

THE MESSENGER



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Thought for the Week

Today's readings remind us of a chief virtue that characterizes the Christian steward: humility. This is a virtue that is widely thought of as a form of self-abasement. That understanding, however, is off the mark. Humility is simply the awareness of who (and Whose) we truly are.

On one hand, we are children of the Most High God who loved us into existence and who, by virtue of our Baptism, have the Holy Trinity dwelling within us. On the other hand, we are children who are completely dependent on God for our existence and for every breath we take.

Our Lord speaks of true humility in our Gospel passage from Luke, telling the parable of the guests invited to a wedding banquet and instructing us not to seek a place of honour at the banquet table, lest a more distinguished guest arrives and we are asked to move to a lower place.

Jesus has much more in mind here than an etiquette lesson. He is reminding us that all glory belongs to God. The visual image He offers in having to slink down to a lower seat at the table points out how silly we are when we forget to give God the credit for our blessings and talents.

On the other hand, when we live in humility — recognizing that all we have is a gift from God and using those gifts to serve Him and others — then God “exalts” us by filling us with even more of Himself and His grace.

Jesus goes on to encourage us to serve and share our blessings with people facing circumstances that would make it impossible for them offer us any worldly advantage or prestige— “the poor, the crippled, the lame.”

Our attitude and the way in which we serve and share should be centred on true humility — recognizing that we are all “little” ones in the eyes of God. We are all His children; brothers and sisters invited to our Father's heavenly banquet.

Taken from Catholic steward.com

Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel

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
Mon 2	<i>Feria</i>	
	10:00 am	- Mass
Tues 3	<i>ST GREGORY THE GREAT</i>	
	10:00 am	- Mass
Wed 4	<i>St Cuthbert</i>	
	10:00 am	- Mass
Thur 5	<i>Feria</i>	
	10:00 am	- Mass
Fri 6	<i>Feria.</i>	
	10:00 am	Irene Teeling & Virginia De Luc RIP
Sat 7	<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	
	10:00 am	- Mass

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 8 September

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None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.

Sat 7	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 8	10:00 am	Michael Dormer 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

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

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>

PRAYER AFTERNOON

There is an up-coming afternoon of prayer that is taking place in our parish on Saturday, 14th September from 12:00pm – 6:00pm. It will be led by Father Paul's friends from the Verbum Dei community. The focus will be on praying with the bible (hence the Latin Verbum Dei). The afternoon will involve some scripture reflections, some tips on how to pray with the bible, some faith sharing and some food. Folk are encouraged to bring a plate of food to share. Children are also welcome and there will be a 'creche'.

While this is open to everybody, in particular I would like to invite all the Catechists, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and especially the parents of the 1st Holy Communion children. I see this as a wonderful opportunity for people to learn about the treasure of scripture and to be refreshed or to learn for the first time how to pray with the bible.

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.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 9: 13-18

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

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

The Children's meetings will be starting in October so there is still time to talk to Father Paul and submit an application form. Application forms can be found in the Church Porch or from the Parish Office.

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 from the Porch and the deadline for applications will be September 15th.

READERS DAY

Readers please sign up for the Readers Day with the Parish Office.

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.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Have you found our Website and Facebook Page. For those of you who haven't, it is at www.sacredhearthook.org. If you are on Facebook please pop along and like our Facebook page, just search for sacredhearthook.

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.



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.**

