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Thought for the Week

Today's readings make very clear the demands that will be made of those wanting to be called disciples of Christ. We must be prepared to give our all to Him. But in the end, the life of discipleship — the stewardship way of life — is the only life that can truly satisfy.

In the Gospel passage from Luke, Christ says, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." Our Lord is speaking here not of emotions but rather of priorities. He must come first in all aspects of our lives. Period.

He goes on. "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." In other words, it's all or nothing. Compromise is simply not possible. Christ wants us to give all of ourselves, all aspects of our individual lives, our family life, our parish over to Him and to the pursuit of His kingdom.

And just when we think our Lord might soften His message to make it a little more palatable, He goes further! "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Why is our Lord being so demanding? Only because He knows us so well and loves us so much.

He knows that if we do not live by putting Him first before all else, we will easily be swallowed up by the earthly cares that weigh us down — our material things, our status, and our egos. He knows these things cannot satisfy us. He knows this because He is our Maker, and He made us for more.

We are made to be His disciples, to seek after Him and His Kingdom. Embracing stewardship as a way life allows us to count the cost, and then run after Him with all our might.

Taken from Catholic steward.com

Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel

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
Mon 9	St Peter Claver or <i>Feria</i>	10:00 am - Mass
Tues 10	<i>Feria</i>	10:00 am - Mass
Wed 11	<i>Feria</i>	10:00 am Irene Teeling RIP
Thur 12	The Most Holy Name of Mary or <i>Feria</i>	10:00 am - Mass
Fri 13	<i>St John Chrysostom</i>	10:00 am Virginia De Luc RIP
Sat 14	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	10:00 am - Mass

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 15 September

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There will be rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner.

Sat 14	6:00 pm	Mary Rose Murphy RIP
Sun 15	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

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. A box for your prayer requests has been placed in front of the Altar for your prayers.

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

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.

READERS DAY

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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 50: 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 resp. Luke 15:18

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1: 12-17

Gospel: Luke 15: 1-32

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.

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.sacredhearhook.org. If you are on Facebook please pop along and like our Facebook page, just search for sacredhearhook.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

We have arranged for Safeguarding training to be held on Saturday 5th October at St Joseph's Church, St Michael's Road, Basingstoke RG22 6TY.

Child Protection – 10am – 12.30pm

Vulnerable Adults – 1.30pm – 4.00pm

If you are a FHC or Confirmation Catechist you are required to complete Child Protection Training every 5 years and any EM's who take Communion to the sick must complete the Vulnerable Adults training Please contact our Safeguarding team on safeguardinghook@gmail.com or via the Parish Office to book a place or for more information.

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.**

