 am

Thought for the Week

Martha and Mary are often used as images of the active and contemplative life. If Jesus seems to favour Mary, many people feel that Martha has been hard done by. In practice, we may wonder, would Jesus and his disciples have been happy if Martha had just sat there like Mary? A first thing to note is how when the two are mentioned in both Luke's and John's Gospels, it is Martha who takes the lead. Here she is up front in complaining to Jesus. In John's Gospel she is the one who goes out to confront Jesus and ask him why he has not saved her brother. Jesus enjoys her challenges and uses them to reveal deeper elements of his message of salvation, even if he seems to tease her while doing so. Her role is similar to that of Peter, unafraid to say what is in her mind and engaging in a very real exchange. There is no sitting back and wallowing in anything Jesus says.

The Gospels use Mary to balance his vigour, if we are to give, we also have to receive. Jesus himself is extravagant in his healing of sick people, in his feed of the crowds, in the time he gives to everyone, but, especially in Luke's Gospel, he can only do this by communing with his Father in prayer. Before any important activity we find him turning aside to pray. He has to receive his power from the Father before he can be so lavish with it.

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Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 21 JULY

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Martha welcomed Jesus into her house. Mary has chosen the better part.

Sat 20 6:00 pm People of the Parish

Sun 21 10:00 am Pierce Trehern RIP

Mon 22 ST MARY MAGDALENE

10:00 am - Mass

Tues 23 ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN

10:00 am - Mass

Wed 24 St Sharbel Makhluף

10:00 am - Mass

Thur 25 ST JAMES

10:00 am - Mass

Fri 26 Ss Joachim & Anne (Parents of Our Lady)

10:00 am - Mass

Sat 27 Our Lady on Saturday

10:00 am - Mass

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 28 JULY

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Ask, and it will be given to you.

Sat 27 6:00 pm People of the Parish

Sun 28 10:00 am Dec. Mbrs of the Nolan and Henry Families

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, Joan Coleman,
Sean Dillow, Helena Allen, Yvonne Beaumont,
Debbie Cavedon, Jerry Gilmore, June Walsh,
Margaret Sauce, Anne Hill & Timothy Walsh

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Genesis 18: 20-32
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 137: 1-3, 6-8 response v 3
Second Reading: Colossians 2: 12-14
Gospel: Luke 11: 1-13

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of
Martha Davies RIP, from Rotherwick who died recently. Her funeral is at 12:00 pm on Monday 5th August, here at Sacred Heart.
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen



FREE E-NEWSLETTER

Bishop Philip invites you to sign up to keep in touch with the latest news & forthcoming events around the diocese. Visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews to sign up.

CAFOD UPDATE MEETING

You are invited to a CAFOD update meeting on Saturday 7th September from 10:30 am to 1 pm at St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX.
Elouise Hobbs our regional news officer will be talking about her recent trip to refugee camps in Lebanon and how your donations are making a difference to people's lives. Please book your place so that we have an idea of how many people are coming by emailing: portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or phone 01252 329385.



BUDDING CYCLISTS

Power through the cycling stage of your next triathlon with the right steed. Father Paul has got 2 triathlon bikes for sale. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th July.
The emails and answerphone will be checked daily.



CARITAS HOMES WITHOUT BORDERS



Following on from the very inspirational and uplifting information evening we had with speakers from Caritas in St Bede's hall recently, we are committed, across our local Parishes, to bring a refugee family to resettle in Basingstoke.
If you would like to get involved and were not at the meeting, please email your contact details to caritas_NWHPA@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to be added to our database of contacts.
There is an update meeting being arranged for early September.

ALPHA IN A CATHOLIC CONTEXT

- YOUR GREATEST ADVENTURE..?

St. Joseph's is running Alpha from 19 September on Thursday evenings from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm in St. Joseph's Foyer

What is Alpha? Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith.
Who is Alpha for? Alpha is for anyone who's curious. The talks are designed to encourage conversation and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. No question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish.
How does it work? Alpha consists of eight sessions with a day away in the middle. Each session includes food, a short talk and a discussion at the end where you can share your thoughts. At any point, if you think Alpha isn't for you, that's not a problem. There's no pressure, no follow up and no charge. It's fun, it's free, it's relaxed and you can ask anything you like.
Is it for Catholics? Yes. Alpha is a tool for evangelisation that is being used by thousands of Catholic parishes in over 70 countries around the world. Alpha is also run by churches of many other denominations to introduce people to the life-changing message of Jesus Christ. This has led to more than 24 million people around the world experiencing Alpha. In particular, it is attracting many young people who are asking the question, 'Is there more to life than this?' See <http://www.alpha.org/catholic-context/home> for more details.
Why not come along? Why not bring a friend?



GIFT AID FORMS

Please consider signing a Gift Aid Form - if you are a tax payer and sign a form, we can claim 25% of the donations you make to the church from the Inland Revenue - **at no cost to you!** (Forms are also available in the porch or ask in the Parish Office).



No mobile phones

Please remember the Church is God's House where people come to pray.
Please respect His House: turn off mobiles, no food and/or drink, no noisy toys. Thank you.

