

THE MESSENGER

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Thought for the Week

In the Gospel today the disciples realise how important prayer is for Jesus. He is constantly turning aside to pray. They want to share in it and ask him to teach them to pray. So what does he tell them? First, you must talk to God. After all, if you never speak to a friend, how can that be friendship? And you must talk with boldness. It's rather like Abraham in today's first reading—he really wants to save innocent people and so he bargains with God. Surely, he says, you are not much of a God if you destroy the innocent with the guilty? Some of us may find that rude; surely, we think, you should not talk to God like that? But God is not offended, and at least such frankness means you actually believe in God.

Jesus expects us to have a similar daring. He wants us to call on God as Father and state our needs. He gives us a model prayer for this. Ask our Father, he says, that his rule may come, that we have food to live on, mutual forgiveness to unite us and protection against evil. And go on asking; God will answer you. You have to be like that neighbour who wakes up his friend at midnight because a guest has come and needs food for him. The important thing about prayer is to do it. Don't give up and despair because God does not seem to answer. go on knocking till God answers. Jesus says you will receive and answer.

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Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel

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

Mon 29 *St Martha*
10:00 am - Mass
Tues 30 *St Peter Chrysologus or Feria*
10:00 am - Mass
Wed 31 *St Ignatius of Loyola*
10:00 am - Mass
Thur 1 *St Alphonsus Liguori*
10:00 am - Mass
Fri 2 *St Eusebius of Vercelli*
10:00 am - Mass
Sat 3 *Our Lady on Saturday*
10:00 am - Mass

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 4 August

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This hoard of yours, whose will it be?

Sat 3 6:00 pm Eileen Cashman RIP
Sun 4 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:

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

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of

Martha Davies RIP, from Rotherwick, her funeral is at 12:00 pm on Monday 5th August.

Olive Drury RIP, from Maryfield Convent her funeral is at 1:15 pm on Friday 9th August.

Lorraine Gibson RIP, from Hook her funeral is at 11:15 am on Tuesday 13th August.

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



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 2: 21-23

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89: 3-6, 12-14, 17 response v 1

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11

Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21

CARITAS HOMES WITHOUT BORDERS

There will be another get together for the group of parishioners who expressed support for the project to help house a displaced refugee family in Basingstoke.

The meeting will take place at **7 pm on 12th September** at St Bede's Church, Popley way, Basingstoke

We will update you on progress and also outline some of the practical ways that you could help get ready for the family's arrival.

Hope to see you there



WELCOME

Welcome to Father Jim Joyce who will be celebrating Mass with us this weekend.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday 15th August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be two Masses here at Sacred Heart 10:00 am and 7.30 pm.

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.

Why not come along? Why not bring a friend?



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This years First Holy Communion classes will be starting in September, if your Child is 7 or over and would like to be enrolled on the FHC programme. In the first instead please contact the parish office.

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.



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).

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.

CARITAS SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

Supporting those families in need. 27-30 August 2019.

We are running a Holiday Club at St Bede's Primary School for those children who will not have a holiday this year, we are now taking applications for children aged 5-11.

If you are fortunate enough to be able to help us financially or if you would like more information or an application form please email me on caritas_nwhpa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or text me on 07719 012955. Jan Hughes



No mobile phones

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