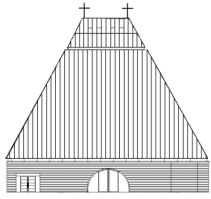


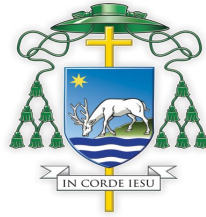
# THE MESSENGER

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

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**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Year B Psalter Week I**  
**SUNDAY 4TH FEBRUARY**

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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The fact that today's Gospel from Mark makes reference to Jesus curing Peter's mother-in-law would seem to point to the fact that Peter was married. However, the majority of scholars are of the opinion that the wife may have died before Peter was called by Jesus as an Apostle. In fact, there are many misconceptions about St. Peter. For one, although often portrayed as much older, he was probably younger than Jesus. In fact all 12 Apostles were most likely younger than Jesus.

Also, Peter is often presented in paintings and movies and books as being a very old man, but historians have also concluded that Peter was martyred in Rome when he was about 66 years old. He was never the old, old man in his 80's we see quite often.

All of that is secondary to a simple statement in today's Gospel about the mother-in-law. Specifically, St. Mark writes, "He (Jesus) approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them." St. Matthew reveals this same fact in his Gospel (Matthew 8:15), and he writes, "He (Jesus) touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to serve him."

The message for us is very basic. Peter's mother-in-law responded to Jesus the same way we should when Jesus blesses us. She responded to the Lord and immediately served Him out of gratitude. That should be our motivation, and action, as well.

*Taken from the Catholic Steward.com*

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

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

Mon: 5th *St Agatha*

12 noon	HG	Joe Murphy RIP (Baldwin)
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Tues: 6th *St Paul Miki and Companions*

9.30am	SB	Kathleen Hollier RIP (Roche)
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Wed: 7th

9.30 am	HG	Int. Chris Simpson & Family (Huntley)
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Thurs: 8th

8.00—9.00	SB	Adoration
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9.30 am	SB	In thanksgiving Ana Tomy
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Fri: 9th

9.30 am	HG	Mona Powerley RIP (Duffy)
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10—11 am	HG	Adoration
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Sat: 10th

*St Scholastica*

9.30 am	SB	Private Intention
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10—10.45 am		Confessions
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## Sunday 11th February — Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week II)

9.00 am	SB	George Wildash RIP (Powers)
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11.00 am	SB	Antonio D'Souza
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6.30 pm	SB	Antonin Svoboda, Anna Chapkova RIP
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Jesus performs miracles of healing among the crowds, and at the home of Simon. But He is more than a wonder-worker for He enters more deeply into our suffering on the cross.



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

## 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 Feb. To help our new servers to aspire to attain their Guild medals, I will also be introducing a simple wooden Cross for new Servers who have completed 6 months of serving. Thank you to all our Altar Servers.

## FUNERALS

Requiem for Cathy Short RIP will take place in Holy Ghost Church on Monday 26th February at 1.15 pm.  
Funeral Service at the Crematorium for Caroline Greening RIP takes place on Thursday 15th February at 10.15 am.  
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 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.

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm. at St Bede's Church.

## PARISH DIARY:

**Sun 4th** **Music:** 9.00 am Choir: 11.00 am: Popley  
6.30 pm: Lord's Flock  
Children's Liturgy at 9 am Mass SB  
**Sun:** Baptisms today at 12.30 pm SB  
**Tues:** Toddler Group meet 1.30—3.15 pm SB  
**Wed :** Choir practice: 7.30 pm at SB  
**Thurs:** Fire Marshall Training 6.30 pm SB  
**Fri:** First Confessions at 6 pm SB

## HOLY ROSARY

Recital of the Holy Rosary with Fr. Beale, will take place in Holy Ghost Church on Sunday 11th February at 3 pm.

## BAPTISMS

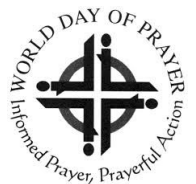
Welcome and congratulations to Lewis Jacob Foxton, Parker Sloan Plackett, Jakub Glenek Rychtowski, Thomas Stephen Penny and Nicole Jessica Kepinski who will be Baptised today

## BISHOP CHALLONER SECONDARY SCHOOL

Are you thinking of becoming a teacher, or know someone who is? Bishop Challoner Catholic Secondary School are hosting an information morning in partnership with Basingstoke SCITT on Saturday 10 March - 10.00am to 12.00 noon. Why not pop a long for have a chat and discuss the exciting teacher training opportunities available including 'being paid to train'. They are looking for people who have (or will have) a degree, may have valuable experience in another career, have a passion for teaching and want to inspire young people to fulfil their potential. Visit [www.BasingstokeAllianceScitt.com](http://www.BasingstokeAllianceScitt.com) to register your interest, alternatively contact the recruitment team at [admin@BasingstokeAllianceScitt.com](mailto:admin@BasingstokeAllianceScitt.com) or telephone 01256 275002

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year, Women's Word Day of Prayer Service will take place at the Methodist Chapel, the Street, Old Basing at 10.30 am on Friday 2nd March. The service is open to everyone, and lasts about one hour, there will be light



## 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 £2,849.83p.