

# THE MESSENGER

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

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**Mini Thought**

Outreach to Lepers plays a large part in Jesus' mission; He reaches out to the most marginalised people in Society. As Jesus effectively changes places with the leper we see what happens when Jesus dies for us—exchanging places with sinful humanity as He bears the consequences of human sin on our behalf.



**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Year B Psalter Week II**  
**SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY**  
**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

**DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?**

*Words of Pope Francis*

- ◆ Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- ◆ Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- ◆ Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- ◆ Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- ◆ Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- ◆ Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- ◆ Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- ◆ Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- ◆ Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- ◆ Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- ◆ Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

**Sunday 11th February —Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week II)**

	9.00 am	SB	George Wildash RIP (Powers)
	11.00 am	SB	Antonio D'Souza
	6.30 pm	SB	Antonin Svoboda, Anna Chapkova RIP
Mon: 12th	12 noon	HG	Michael McGinty RIP
Tues: 13th	9.30am	SB	Cathy Short RIP (Huntley)
<b>Wed: 14th</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY (A day of Fasting and Abstinence)</b>		
	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>SB</b>	Mustafa Mahdavi RIP (Mahdavi)
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>SB</b>	Mary Carroll RIP (Campbell)
Thurs: 15th	6.30 am	SB	Joe Murphy RIP (Power)
	<i>(After breakfast Holy Rosary for those who wish to gather at the Shrine)</i>		
Fri: 16th	9.30 am	HG	In Thanksgiving Ana Tomy
	10—11 am	HG	Eucharistic Exposition
	7.00pm	SB & HG	Eucharist Exposition
	7.30pm	SB & HG	Stations of the Cross
Sat: 17th	9.30 am	SB	Caroline D'Souza RIP (Mendonca)
	10—10.45 am		Confessions

**First Sunday of Lent**

<b>Sunday 18th Feb</b>	9.00 am	SB	Giorgina Balbi RIP (Marchesini)
	11.00 am	SB	Joe Murphy RIP (Herbert)
	6.30 pm	SB	Private Intention

## LENT 2018

Lent 2018 starts on 14th March, Ash Wednesday, it is a time to prepare for Holy Week's commemoration of Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.



## ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass and distribution of Ashes are at St. Bede's Church at 9.30 am and 7.30 pm.

## EVERY THURSDAY IN LENT

6.30 am Mass at St Bede followed by breakfast in the Hall

## EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT

7.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Stations of the Cross at 7.30 pm in both Holy Ghost and St. Bede.

## DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Abstinence, to abstain from eating meat, is binding on all Catholics aged 14+ until death.

To fast is to noticeably reduce our food and drink intake, to freely give up a particular food, drink or entertainment.

Fasting is binding on all Catholics aged 18—60 yrs.

During Lent we do not sing either the Gloria or the Alleluia.

Flowers do not decorate the Church and Baptisms are held over until Easter.

## LENTEN LUNCHES

If you are available to host a soup lunch, the hall is now available to be booked. Please check with the Parish Office. There will be a board in the Cloister Area to sign if you can be a host.

## EASTER CHOIR REHEARSALS

Choir rehearsals for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil start on Wed 21st February at 7:30pm at St Bede's. All are welcome to join the choir for these special Liturgies.

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 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.

## LENT FAST DAY PRAYER

Everlasting God, we give you thanks,

For your nourish and strengthen us with your merciful love.

Give us this day our daily bread.

We pray for those who hunger in scorched lands,

With no food for their children.

Together, we cry out for justice.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Help us to share generously as one global family,

And to hold onto hope for a world transformed.

Bread of life, we pray your people may find life

And joy in all its fullness.

## PARISH DIARY:

**Sun 11th** **Music:** 9.00 am Choir: 11.00 am: Cantorg  
6.30 pm: Guitar

Children's Liturgy at 9 am Mass SB

**Mon:** SVP @ 7.30 pm SB

**Wed :** Masses 9.30 am and 7.30 pm at St. Bede  
(Ashes blessed at both Masses)

**Thurs:** Church cleaning 10—11 am SB

RCIA 7.30pm Holy Ghost Hall

**Sat:** Kneeler Group 2pm— 4pm

## ALTAR SERVERS

We are very blessed to have a great band of loyal Altar Servers in our Parish. We also have many new Servers. So with that in mind we will be having a training session on the 17th Feb starting with Mass at 9.30am. The Guild of St Stephen medals are usually conferred after a year, but there should be a level of competency. Medals will be presented to Servers who qualify on Sunday Masses 18th February.

## 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 9.00 am Sunday Mass only until we get ourselves organised.

## FUNERALS

Funeral Service at the Crematorium for Caroline Greening RIP takes place on Thursday 15th February at 10.15 am.

Requiem for Cathy Short RIP takes place in Holy Ghost Church on Monday 26th February at 1.15 pm. May they Rest in Peace.

## AFTERNOON CONCERT

In aid of St. Michael's Hospice at Trinity Methodist Church, Sarum Hill. RG21 8SR on Saturday 21st April at 4 pm.

Music by The Tedesca String Quartet. £10 per person. To book tickets or for further information, please ring on (Tel. No. 07795579485) or hospice.concert@gmail.com

## 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.

## COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted £2,534.88p.

