

Shepherds and sheep were so much a part of life for Jesus and those from Galilee. Galilee was, after all, largely a rural area and raising sheep and shepherding was an intricate part of their lives. That is why the image of a shepherd with his sheep was so often used during biblical times. It was a connection with which people could identify.

It is equally important for us today to understand this important cultural connection for them. Shepherding was all about feeding the lambs and the sheep (recall that Jesus tells Peter "Feed My sheep."), bringing them to good pasture lands and water ("The Lord is my shepherd...He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters; He restores my soul."); going after lost lambs ("Does He not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until He finds it?"); and protects the sheep in the field and the fold ("The watchman opens the gate, and the sheep listen to his voice.").

Our Gospel reading today comes from St. John 10: 1-10. In St. John 10: 11, the next verse, Christ declares "I am the Good Shepherd; the Good Shepherd lays down His life for His sheep." As Catholics and Christians, we, too, are called to be Good Shepherds to all those with whom we come in contact. It may be from another culture than ours, but we should understand full well the implications of that.

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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 Bede's
4th June at 10am in Sacred Heart

CONFIRMATION

Session 7: 12th May & Parents information evening
Confirmation: 10th June at 11am in The Cathedral

WORD OF GOD

BIBLE STUDY: 8th May 7:30pm
at Our Lady of Providence Convent, Burgess Road

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



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

			INTENTIONS
Sun 7th	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Rino Agro RIP (Maria)
	6.30 pm	SB	Mariya Abraham RIP (Joshy)
Mon 8th	No Mass today		
Tues 9th	9.30 am	SB	John 'Rusty' Wilson RIP (Wilson)
Wed 10th	9.30 am	HG	Bridget O'Neill RIP
Thurs 11th	9.30 am	SB	Francis Murray RIP (Fleming)
Fri 12th	9.30 am	HG	Mamie, John & Sean Hynes RIP (Byrne)
	10.00 am	HG	Adoration for an hour
Sat 13th	10—12	SB	First Confessions for FHC Candidates
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

First Holy Communion Preparation Masses

SB = St Bede Church HG = Holy Ghost Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

7th May 2017

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DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES WITH BISHOP PHILIP AND THE CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION Friday 18th - Friday 25th August 2017

Could you volunteer as an Adult helper for this year's Pilgrimage? Or perhaps you are a qualified Nurse or Doctor and would like to consider joining the Catholic Association Pilgrimage?

Our Adult Helper application deadline is **1st June**. Please contact Fr John Cooke or Mrs Clare Ryan on 01489 572797 or email for information on helping, or contact them if you would like more information on joining the Pilgrimage this year, but not in a helper capacity.

Any Adult can volunteer as a helper, subject to suitable references being received, the successful completion of the relevant D.B.S. checks, and a completion of a time of preparation ahead of travel. There are limited childcare arrangements in place for the children of volunteer adult helpers. All are welcome and all have an important contribution to make to the community that we form during our pilgrimage week.

In Lourdes you may be helping people move around Lourdes, normally by pushing a wheelchair, or assisting our Nurses and Doctors with the care of the guests in the Accueil (where we provide 24 hour care). Or general housekeeping things like making beds, cleaning rooms and bathrooms, helping in the dining room (but not cooking), and keeping up the supply of tea and coffee. Most importantly you will be providing companionship to fellow pilgrims throughout the week.

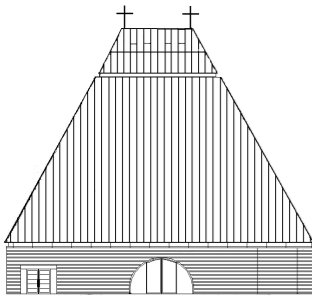
It is an uplifting and rewarding experience of putting your faith into action. You will put yourself at the service of your brothers and sisters in Christ, facilitating a holiday/pilgrimage for them and quite simply, you will be helping to give them the trip of a lifetime.

Please keep the Pilgrimage in your prayers.

Sacred Heart, Hook

Sat 6th	6:00 pm	Fabienne Falkner RIP
Sun 7th	10:00 am	People of the Parish
Mon 8th	10:00 am	Mass -
	11:45 am	Requiem Mass Christopher Tyler
Tues 9th	10:00 am	<i>Irene Teeling & Virginia De Luc RIP</i>
Wed 10th	10:00am	Mass -
Thurs 11th	10:00 am	Mass -
Fri 12th	10:00 am	Mass -
Sat 13th	10:00 am	Mass -
Sat 13th	6:00 pm	Mass -
Sun 14th	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



St. Bede

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PARISH DIARY:

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

Tues: 1.30-3.15pm, Toddler Group

TEA AND COFFEE

7th May: Sue & Frank McKenna

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.

