

Today's Gospel Reading recounts Jesus' appearance to two disciples who were on the road to Emmaus. In various scriptural passages, there are 12 accounts of Jesus appearing in the flesh, a few times to just one person, but once to 500 people (1 Corinthians 15: 6). What is interesting about today's account is the two, although evidently familiar with the Lord, do not recognize Him ("...their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.").

This is a challenge for us today as well. St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) once wrote, "I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus; I must feed him. This is sick Jesus. This one has leprosy or gangrene; I must wash him and tend to him. I serve because I love Jesus." That should be our motivation for serving, for being a disciple, for practicing stewardship.

Like the two disciples going to Emmaus we must be alert and prepared to see Jesus in places we least imagine Him. Stewardship is, of course, a two-sided perspective. Not only do we need to seek and search for Jesus in others and then serve, but also others need to see and recognize Jesus in us.

If we properly live out our faith, we, too, may experience the sense of joy and ecstasy the two disciples found in today's Gospel: "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened Scriptures to us?" Jesus speaks to us every day, but we must learn to listen.

The original Greek word for what we read as "throes of death" could also be translated as "the birth pains of death." Jesus' resurrection is as if He was in the womb, and being raised in this way He was born to new life. That is what we, too, can expect and hope for.

Taken from The Catholic Stewardship.com

PARISH SACRAMENT PROGRAMES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Session 7: 13th May with Reconciliation
14th May FHC Preparation Mass
FHC: 27th May and 3rd June at 11am in St Bedes
4th June at 10am in Sacred Heart

CONFIRMATION

Session 7: 12th May & Parents information evening
Confirmation: 7th June at 11am in The Cathedral

SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS 2017

A Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass will be held here at St. Bede's Church on Saturday 24th June at 11 am.

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any anniversary over 60 years this year?

If you would like to come, please contact Liz Murphy in the Parish Office.
Tel. No. 01256 465214



Your Voice Matters – Mega Youth Poll

In 2018, Pope Francis will invite Bishops and others to Rome to talk about Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment. At this gathering they will discuss how the Catholic Church can accompany young people in their faith and help them to hear God's call. If you are aged between 13-29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you, we want to hear what life is like, your thoughts on faith and how you connect with the Catholic Church. To help you tell us we have created a Youth Poll that you can access by going to:
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll>
If you're not in this age group but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll by giving them the link. For queries about the Youth Poll please email: synod2018@cbcew.org.uk.

WE ARE GOING GREEN

In response to the Pope's challenge in Laudato Si', we are moving to 'green energy' on a 100% renewable tariff through an alliance between Interdiocesan Fuel Management (IFM), a fuel procurement company set up by a number of Catholic Diocese and Churchmarketplace. Portsmouth Diocese will be the 17th Diocese to take up a 'green' energy contract. As our electricity and gas contracts, in all our churches, come to an end they will be switched over to the new contracts.

DO YOU KNOW?

When you fill in the Gift Aid Declaration Form, together with the establishing of either a Standing Order or the issue of a box of envelopes for every gift you give, the Parish gets Tax Reclaim at no extra cost to you. Gift Aid Declaration forms and Standing Order Mandates can be found in the Cloister Area at St Bedes or in the Porch at Sacred Heart

THE MESSENGER

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost, St. Bede and Sacred Heart



MASS TIMES and SERVICES

If you are visiting our Churches of St. Bede, Holy Ghost, or Sacred Heart, you are most welcome.

Holy Ghost Parish with St. Bede, Basingstoke Please note all Masses this will be celebrated at St. Bede's

			INTENTIONS
Sun 30th	9.00 am	SB	Joe Stevens RIP (Power)
	11.00 am	SB	Mary Flanagan RIP (Pickford)
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish
Mon 1st	12 noon	SB	John Wilson RIP
Tues 2nd	9.30 am	SB	Barbara Grygier RIP (Sauleek)
Wed 3rd	SS PHILIP & JAMES		
	9.30 am	SB	Gladys Deards RIP (Ford)
Thurs 4th	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS		
	9.30 am	SB	Jim & Maria Stowell RIP (Stowell)
Fri 5th	9.30 am	SB	Int. Terry O'Brien
	10.00 am	SB	Adoration for an hour
Sat 6th	9.30 am	SB	Juan Perez RIP (Perez)
Sun 7th	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Rina Agro RIP (Maria)
	6.30 pm	SB	Mariya Abraham RIP (Joshy)

