

THE MESSENGER



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St Bede, Basingstoke 01256 465214

Fr. Chris Rutledge, Fr. Leo Odomeja,
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Fr. Austin Gurr
Sat 6 pm / Sun 10.30 am

Thought for the Week

Today's readings focus on the personal, passionate and merciful love of God, which should fill us with unending gratitude to Him. This gratitude is the fuel that keeps the stewardship way of life rolling along.

In our Second Reading, from St. Paul's letter to Timothy, we find a grateful Paul who says of himself, "I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated." St. Paul is well aware of the sins he has committed. But this does not hold him back from ministry. Rather, it makes him all the more grateful to be God's steward. How encouraging to know that this is true for us, as well. Our past sins, and even our present struggles, do not disqualify us from becoming God's grateful stewards.

Jesus gives us several poignant illustrations of His merciful love in today's Gospel reading from Luke. Let us focus on one in particular — the story of the lost sheep. He asks, "What man among you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine... and go after the lost one until he finds it?"

The logical response is no one! It simply does not make sense to spend time and energy searching for one lost sheep when there are so many others to tend to. But God's logic — God's mercy — defies human logic. And who is the lost one? It is every one of us when we stray away from God through sin, great or small.

What gratitude we owe to such a personal, passionate, loving God! Just think, even our sins, once forgiven, become a source of fuel for our stewardship way of life as we reflect with deep gratitude on the powerful mercy of our Saviour.

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Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel

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

Mon 16 Ss Cornelius & Cyprian

10:00 am - **For the Good Estate of Marilyn Warren**

Tues 17 St Hildegard of Bingen or St Robert Bellsarmine

10:00 am - Mass

Wed 18 Feria

10:00 am - Mass

Thur 19 St Januarius or St Theodore of Caterbury

10:00 am - Mass

Fri 20 St Andrew Kim Taegon, St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions

10:00 am **Blessing for the Schembri Family**

Sat 21 ST MATTHEW

10:00 am - Mass

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 22 September

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Sat 21 6:00 pm Kathleen & George Jordan RIP

Sun 22 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,
Ian Dillow, Helena Allen, Yvonne Beaumont,
Debbie Cavedon, Jerry Gilmore, June Walsh,
Margaret Sauce, Anne Hill & Timothy Walsh.

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 the 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.sacredhearthook.org>

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Today is Home Mission Sunday and we are invited to rejoice with those who have returned home to our parish community over the last year. The Home Mission Office is a national organisation that helps the local Church engage in the vital mission of Evangelisation. This weekend, they ask for our prayers and our financial support through the second collection. For more information please visit www.homemission.org.uk

NIGHT LIGHT WINTER SHELTER

Planning has started again for this year's program which offers shelter and friendship, from 1st December to 28th February, to people sleeping rough on the streets of Basingstoke. All new volunteers must undergo a training session and two hour training sessions are available on 28th September or 15th October at Sarum Hill Centre, RG21 8SR. Returning volunteers will be contacted by email. For more information please contact Pat Murphy 07785 312486.

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.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Amos 8: 4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 112: 1-2, 4-8 response 1, 7

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2: 1-8

Gospel: Luke 16: 1-13

19th October 2019 – Day for Catechists and Children's Liturgy Leaders – Portsmouth Cathedral, 10am to 4pm

The Dominican Sisters and the Formation for Mission team invite everyone engaged in passing on the faith to children, young people and adults to Portsmouth Cathedral on Saturday 19th October for a day of thanksgiving, celebration and formation where we will discover ways to share our faith in Jesus Christ as his witnesses within our ministries. The day will be led by Fr Mark Hogan, and Mass will be celebrated in thanksgiving for all diocesan catechists. Lunch will be provided.

Register online: <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists> or phone the Dominican Sisters to book a place: 01590 681874. The certificates of those who have attended the Catechists Course in the parish last Lent will be awarded in the Cathedral.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

As a parish I feel that we have reached something of a cross roads. We have been blessed in recent years with a growth in numbers and fruitfulness. To consolidate and continue this growth I feel that it would be beneficial to form a Parish Pastoral Council. The council would comprise a representative cross section of the people of the parish and would be approximately twelve in number. Together we would look to see what our pastoral priorities are in the short and long term. I see this collaborative way of working as crucial to realising our vision of being 'a beacon of Christ's love to our village and beyond' (Website Welcome). We are holding an initial meeting to consider more fully the role of a parish council to which you are warmly invited. The evening will be facilitated by a dear friend of the parish, Bridie Stringer, a lecturer in pastoral theology and someone who has helped lead and guide parishes in more collaborative way of working. If you are at all interested in the life of our parish and its future direction, then please come along to our first meeting on Tuesday 1st October from 7 - 9 pm.

READERS DAY

Readers please sign up for the Readers Day.

CARITAS

Thank you for the uplifting and generous support received for Caritas. I will always have a collection box available, hopefully one with a larger hole! Brita.

LUCKY ME WINNER

Congratulations to Sheila Anderson-Dixon of Basingstoke who is this months KSC 'Lucky Me' winner.

**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.**