CHILDRENS LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy will be resuming this Sunday, during the 9 am and 11 am Masses.

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 this weekend, or leave in the post box by the electronic door. Please do not put any money into the envelope.

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.

ADORE

(Alton Day Of REnewal) – Saturday 20th May 11.00-4.00

You are warmly invited to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Charisms or Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please note new venue: at Alton Convent, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 11.00am Rosary; 11.30am Mass; 12.15 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch; 2.00pm Praise & Worship; 2.30 Talk "The Gift of Tongues and Interpretation" by John Vaughan-Neil 3.30 Prayer for healing. We end about 4pm. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs).

For more information and directions, see poster or website:

www.altonrenewal.com

Or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747.

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.

ST. BEDE'S SCHOOL

The Governing Body is pleased to announce that they have successfully appointed Mr Jamie Carroll as the new Headteacher for St. Bede's School, starting September 2017. We wish him a very successful and happy time at the School.

ST. BEDE'S SCHOOL MASS & PICNIC

Thursday 25th May St. Bede's School will be joining us at our 9.30 am Mass here at St. Bede's Church. They are having a Picnic in the School grassed area starting at 11 am, and they welcome all Parishioners to attend.

POLISH MASS

Next Holy Mass in Polish will take place on Saturday, 13/05/2017 at 18:00hrs in Holy Ghost Church, Msza Swieta po polsku odbedzie sie dnia 13.05.2017 o godz. 18:00 w kosciele Holy Ghost Church, Sherborne Road, RG21 5TD

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 from this weekend. Remember, the card can only be signed if your child is present at Mass with you.

YOUNG PEOPLE

We wish all our young people and students facing exams and tests at this time, every success and let us please keep them in our prayers

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Ariana Ellen Olive Spalding, Albert Knox Murphy, Savannah Araya Kolcz, Mason Andrew Batista Guanchez, Gabriele Diana Watts who will be Baptised today.

CHURCH FLOWERS

Thank you to our Flower Ladies, who treat us every week to beautiful flower arrangements, especially at Christmas, Easter and Significant Weddings.

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £2,732.43. Grateful thanks.

THIS WEEKEND

There will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund



Sacred Heart

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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 13th May 6pm

Reader: Virgilius Vickers

Eucharistic Ministers: Sister, Pat Olohan

Sunday 14th May 10am

Readers: Delia Drummond, Sue Tyler

Eucharistic Ministers: Jill Blackburn, Juliet Henderson

Children's Liturgy: Mary, Louise

Counters: Jan Hughes

Coffee: Maggie Wood, Heather Bone

Cleaning: Terry & Doreen

Laundry: Claire Burroughs

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Day of Prayer for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life

This Sunday is Vocations Sunday and it flows from the broader culture of vocation, where all of us who are baptised know we are called by the Lord to holiness. Today, the universal Church asks the Lord to send more labourers to the harvest as priests and religious. The theme for this year is 'Called: extra-ordinary'. "Called" is perhaps the most obvious aspect of the theme, since our vocation is a call felt with-in, but comes from God. With "extra-ordinary", the hope is to communicate both the extraordinary event of a call in the life of a person, and that we are called as ordinary people to do something extra in the life of the Church and in the name of Jesus. Currently we have no one in our parish offering their life to Christ to prepare for priesthood or religious life. This is not the sign of a healthy, flourishing community, so please let us pray hard and with expectation this year that someone among us will hear that call from the Lord.

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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.

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.

CHURCH FLOWERS—RETIRING COLLECTION

It is always a treat to see the wonderful flower arrangements done by our very talented flower ladies. They do amazing things with very little money. Would you please be generous in your giving when the retiring collection for the Church flowers is taken up on the weekend 20th/21st May. Thank You.

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HART FOODBANK

Thank you for your ongoing support of Hart Foodbank through your regular donations. Please find below our most up to date needs.

We would be particularly grateful to receive the following items during the month of May:

- Rice pudding
 - Sponge pudding
 - Tinned vegetables (especially green vegetables)
 - Custard
 - Treat items, e.g. chocolates or boiled sweets
 - Toiletries (especially for men, e.g. razors or deodorant)
- As always, please ensure that donated food is well within its expiry date.

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £499.54. Thank you for your continued contributions.

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