

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.

St. Bede's Church

Sun 28th	9.00 am	Michael Redmond RIP (Blow)
	11.00 am	Vincent Gorman RIP (Adams)
	6.30 pm	People of the Parish
Tues 30th	9.30 am	Anita & Richard O'Mahony
Thurs 1st	9.30 am	Int. Joan & Cathy O'Brien
Sat 3rd	11.00 am	FHC Mass
Sun 4th		<i>PENTECOST SUNDAY</i>
	9.00 am	Yvonne Rutledge RIP
	11.00 am	Antonio D'Souza RIP (Azavedo)
	6.30 pm	Tony Keenan RIP

Holy Ghost Church

Sun 28th	4.00 pm	Syro Malabar Mass
Mon 29th	10.00 am	Int. Mrs White
Wed 31st		<i>THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>
	9.30 am	Bridget O'Neill RIP
Fri 2nd	12.15 pm	Requiem Annunziata Izzo RIP

Sacred Heart

Sat 27th	6:00 pm	Int. David & Jeanette Humphries
Sun 28th	10:00 am	People of the Parish
Mon 29th	10:00 am	Mass -
Tues 30th	10:00 am	Irene Teeling & Virginia De Luc RIP
	2:15 pm	Funeral Frank Ashton RIP
Wed 31st		<i>THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>
	10:00am	Mass -
Thurs 1st	10:00 am	Mass -
Fri 2nd	7:00 am	Mass -
	10:00 am	Mass -
Sat 3rd	10.00 am	Mass -

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sat 3rd	6:00 pm	In Celebration Graham & Jill Blackburn
Sun 4th	10:00 am	People of the Parish.

Before Mass: Pray to God: **During Mass:** Listen to God
After Mass: Talk to everyone

The Ascension of the Lord

28th May 2017

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Thought for the Week

Our first reading is from the Book of Acts. In fact, it is the beginning of that Book. Acts was written by St. Luke. It is a continuation of his Gospel in many ways. We do not learn that much about Luke from the New Testament. Most historians agree that he was a doctor; he was a Gentile; and he was a companion of St. Paul.

Acts is basically the continuation of Jesus' work as described in the Gospels. In effect it describes how the Good News travelled from Jerusalem to Rome. Our readings today are filled with reminders that Jesus' work is not completed. He commissioned His followers to continue it after His Ascension into Heaven. Among those commissioned so to speak is each of us.

The Lord's work continues from that day to today. However, for it to continue and for the love He shared and displayed to be the factor it needs to be in our parish and in the Church and in the world it is reliant upon us.

It was St. Teresa of Avila who wrote, "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are His Body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

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WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

On this feast of the Ascension of Our Lord we reflect on the mandate that we should "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good news". On this day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in the field of communications.

Please support the second collection which provides the funding for the Catholic Communications Network.

The CCN is the Communications Office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It seeks to support the Bishops in their key national priorities in education; combatting human trafficking, life issues, safeguarding, prisons, interfaith relations and vocations, to name but a few. Some commemorative prayer cards for this day have been printed and are available to take away.

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

Email: anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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 are available in the cloister. Remember, the card can only be signed if your child is present at Mass with you.

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.

PRAYER

Through the Called & Gifted process, a number of people in our Diocese have been able to discern that they have the charism of Intercessory Prayer. Some have expressed the wish to gather together in small groups from time to time, or be connected with each other, and so a Diocesan Intercessory prayer network has been established.

The intercessions could include prayers for our Diocese and all the people in it, as well as all the various needs of the world. To request a prayer please email: intercessors@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CALLED AND GIFTED

Called and Gifted is a process that helps you understand your own calling and identify the specific charisms that the Lord has given you to share with others.

"A charism is more than a talent or personal quality. It is a grace, a gift that God gives through the Holy Spirit. Not because someone is better than others but rather so that he puts it at the service of others with the same gratitude and love with which he has received it" (Pope Francis).

"Called and Gifted is about you as a person and your own relationship with Jesus. He has called you personally to be His disciple, and He has given you certain gifts to service Him in your life." (Bishop Philip)

The Called and Gifted process will be happening in our Parishes from 11th November. More about this as we get closer.

PARISH SACRAMENT PROGRAMES

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation: 10th June at 11am in the Cathedral.

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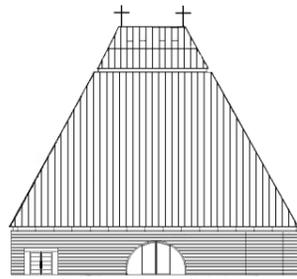
Next Session: to be confirmed

WORD OF GOD

BIBLE STUDY: 12th June at 7.30 pm,
at Our Lady of Providence Convent,
Burgess Road .

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? Our Parish Journey in Faith will be starting shortly for more information please contact the Parish Office.



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Confessions:
 After Mass on Saturday mornings

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 Basingstoke,
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PARISH DIARY:

Sun: Music: 9am Choir; 11am Cantorg; 6:30pm Guitar
Thurs: Church Cleaning: 10.30am

FUNERAL

Requiem for Annuziata Izzo RIP on Friday 2nd June at 12.15 pm in Holy Ghost Church.
 Requiem for Martin O'Neill RIP on Thursday 8th June at 10.00 am in Holy Ghost Church.
 Requiem for Yvonne Knight RIP date and time to be arranged May they rest in Peace.
 We remember the friends and families of those who have died.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation takes place in St. John's Cathedral on Saturday 10th June at 11 am.
 We thank all the Catechists, especially Veronika Budynski-Seymour for guiding our Candidates through this process during the last year.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep in your prayers our First Holy Communion Children, who received the Eucharist for the first time this weekend, and for those who will be receiving the Eucharist for the first next Saturday. Thank you to all the Catechists, who have given up so much of their time to help prepare our children for these special days.