SB = St Bede Church

HG = Holy Ghost Church

Sacred Heart, Hook

Sat 29th	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 30th	10:00 am	Blessings on the Schembri Family
Mon 1st	10:00 am	-
Tues 2nd	10:00 am	-
Wed 3rd	SS PHILIP & JAMES	
	10:00am	-
Thurs 4th	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS	
	10:00 am	Susan & Ernest Lindon RIP
Fri 5th	7:00 am	-
	10:00 am	-
Sat 6th	6:00 pm	-
Sun 7th	10:00 am	People of the Parish

Confession Held in the Church, Saturday 9.15-9.45am and 4.30-5.30pm.
Also by arrangement with Fr. Peter

Third Sunday of Easter

30th April 2017

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PARISH CONTACTS:

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Coordinating Pastor and Dean

Assistant Priest: 01256 951134
Rev. Gerry Onyejuluwa

Retired Priest in Residence:
Rev. Peter Codd

St. Bede 01256 465214

Parish Administrator:
Mrs Liz Murphy
Office Open: Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday, 9 am - 2 pm
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Email:
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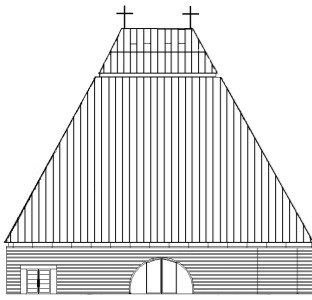
Parish Administrator:
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We wish to say a very heartfelt thank you to everyone who made our Easter Celebrations so beautiful. It was truly stunning and we feel so blessed to be your Priests here at Holy Ghost Parish.

Thank you also for the Easter Cards, gifts and your Easter collection for us, you are most generous.

Please also welcome Alan, Janine and Helen who all were received into the Faith and Katie who was baptised at the Easter Vigil.

We continue to keep you in our prayers

Fr. Chris and Fr. Gerry.

PARISH DIARY:

Sun: Music: 9am Choir; 11am Popley; 6:30pm Cantorg

Tues: 1.30-3.15pm, Toddler Group

TEA AND COFFEE

7th May: Sue & Frank McKenna

WHAT IS THE SVP?

The work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is to seek and find those in our Parishes who are in need. To quietly visit and befriend them and offer support by word and deed. Would you like us to visit YOU? Does this often invisible way of "Loving our Neighbour as ourselves" attract YOU? We sincerely hope so, the need continues and we need new Members. Why not speak to an S.V.P. Member? Leave your name and contact number with the Parish Office, or contact Rex Barham.

APPOINTMENTS

We are pleased to announce the following appointments here at St Bede's, Holy Ghost and Sacred Heart. Dr Stephen Flitcroft to the position of Property and Resources manager and Terri Vincent and Liz Flitcroft to the positions of Church Cleaners.

CHILDRENS LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy will be resuming on the 7th May, during the 9 am and 11 am Masses.

CAR PARKING AT HOLY GHOST CHURCH

There are only 5 parking spaces available for Church use at Holy Ghost. The other spaces are for the Residents ONLY. PLEASE DO NOT PARK in the Residents parking places, and ensure that the Residents are able to leave and access their property at all times—even during Mass and other services. Once the 5 spaces are full, please find alternative parking off site. Thank you.

ST BEDE'S SCHOOL

Welcome back from the Easter Holidays our Parents, Children and Teachers.

PARISH OF ST PETER & THE WINCHESTER MARTYRS Parish Administration Assistant

Full time position 35 hours per week (family friendly hours available subject to negotiation)

Salary £18,418 pa

St Peter's Catholic Church, located in Winchester, has an opening for a Parish Administration Assistant. This position will not only involve the day to day activities of a busy office, but also the following primary areas of responsibility: Based at St Peter's Pastoral Centre, you will play a major part in supporting the parish in its Mission with a welcoming and friendly service. You will be familiar with general office administration and will have a working knowledge of Microsoft Office including Publisher. Previous experience of working with volunteers would be an advantage.

For further details, please download the role description and application form from the diocesan or parish website.

Closing Date: Friday, 5th May 2017

Interviews: w/c 15th May 2017

SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS

Parents, when you apply for a place at a Catholic Primary School in January 2018 you will be required to state how often you have attended Sunday Mass in the past year. We would like to offer you a Mass Attendance Card that you can have stamped at St. Bede's and St. Joseph's whenever you attend Sunday Mass. The card is offered as reassurance that your presence has been noted and is a great aid when you want one of the priests to sign your Supplementary information form each year. Cards will be available in the cloister as from Sunday, 7th May. Remember, the card can only be signed if your child is present at Mass with you.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes is on May 14th - 19th. If you wish to send a petition to Lourdes, we will take them. Please write your petition and place in an envelope, clearly marked '**LOURDES PETITION**' - place in the collection baskets next weekend, or leave in the post box by the electronic door. Please do not put any money into the envelope.

