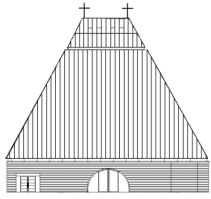


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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Year B Psalter Week IV
Sunday 28th January 2018

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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In today's Gospel Reading from St. Mark, it is reported that Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach, but His teaching was somewhat different from that normally heard there "for he taught with authority and not as the scribes." Often those who taught in Jesus' time (the scribes) simply quoted others, a variety of Rabbis.

However, Jesus taught with authority because He had authority. Jesus' divine message was not quoting other humans, but quoting God. Jesus was One with God so He knew what He was talking about. Jesus taught with authority because He believed what He was teaching. He was familiar with the information which allowed Him to teach boldly. People listening could perceive that this was someone Who knew.

Up until this time we have seen the Lord as the Son of Man Who submitted to His Father. He submitted to God in His Baptism, and to the Holy Spirit in the wilderness. To have authority also requires submission. We, too, are called to submit to God, but for us that is sometimes challenging because it requires humility, something that is not easy for many of us.

Later in the Gospel of John there is another account of the Lord teaching at the Temple. He is challenged, and His response is quite simply, "My teaching is not from myself; it comes from the one who sent me." We are not divine, but we, too, are sent.

Taken from the Catholic Steward.com

Sunday 28th January—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week IV)

	9.00 am	SB	Maddie Conboy RIP (Powers)
	11.00 am	SB	Alex Tilley RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish
Mon: 29th	12 noon	HG	Maureen Burnand RIP (Fond)
Tues: 30th	No Mass		
Wed: 31st	9.30 am	HG	Dannie O'Brien RIP (Mahoney)
	4.00 pm	HG	Body in Church Bernadette Martin RIP
Thurs: 1st	11.00 am	HG	Requiem Bernadette Martin RIP
Fri: 2nd	12 noon	SB	Religious in the Diocese
	1.30 pm	HG	Requiem Oonagh Lindsay RIP
Sat: 3rd	9.30 am	SB	Bernadette Martin RIP (Luker)

Sunday 4th February —Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week V)

	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mel & Joe Dresser RIP (Lee)
	6.30 pm	SB	Graham Healey RIP (Manley)

Welcome to the Vicar for Religious Fr. Bruce Barnes who on the 2nd February gather in our Church with the Religious of our Diocese to celebrate Candlemas at 12.00 noon. Parishioners are very welcome to attend.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE

We are organising a Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Fr. Chris Rutledge.

Six days: Departing Sunday 10th June returning Friday 15th June. Price is £745 pp (sharing), single room supplement is £175. Please collect forms from the Parish Office.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The liturgy the children follow when they leave the church for their own liturgy should mirror as closely as possible what is happening in the church, but at a level that the children can understand. We will be making some changes to our children's liturgy to conform to the new diocesan norms. The liturgy will be available for Key stage 1 only and for those who have pre-registered. Just for the time being children's liturgy will take place at the 9.00am Sunday Mass only until we get ourselves organised.

FUNERAL

Requiem for Bernadette Martin RIP will take place at Holy Ghost Church on Thursday 1st February at 11 am. Body in Church on Wednesday 31st at 4 pm.

Requiem for Oonagh Lindsay RIP will take place at Holy Ghost Church on Friday 2nd February at 1.30 pm. We remember their families at this sad time. We also remember Cathy Short and Pip Coan, Members of our Parish who died recently. May they Rest in Peace.

CAFOD

CAFOD's Family fast day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. On Friday 23rd February family fast day can you give up a meal or eat simple meal and then put what you saved in the CAFOD family fast day envelope. This Lent your donation will make the double the difference. For every pound you donate the UK Government will also donate a pound up to total of £5 million meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. So please give generously and help us raise £5 million.

INVITATION FROM BISHOP PHILIP

If you are getting married in the Diocese in 2018. Bishop Philips has issued an invitation to all engaged couples in the Diocese. On Saturday 17th March at 9.30 am in the Cathedral Centre. The Bishop invites you so he can give a special Blessing at the Cathedral in Portsmouth. It does not matter whether you are a Catholic or not; everyone is welcome. Finish should be by 11.45 am. Please let the Parish Office know as soon as possible if you are interested in attending, or email: kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

FIRE MARSHAL TRAINING

A training course is to be held for all current and aspiring Fire Marshalls.

This will be an initial course for new Fire Marshalls and a refresher course for current Fire Marshalls incorporating new procedures following the Fire Drill.

The course is expected to last approximately one hour.

The dates are Thursday 8th February at 6.30pm & Sunday 11th February at 3pm. at St Bede's Church.

Would new applicants please notify the Office which date they would like to attend.

PARISH DIARY:

Sun 21st Music: 9.00 am Choir: 11.00 am: Cantorg
6.30 pm: Quiet

Sun: Refreshments after the 11 am Mass TODAY

Tues: Toddler Group meet 1.30—3.15 pm SB

Wed : Choir practice: 7.30 pm at SB

Thurs: Church cleaning from 10.00 onwards.

More volunteers are desperately need to join the "Holy Dusters".

ST. BEDE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

A vacancy for Foundation Governor on the Governing Body has arisen and expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for this Ministry. The term of office is for four years from the date of appointment.

The Governors of a Catholic School work as a team, in close cooperation with the Headteacher and all the Staff.

Foundation Governors share the responsibilities of all Governors.

Anyone interested in the Mission of Foundation Governor should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service.

Closing Date for applications is Monday 19th February.

Nomination forms are available from:

schools@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Tel. No. 01329 835363.

BISHOP PHILIP

Bishop Philip invites you to sign up for his FREE e-Newsletter to keep you touch with the latest news and forthcoming events around the Diocese. Visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews to sign up.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019

Portsmouth Diocese is sending a group of 18-30's to World Youth Day, Panada in January (21st -27th). Anyone who would like to go should express their interest by emailing youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. The cost is in the region of £1,800, and support will be given for seeking sponsorship and fundraising.

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.

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.

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted £3,483.20p. Second collection for the Little Flower Appeal amounted to £303.17p. Grateful thanks.