FROM BISHOP PHILLIP

I have written to Bishop John Arnold, the Bishop of Salford, to express the prayers and sympathy of all the clergy and people of the Diocese of Portsmouth
 Dear Bishop John,
 As someone born in Altrincham, who nevertheless thinks of Manchester as Chisholm city, I want to express to you and your people my heartfelt sympathy and prayers, in light of the suicide bombing last night at the Manchester Arena. I have offered Mass for the repose of the victims, for the recovery of the injured, for all families and friends affected by this atrocity and also for the forgiveness of those who perpetrated it. Please pass on sympathy and prayers from all the clergy and faithful here in the Diocese of Portsmouth to the clergy and faithful of your Diocese of Salford, and through you to the whole community of Manchester. We include in our prayers the police and emergency service workers, who are doing a magnificent job at this troubled time, and the local, civic and religious leaders of the city to whom many will be looking for a word of consolation, guidance and encouragement.
 I have often passed through Manchester Victoria station and I know well the Arena and its popularity as a gathering place for entertainment and events. It is dreadful to think of the needless suffering and panic that has now been caused. I pray for an end to terrorism, and to the mindless and evil violence that arises from extremism and fundamentalism. Yet as ever we rely on the Lord Jesus, Whose Heart is "full of goodness and love" (Litany of the Sacred Heart). So let us pray, hope and work for a new-found trust and collaboration among all the members of the local community, confident in a happy outcome. Please accept my fraternal prayers and support. May God bless you in all your good work for the Lord and His Church. In Corde Iesu
 +Philip Bishop of Portsmouth

MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish Mass to be offered for a particular intention please ask in good time. We are a large parish and the Mass Intentions do tend to get booked up. When making such a request it is the custom in this diocese to make an offering of £10. And do be advised that a funeral Mass takes precedence over other intentions; when this happens we will move your intention to another date and try to let you know.

POLISH MASS

Msza Swieta po polsku odbędzie sie dnia 17.06.2017 o godz. 18:00 w kosciele Holy Ghost Church.

TEA AT 3

Tea at 3pm on Friday 2nd June here at St Bede's. Please come and join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a selection of delicious cakes for a donation to St. Michael's Hospice.

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £2,470.51, grateful thanks.



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 London Road
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Parish Priest: Rev. Christopher Rutledge:
 Coordinating Pastor and Dean

Retired Priest in Residence: Rev. Peter Codd

Parish Administrator: Mrs Jan Hughes
 Tuesday 9 am - 2 pm (at Sacred Heart)
 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday am (on 01256 577007)
Email: hook@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Website: www.sacredhearhook.co.uk

Safeguarding
 Maggie Wood c/o Parish Office

Confessions
 Saturday 9.15-9.45am and 4.30-5.30pm.
 Also by arrangement with Fr. Peter

CONGRATULATIONS TO

David and Jeanette Humphreys who were married in Sacred Heart on Friday.



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

REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of Frank Ashton, from Maryfield Convent who died earlier this month, his funeral will be on Tuesday 30th May at 2:15am in Sacred Heart
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen



WEEKLY ROTA

Saturday 3th June 6pm
 Reader: Eileen Cashman
 Eucharistic Ministers: Sister, Anne da Silva
Sunday 4th June 10am
 Readers: Maggie Wood, Michael Rogerson
 Eucharistic Ministers: Maggie Wood
 Children's Liturgy: Next Liturgy 11th June
 Counters: Jan Hughes, Maggie Wood
 Coffee: Tony & Jackie
 Cleaning: Terry & Doreen
 Laundry: Claire Burroughs

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £623.12. Thank you

FRIST HOLY COMMUNION 2017

This year's First Holy Communion Mass will be Sunday 4th June at 10am.
 To make your First Holy Communion is a special moment in any Catholic's life, so let us pray for the children that by receiving the Body & Blood of Christ they may feel close to the Lord Jesus and find new meaning in getting to know Him.
 An enormous thank you to Maggie Wood and Emrys Hughes who have given so much of their time to help our children prepare for this special day.

On Sunday 4th June at the 10am Mass space will be limited due to the First Holy Communion families and friends. You may like to attend Saturday evening at Sacred Heart or one of the alternative Masses in our area.

St Thomas More	Sunday	8:45am
St Bedes	Sunday	9:00am, 11:00am & 6:30pm
St Joseph's	Sunday	9:00am & 11:00am

WHO CARES? Who Cares? is a question that is on the lips of many people. You don't need to look very far to find people who are asking this question because they are struggling to cope with their lives in some way or another. They are at the end of their

tether and wonder who, if anyone, really cares about them and their problems.
 During June and July the churches of Hook are working together to conduct a one question survey that asks: 'What hurts you the most? or put another way ' What is the one thing in life do you find hardest to handle?' This is part of a county wide initiative in which churches are seeking to listen to the concerns of the people in their community and shape their programmes and teaching in response to those needs.

Starting with people who already have some link to our churches the congregations of Life Church, St John the Evangelist Church and Sacred Heart RC Church will be inviting the people of Hook to take part in this anonymous survey. Over the next 6-8 weeks we hope to make contact with as many Hook residents as possible and ask them to write their answer on the Who Cares? survey card.

Later in the year we will be publishing the survey results and outlining ways that we will be responding to them. Speaking of people who were hungry or thirsty, cold or in prison, Jesus said that 'whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me.' The churches mandate throughout the centuries has been to proclaim the message that Jesus cares through our words and our deeds. Our prayer is that this survey will help us develop strategies for doing this more effectively in Hook.

If you would like more information about the survey or would like to register your answer please contact the Parish Office