

THE MESSENGER

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Sat 6 pm / Sun 10.30 am

Thought for the Week

Today's Gospel passage comes as a pat on the back from Heaven for all of us striving to live a stewardship way of life. It reminds us why we live the way we do and why we make the choices we make. Let's face it, if we truly embrace this way of life, there will be people who find our choices — based on serving God and others — downright foolish. But let's see what God thinks. Spoiler alert: turns out Christian stewards are not the fools!

In this passage, Jesus makes it clear that life is not about "stuff" as he tells the parable of the wealthy businessman who thought he had everything figured out. The man had such an abundance of stuff that he didn't have room to store it all. So, thinking of earthly things and not on what is above, he decided to build a bigger place to store all that stuff. Patting himself on the back, he thought about what good times he would have in the years ahead. But, Jesus tells us that day would turn out to be the man's last day on the earth. And he had spent it thinking only of himself. How foolish!

Don't be ashamed of living differently from the people around you. Be confident as you set priorities based on what is above. You are wise in God's eyes, Christian steward. And you will be rich in what matters most.

Taken from Catholicsteward.com

Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel

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
Mon 5		<i>Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major, Rome,</i> 10:00 am - Mass 12 noon Requiem Mass Martha Davies RIP
Tues 6		THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD 10:00 am - Mass
Wed 7		<i>St Sixtus II & Companions</i> 10:00 am - Mass
Thur 8		<i>St Dominic</i> 10:00 am Irene Teeling and Virginia De Luc RIP
Fri 9		ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS 10:00 am Heather Hunt RIP 1:15 pm Requiem Mass Olive Drury RIP
Sat 10		ST LAURENCE 10:00 am - Mass

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 11 August

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You too must stand ready

Sat 10	6:00 pm	Decd Mbrs of the Ranson Family
Sun 11	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.

Gaye Abercrombie RIP from Rowan Lodge her funeral is on Wednesday 14th August at Basingstoke Crematorium.

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



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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 18: 6-9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32: 1, 12, 18-20, 22 response v 12

Second Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19

Gospel: Luke 12: 32-48

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 39: 2-4, 18, response v 14

Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 1-4

Gospel: Luke 12: 49-53

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.

WELCOME

Welcome to Father John Cooke from Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocese Vocations, who will be celebrating Mass with us this weekend.

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, for more information and an application form. The dead line is Saturday 31st August.

CONFIRMATION 2020

This year we will once again be joining St Bede's Church to bring the Confirmation programme to our Children The programme will run from October until the celebration of Confirmation in May/June 2020 for students from year 8 and above. The programme will run from St Bede's Church. Application forms are now available and the deadline for applications will be September 15th.

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

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?



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.

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.



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.**

