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Newsletter for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th August 2024

The Banquet of the Eucharist Scriptures at Mass

Proverbs 9:1-6 Wisdom is described in terms of a banquet.

Christians see this as a foreshadowing of the Eucharistic banquet.

Ephesians 5:15-20 The wise Christian will make the most of the present time, being alert to the will of God, and behaving accordingly.



Ephesus *This is the city in Turkey to whose people Paul wrote the letter from which we have been hearing these past few weeks.*

John 6:51-58 This Gospel reading contains Christ's great promise of eternal life to those who eat his body and drink his blood in the Eucharist.

Parish Mass Book Page 120 **Prayer of the Church** Week 4

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Helen Townsend RIP, mother of Liz Barnden.

Helen's Requiem Mass will be at 10 on Thursday 29th August.

We pray for all who mourn loved ones and for all who are ill at this time.

Confirmation Photos of the celebration of this great sacrament are now at:

<https://dobeson.co.uk/gallery/20240622-confirmation.php>

Our Liturgies this week

Reconciliation: in the half hour prior to Mass.

Saturday 17th August

Our Lady on Saturday

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Vigil Mass John McEntee RIP

18th August

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 am Mass the people of the Parish
and with the baptism of Aurora

Monday 19th August St John Eudes

Tuesday 20th August St Bernard

Wednesday 21st August St Pius X

Thursday 22nd August Queenship of Mary

10 am Mass for world peace

10.30 am until 11.30 am Adoration

Friday 23rd August St Rose of Lima

10 am Mass Josephine Serpina

Saturday 24th August St Bartholomew

6 pm Vigil Mass James & Mary
& for the people of the Parish

25th August

Twenty-first Sunday Of Ordinary Time

10 am Mass with baptisms of Genevieve &
Albert

Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip invites you to a Mass of celebration. This takes place at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke on Saturday 7th September at 2 pm. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for a form complete and return. Please note this address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact our Parish office, who will have the form you need to complete. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a copy of your Wedding photograph. You can upload it when you return the form. Again, if you have no access to the internet, you can post a copy with completed form to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way Basingstoke RG24 9DX. Please mark envelope Significant Wedding Mass.

Becoming a Catholic Are you interested in becoming part of the Church? Or do you have a child in Year 3, or above, who could make their **First Holy Communion** next year? We invite you to join a ten-week **Alpha** programme this autumn. To help everyone there are two weekly opportunities:

- Mondays from 23rd September, 1 – 3 pm, freeing you for school's end &
- Tuesday evenings from 24th September from 7 – 9 pm, beginning with a simple soup, bread, cheese and fruit supper.

After this we will enrol children for First Holy Communion and prepare those who wish to join the Church with their own programme.

Invitation to Mass and Buffet supper on Saturday 14th September

Denis Dalaba, President of the Chichester Catenian Association, invites parishioners to President's Day Mass at St Michael's at 6 pm. Mass will be Celebrated by Canon Gerard Flynn followed by a buffet supper in the Church Hall. Please let Brother Simon Nardecchia know by Friday 30th August if you will be attending.

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Welcome to Eliza Rose, baptised last Sunday.

Quiz Night Very many thanks to Jacky Chong, and her able assistant Paul, and to all of you who made our Quiz Night such fun! We raised £205, a great addition to Parish Funds. People enjoyed themselves, discussing at length the great Jammy Dodger controversy of 2024. Numerous parishioners are already asking for a Quiz Night to happen again.

Universal Meal Looking ahead, we celebrate our Patronal Feast on Sunday 29th September. After Mass. As ever, we will rejoice in the diversity of our Parish with a shared lunch, people being invited to bring along dishes from their nation of origin. You might want to put the date in your diary now.

