

THE MESSENGER

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



The word “church” finds its roots in the Greek word *ecclesia*. However, a correct translation of that word is actually “an assembly of people, called out of their homes into a public meeting place.” Thus, the Church is really the People who make it up; the use of the term in relation to a building has developed through time, but we must never forget that it is we who are indeed the Church.

That is a basic part of something St. Peter writes in our Second Reading. Peter says, “... like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house,” in reference to the members. He is saying in effect that we are called to build a Church with living stones, namely ourselves. We all also understand that for a structure to be most effective, every element is needed to keep it strong.

We, as the Church and as our Parish, are no different. We need each person, each part of what is really the Church, to be like a living stone, active and involved. We are a Faith Community, not just a community of worshipers, but a Community to reach out and serve others. To really do that we need each member to offer something of himself or herself.

In a message to a celebration about the Church being the people, Pope Francis said, “It is isolation that harms, not sharing. Being among people does not mean merely being open toward others, but also letting others get close to us.” To be open, to be Church, requires each of us to do a part. *The Catholic Stewardship.com*

Holy Ghost Parish with St. Bede’s, Basingstoke

INTENTIONS

Sun 14th	9.00 am	SB	Alan Lewis RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Carmelo & Rosina Grasso RIP (Grasso)
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish
Mon 15th	10.00 am	Hook	
Tues 16th	9.30 am	SB	John ‘Rusty’ Wilson RIP
Wed 17th	<i>Dedication of St. John’s Cathedral, Portsmouth</i>		
	9.30 am	HG	Monica & Herbert Barlow RIP (Fond)
Thurs 18th	9.30 am	SB	Sick of the Parish
Fri 19th	9.30 am	HG	Dec. Mbrs Pearce Family
			Adoration after Mass until 11 am
Sat 20th	9.30 am	SB	Nora Brennan RIP (Adams)
Sun 21st	9.00 am	SB	Neville Izatt RIP (Izatt)
	11.00 am	SB	Pino & Michel Colella RIP (Colella)
	6.30 pm	SB	Mary Sathyadas RIP (Babu)
Mon 22nd	12 noon	HG	Jillian Sims RIP (Flitcroft)
Tues 23rd	9.30 am	SB	Sick of the Parish
Wed 24th	9.30 am	HG	Winnie & Dorothy Orrell-Jones RIP (Fond)
Thurs 25th	9.30 am	SB	Donor’s St. Bede’s Church
			St. Bede’s School joining us for Mass today
Fri 26th	9.30 am	HG	Dorothy Liddell RIP (Fond)
			Adoration after Mass until 11 am
Sat 27th	11.00 am	SB	First Holy Communion Mass
Sun 28th	9.00 am	SB	Michael Redmond RIP (Blow)
	11.00 am	SB	Vincent Gorman RIP (Adams)
	4.00 pm	HG	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish

Fifth Sunday of Easter

14th May 2017

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

21st May 2017

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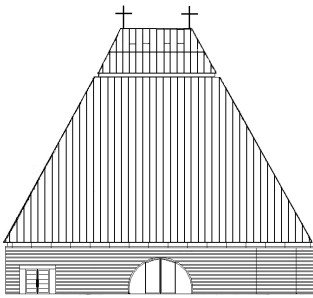
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PARISH DIARY:

Sun 14th: 9am Choir; 11am Cantor ; 6:30pm Guitar
A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Philip will be read at all Masses today.

Tues 16th: Toddler Group , 1.30—3.15 pm

Sun 21st: 9am Choir; 11am Filipino; 6.30pm Cantor

Tues 25th: 1.30-3.15 Toddler Group

Sun 28th: BAAC meet after the 11 am Mass

WORD OF GOD

Next session is on 12th June in the Convent, Burgess Rd at 7.30 pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep in your prayers our First Holy Communion Children, who will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time at two special Masses, on Saturday 27th May and 3rd June.

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.

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.

FR. JAMES MCAULEY

From Sept 2017, Fr. James will take up a new role as a Member of the Formation Staff and Academic Tutor at the Venerable English College in Rome. Our Congratulations to Fr. James, we wish him well.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall exult in the Holy One of Israel".

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Today, the Parish start out on their Pilgrimage to Lourdes, please remember them in your prayers for a safe journey, and a prayerful Pilgrimage.

We shall place all the Lourdes Petitions in the Grotto Petitions box, and light candles for all our Parishioners, especially those who are sick, both at home and in Hospital, and for those people who care for them.

Fr. Chris will be celebrating Mass for all the Sick of the Parish in Lourdes on Monday 15th May.

Lord, keep all those who are unable to be present with us at Masses today in Your safekeeping.

Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette, Pray for Us.



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

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BASINGSTOKE CATENIANS

Pat Murphy, is this year's President of the Basingstoke Catenians Circle, a group of active practicing Catholic men who provide a network of help and support to Members and their Families. The Circle get together every month for a meeting, followed by supper at The Wheatsheaf Inn, North Waltham.

If you would like to know more about the Catenians, please contact Pat on 07785 312486

CAFOD—LENTEN APPEAL

Thank you so much for all your support for our Lenten and East Africa Crisis Appeal.

Golf Day - Join us for a relaxing day of Golf organised by the Catenian Association in aid of CAFOD's work overseas on 7 July at 12.30pm at Dummer Golf Course, Dummer Village, Basingstoke RG25 2AD. For more information and an application form please contact Dave McKenna on 07931 564064 or e mail dave.rose.mckenna@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA 'LUCKY ME' WINNER

Congratulations to Myrna Lyons of Basingstoke who won £25

TEA AND COFFEE

14th May: Jean Murphy, Catherine Denning
Mary Huntley

21st May: Ben McDonnell, Dorothy Gibson

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £2,779.13p. Second collection for the Clergy Training amounted to £460.64. Grateful thanks.