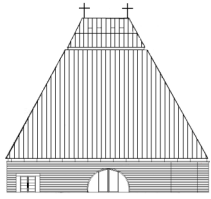


# THE MESSENGER

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

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**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**  
**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
**Year B Psalter Week II**  
**Sunday 7th December**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

**An Epiphany Poem:**



Rise Up Within Us Like a Star  
Beckoning God -  
Who called the rich to travel towards  
poverty,  
the wise to embrace Your folly,  
the powerful to know their own fragility;  
who gave to strangers  
a sense of home coming in an alien land  
and to stargazers  
true light and vision as they bowed to  
earth -  
We lay ourselves open to Your signs for us.  
Stir us up with holy discontent over a

world which gives its gifts to those  
who have plenty already whose talents are obvious  
whose power is recognised;  
and help us both to share our resources with those who have little  
and to receive with humility the gifts they bring to us;  
Rise within us, like a star,  
and make us restless  
till we journey forth  
to seek our rest in You.

*Kate Compston. "Shine On, Star of Bethlehem", Canterbury Press 2001*

<b>Sunday 7th January</b>	9.00 am	SB	Sean McNamara RIP (Fond)
	11.00 am	SB	Josephine Brown RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	Joseph & Celestina Sammut RIP

**Please note: All Masses this week are at St. Bede's Church at 10.00 am**

Mon 8th January	10.00 am	SB	Paddy Byrne RIP (Byrne)
Tues 9th	No Mass		
Wed 10th	10.00 am	SB	Dennis Okunseri Thanksgiving
Thur 11th	10.00 am	SB	Leah Stuart RIP (Wakeman)
Fri 12th	10.00 am	SB	Joseph & Mariam Joseph RIP
			Adoration after Mass
Sat 13th	No Mass		
			First Holy Communion Children 10—12 noon

**Sunday 14th January—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week III)**

<b>Sunday 14th</b>	9.00 am	SB	Martin Cleary RIP (Cleary)
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	SB	Alfred Attard RIP (Sammut)

**EPIPHANY**

Too long have I had  
my dwelling among  
those who hate  
peace. I am for  
peace; but when I  
speak, they are for  
war.

Psalm 120: 6-7

## FR CHRIS

Fr Chris expresses sincere thanks and gratitude for the many cards and gifts which he received at Christmas. He is also very grateful for all who contributed their many talents in whatever way for making this Christmas so memorable, you are all in his prayers. Fr. Gerry is home in Nigeria until the beginning of February.

## PARISH PILGRIMAGE

We are organising a Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Fr. Chris Rutledge between 10th—15th June 2018. More information to follow.



## LOST PROPERTY

Next weekend Sunday 21st January, there will be a selection of Lost Property on display in the Cloister, this is for one week only, any items not collected will go to the Charity Shop or be disposed of.

## PARKING

Sadly, we have had complaints from our neighbours in Abbey Court Sheltered Accommodation, that Church Users are parking in their car park. This is Private Property, the only people parking there should be either Residents or those visiting.

***If you are coming to St. Bede's Church, do not park on Private Property or obstruct anyone's driveway.***



## CHILDREN AT MASS

Children are an essential part of our Community, but can parents please also respect the rest of the Congregation. If your child is struggling to be quiet and

still, please avail yourself of the Cloister area. There are two Monitors in the Cloister Area, so you can still follow the Mass. Also, please do not allow children to stand on the Baptismal Font playing with the Holy Water, and also over by the Candle Stand by Our Lady's Shrine, we have had children playing with the sand as if they are in a 'Soft Play Area'.

## BAPTISM

If you wish to arrange a Baptism: Any Catholic parent living in our Parish and wishing their child to be Baptised, should collect a form from the Cloister Area, please complete and return

## IF YOU ARE GOING INTO HOSPITAL

If you wish to receive Holy Communion whilst in Hospital, please contact Liz Murphy in the Parish Office. The Hospital Volunteer Chaplains visit the hospital on a Wednesday to give Holy Communion to those who request it.

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Please pray for all those who are sick:

Lord, have all those who are unable to be with us for Mass in

Your safekeeping.

Support them in Your love.

Be near them in moments of sickness and anxiety.

Bless all those who care for those in need.

## PARISH DIARY:

**Sun 7th: Music:** 9.00 am Choir: 11.00 am Cantorg:  
6.30 pm Piano.

Toddler Group will resume on 16th January 2018

**Wed :** Choir practice: 7.30 pm at SB

**Sat:** FHC Children 10—12 noon

## MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PHILIP

First of all, I wish you, your Family and Friends, a truly blessed New Year, 2018. We have many intentions to pray for this New Year, not least for peace in our world, for an end to violence and terrorism, and for reconciliation between peoples. Please pray too for all the Clergy, People and Religious of our Diocese, for the work of mission and evangelisation, and for gifts of deeper, faith, hope and charity, with a real sense of the presence and love of God in our lives.

## WELCOME

We welcome our First Holy Communion Children who will be joining us at all Masses next weekend, 14th Jan.

## WELCOME

Welcome back to our Teachers and Children after the Christmas holidays, we thank God for the many graces we have all received during this Christmastide, and wish them every success for the coming term.

## EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Bishop Philip invites you to join him at the Eucharistic Congress between 7-9th Sept 2018 in Liverpool.

The Theological Symposium is planned to consist of workshops for Parish Catechists, (especially for those involved in FHC programmes) RE Teachers, Hospital and Prison Chaplains, Seminary Communities and Extraordinary Ministers. Participation in the procession is by ticket only. So if you wish to attend, please let the Parish Office know.

## WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEAR RESOLUTION?

Why not help to make a difference in the fight against poverty and injustice by volunteering for CAFOD?

CAFOD, The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are currently looking for volunteers to help them in their work. There are many ways to get involved such as in local schools, in your Parish, or raising issues with your MP. To find out more about our work please come to our Lent Fast Day briefing on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February from 10:30am to 1pm here in St Bede's Church Hall. For more information and to book your place please call Jo Lewry on 01252 329385 or email [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk)

## BISHOP PHILIP

Bishop Philip invites you to sign up for his FREE weekly e-Newsletter to keep in touch with the latest news and forthcoming events around the diocese. Visit [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews) to sign up.

## COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted £2,581.34p. Second collection next weekend for the White Flower Appeal. Grateful thanks.