CAFOD 2017 LENTEN COLLECTIONS

Special collection	£1,877.31
Unwanted gift sale	£ 303.90
Soup Lunches	£ 443.40
Cake Sale	£ 132.70
Gift Aid	£ 153.35
Total	<u>£2,910.66</u>

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £2,354.21 and SVP £412.79. Grateful thanks.

NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund



Sacred Heart

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We wish to say a very big thank you to everyone who helped to make our Easter Triduum so wonderful. It was very inspiring and we feel so blessed as your Priests here at Sacred Heart Parish.

Thank you also for the Easter Cards, gifts and your Easter collection for Father Peter, you are most generous.

We continue to keep you in our prayers

Fr. Chris and Fr. Peter.

REST IN PEACE

Requiem Mass for Christopher Tyler RIP is on Monday 8th May at 11:45am in Sacred Heart Church

May his soul and the souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.

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 we remember:

Sister Connie, Mary O'Driscoll, Edna Welton,
Patrick Walsh, Helena Allen, Margaret Sauce,
Andrew Marsh and Margaret Morrison.

WEEKLY ROTA

Saturday 6th May 6pm

Reader: Eileen Cashman
Eucharistic Ministers: Sister, Anne da Silva

Sunday 7th May 10am

Readers: Joseph Sharp, Claire Collins
Eucharistic Ministers: Maggie Wood
Children's Liturgy: Ian Liddell, Wendy
Counters: Ian Liddell, Richard Coleman
Coffee: Gill Byrne, Trish
Cleaning: Trish Elgar, Betts Cross
Laundry: Sylvia Hooker

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish office will be closed next week, I will be at St Bedes if needed just ring 01256 577007. Jan

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fr Peter will be available each Saturday afternoon in Church from 4:30 - 5:30pm. He is normally available in the Priest's House from 11:00am - 12:00 noon on Saturdays, if this is more convenient for any Family, please ask at the Priest's House.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Fr Peter is our Retired-Priest-In-Residence,
please respect this and make your first point of contact as:
Jan Hughes at the Parish Office.
If urgent call 07719 012955

THE COMMUNITY OF CHARLES de FOUCAULD.

Following the two Power Point presentations in Lent about the Life and spirit of Bld. Charles de Foucauld, there will be a meeting on Thursday, 18th May at 7.30 pm in the Hall at Sacred Heart, Hook to explore the possibility of starting a lay group of the Community of Charles de Foucauld. The Community brings together men and women of all ethnic origins, of all social classes and of different states of life, who, following the example of Bld Charles de Foucauld, wish to help each other to follow Jesus and to live the Gospel. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to register interest, please telephone Fr. Peter Codd on 01256 762351.

SPIRIT OF THE COMMUNITY OF

BLD CHARLES de FOUCAULD

Faithful to the inspiration of Brother Charles, members are called to live the hidden life of Nazareth which for them is: The constant search and welcome of the incarnate Son of God who became the "carpenter's son" Proclamation of the Gospel by their life; Solidarity with the poor, the living presence of Christ in the midst of the world; The search for communion and universal friendship with all the churches, religions and people of the world. Members try to model their lives on the example of Jesus: Welcoming him in his Word, especially in the Gospel; Adoring him in the Eucharist, the real presence of God and receiving the Blessed sacrament frequently; Searching for the Lord in personal prayer, in retreat, in 'desert days' and in self-abandonment.

In solidarity with the poor, members encourage one another in trying to live simply in contrast to the consumer society; share sorrows, hopes and conflicts in the search for true freedom; Recognise in all people, particularly our neighbours, a brother and a sister to love and especially the most abandoned who are in need of material, spiritual or moral support.

"Whatever you do to one of these little ones, you do it to me."

PORTSMOUTH CATHOLIC DIOCESE IN YOUR POCKET

On Easter Sunday the Diocese launched its own App! The *Portsmouth Catholic Diocese App* is available on Apple and Android and is free to download to your smartphone or tablet.

Here you can find maps and information for your nearest Church, including Mass times, Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliations.

You will also find a regularly updated calendar of events and many other features relating to Catholic life.

You can download the app for free from iTunes and Google Play.

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £468.86. Thank you for your continued contributions.

NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund