

THE MESSENGER

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Sat 6 pm / Sun 10.30 am

Thought for the Week

Today's readings show us that it is not enough to be Christ's disciples in name only. To be a real disciple, we must live for Christ every day and in every aspect of life. This kind of life takes strength and discipline.

Intentionally and consistently offering the Lord the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure through a stewardship way of life is a form of spiritual discipline. These spiritual disciplines teach us to become ever more aware of God's constant provision for us and they keep us on the narrow path towards the Kingdom of Heaven. The more we embrace this way of life, the more we can be "trained" by the Lord in the ways of true discipleship. Though difficult, these disciplines become a source of spiritual strength.

Our Lord Himself speaks of the difficult path to the Kingdom of Heaven in today's Gospel passage from Luke. He is asked, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" Jesus responds, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." Showing up for Mass on Sunday while living as if Christ is an afterthought the rest of the week does not make us disciples. What's more, this approach to our faith is an unjust and unloving response to our good God who has given us all that we have and are.

Jesus does not want us to merely go through the motions of faith. He wants much more from us and for us. He wants to know us deeply and for us to get to know Him so that we become His holy disciples. This is not a burden; it is a privilege. But it does take discipline, the discipline of a stewardship way of life.

Taken from Catholic steward.com

Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 25 August

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

Sat 24	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 25	10:00 am	Sr Doris RIP
Mon 26	10:00 am	<i>Blessed Dominic Barberi</i> - Mass
Tues 27	10:00 am	<i>St Monica</i> - Mass
	11:45 am	Requiem Mass for Muriel Sheridan RIP
Wed 28	10:00 am	<i>St Augustine of Hippo</i> - Mass
Thur 29	10:00 am	<i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i> - Mass
Fri 30	10:00 am	<i>Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward.</i> - Mass
Sat 31	10:00 am	<i>St Aidan & All Saints of Lindisfarne</i> - Mass

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 1 September

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Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.

Sat 31	6:00 pm	Timothy Wallis
Sun 1	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

Also Jenny McGarry from Our Lady in Fleet who was knocked down by a car on Fleet High Street on Thursday

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3: 17-20, 28-29

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 67: 4-7, 10-11 response v. 11

Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24

Gospel: Luke 14: 1, 7-14

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.

NATIONAL PRAYER WEEKEND

SAVE THE DATE! The period between 27th – 29th September has been designated National Prayer Weekend.

In celebration of this event, the Sacred Heart will be hosting a special Mass at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 27th September. The Carmelites at Boars Hill Priory in Oxford have kindly accepted our invitation and will speak to us of the healing and empowering effects of prayer in our lives. The evening will also include the praying of the Rosary and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Over the next few weeks, Prayer Request forms will be made available to you so that you can record to whom you would like prayers to be offered during this special time.

More information can be found on the parish website at <http://www.sacredhearthook.org>

CARITAS HOMES WITHOUT BORDERS FOR REFUGEES

The refugee project is having "Tea at 3" in St Bede's Hall from **3 pm to 5 pm on Wednesday 4th September**. Please come along to enjoy a lovely cup of tea and slice of cake to support the work that the project team are doing. Please tell all your friends.

There will be an open update meeting at **7 pm on Thursday 12th September** in St Bede's Hall. **All are welcome** to come along, to hear an update on the project and to learn how they might be able to help the work of the project team.

KSC "LUCKY ME" WINNER

The winner of the August "Lucky Me" draw is Miss Vicki Allen of Old Basing.

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 on a Saturday morning.

In the first instant 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 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.**

