

THE MESSENGER

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Confessions

Saturday evenings 5:15 - 5.45 pm.

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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

Today's readings set a high bar for us Christian stewards, reminding us that a stewardship way of life is meant to be a challenging way of life.

In the second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, we are told to live as Christ lived. And how did Christ live? "For the sake of the joy that lay before Him He endured the cross." If we are tempted to complain about the sufferings we must endure in living as Christ's disciples, we are told, "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood." In other words, "If you're not bleeding, what are you complaining about?" That is quite a high bar!

The Gospel reading from Luke continues this challenging theme. Our Lord tells His disciples "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing." A couple of verses later Jesus adds, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

Jesus's life on this earth and the message He brought were not meant to simply make us feel good. In fact, His words can make us downright uncomfortable at times. That's because His Good News (and it is indeed good news!) is meant to change us, to make saints of us.

The stewardship way of life sets a high bar indeed. But deeply embraced, this way of life focused on God and others will make us the saints we are called to be.

Taken from Catholic steward.com

Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 18 August

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I am not here to bring peace, but rather division.

Sat 17 6:00 pm People of the Parish
Sun 18 10:00 am For the Good Health of Peter Clark

Mon 19 *St John Eudes*
10:00 am - Mass
Tues 20 *St Bernard*
10:00 am - Mass
Wed 21 *St Pius X*
10:00 am - Mass
Thur 22 *The Queenship of Mary*
10:00 am - Mass
Fri 23 *St Rose of Lima*
10:00 am - Mass
Sat 24 *ST BARTHOLOMEW*
10:00 am - Mass

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 25 August

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Sat 24 6:00 pm People of the Parish
Sun 25 10:00 am Sr Doris RIP

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 soul of

Muriel Sheridan RIP, from Rowan Lodge, her funeral is on Tuesday 27th August at 11.45 am
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 66: 18-21
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116: response Mark 16: 15
Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13
Gospel: Luke 13: 22-30

THE BLESSED CHARLES DE FOUCAULD FRATERNITY.

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 2 September at 2.15 pm**, in the Convent.

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?



HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

The Diocese has carried out their annual Health and Safety Audit on our Church. Sacred Heart scored a healthy 91% with only a couple of requirements not met. Over the next few weekends we will be holding our annual Fire Evacuation Drill, during both weekend Masses. With your help I am sure that the church will be evacuated in a safe and orderly manner. The assembly point is in the far corner of the carpark next to the disabled parking spaces and the statue of the Sacred Heart.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

If your child will be in **Year 3** in September 2019, they are now of an age when traditionally children begin their preparation to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. As parents, you have the main role in preparing your child to receive the Sacraments, but you will not be alone. You will be supported by the parish and by a team of dedicated catechists and will receive all the help that you need. We hold the children's meetings in the sacristy once a month from on a Saturday morning. In the first instead please contact the parish office, for more information and an application form, before the end of 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.

RCIA—JOURNEY IN FAITH

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith or are you a Baptised Catholic wanting to be Confirmed or a Catholic who wishes to broaden your knowledge of the Catholic Faith? For more information please contact the Parish Office.

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. For an application form please email me on caritas_nwhpa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or text me on 07719 012955.



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).

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

