

# THE MESSENGER

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Year B Psalter Week IV**

**Sunday 11th March 2018**

**LAETARE SUNDAY**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

All three Readings today bear witness to what the Ephesians passage calls God's generous mercy: "when we were dead through our sins, He brought us to life with Christ". It speaks of God's action in transforming humans. The letter is short on detail, but the First Reading, from the Second Book of Chronicles, provides plenty. The two books of Chronicles figure rarely in our Sunday and Feast Day Liturgies—there is one passage apiece from these two books. This passage describes the successive infidelities of the Israelites, from the heads of the Priesthood to the most ordinary of people, until there was nothing to distinguish them from other Nations. It was only a matter of time before the Temple was destroyed and the People taken into exile. It all looked hopeless—until God took the initiative and restored God's people to a new life, with a reconstructed Temple. The real surprise, however, was that God's chosen agent in this was a Gentile, King Cyrus of Persia.

Ephesians' arguments may be difficult to digest; Chronicles' story may appear remote, set in a past we can scarcely glimpse; but Jesus' words are neither remote nor dense. Jesus likens His own lifting up to Moses, lifting the bronze serpent, and says that everyone who believes in Him will have external life; and then He drops the bombshell: "God sent His Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through Him the world might be saved".

*Taken from Redemptorist Publications*

**Sunday 11th March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

	9.00 am	SB	Maria Abraham RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Antonio Martino RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish
Mon: 12th	No Mass		
Tues: 13th	9.30am	SB	Betty Cobb RIP
Wed: 14th	9.30 am	HG	Int. Labagnara Family
Thurs: 15th	6.30 am	SB	Int. John & Pam Shearwood
	<i>(After breakfast Holy Rosary for those who wish to gather at the Shrine)</i>		
	7.00 pm	HG	Eucharistic Exposition
	7.30 pm	HG	Stations of the Cross
Fri: 16th	9.30 am	HG	Pat Roche RIP
	10—11 am	HG	Eucharistic Exposition
	7.00pm	SB	Eucharistic Exposition
	7.30pm	SB	Stations of the Cross
Sat: 17th	<i>Feast of St Patrick</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Joe Murphy RIP
	<i>(Confessions until 10.45 am)</i>		

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

<b>Sunday 18th</b>	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Dec. Mbrs Rutledge Family
	6.30 pm	SB	Bernadette Martin RIP

## LENT 2018

### EVERY THURSDAY IN LENT

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

Holy Ghost Church

7.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7.30 pm Stations of the Cross.

### EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT

#### St. Bede's Church

7.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7.30 pm Stations of the Cross

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.

### SOUP LUNCH

Soup Lunch in the hall on Saturday 17th March between 12 noon—2 pm.

### RECONCILIATION SERVICE

The Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service (Confession) takes place on Sunday 18th March at 2.30 pm in St. Joseph's Church, South Ham. Please make use of this wonderful opportunity to go to Confession before the Easter celebrations.

### HEALING MASS

Mass with prayer for those in need of healing and Sacrament of Anointing at St. Joseph's Church on Saturday 17th March at 10.30 am. Confessions from 9.30 to 10.15 am  
CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day

Many thanks for your support of the CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day. You can still contribute to the Lent appeal online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) or by calling 0300 100 0089. Remember that all donations received for the appeal until the 12<sup>th</sup> May will be doubled by the UK Government.

### ABLAZE IN THE TRUTH—SUMMER CAMP

20th—24th August 2018 for ages between 10—25 yrs.

For more information and booking forms please visit [www.FanningTheFlame.co.uk](http://www.FanningTheFlame.co.uk) [ftfcm1995@gmail.com](mailto:ftfcm1995@gmail.com)

### ROSARY ON THE COAST 29th April at 3.00pm

Rosary on the Coast is a day of pilgrimage and prayer for the re-flourishing of our Faith, for the grace to build a culture of Life and for true Peace to reign in the hearts of all peoples and nations.

This is an invitation to prayerfully prepare for Rosary on the Coast for 40 days with Our Blessed Lady the Sorrowful & Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Joseph, St. Andrew, St. David, St. George, St. Patrick and with all the Saints and Martyrs of Wales, Scotland, England and Ireland in a spirit of penance, prayer, mortification and intercession.

The 40 Days Spiritual Preparation runs from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April followed by a day to prepare by seeking the Sacrament of Confession.

### WEBCAM

If you are housebound, you can see the Mass celebrated by logging onto: [www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](http://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)



### PARISH DIARY:

- Sun 11th** **Music:** 9.00 am Choir: 11.00 am: Cantorg: 6.30 pm: Guitar  
Refreshments after 9 am Mass SB  
Children's Liturgy at 9 am Mass SB
- Mon:** KSC at 7.30 SB  
Word of God @ 7.30 pm Burgess Rd. Convent
- Tues:** Repository open 9—3 pm at SB  
Toddler group meet 1.30—3.15 pm at SB
- Wed:** Choir 7.30 pm SB
- Thur:** RCIA, Burgess Rd. Hall, 7.30 pm at HG

### MOTHERING SUNDAY

This Sunday is currently also known as Mothering Sunday, Refreshment Sunday, mid-Lent Sunday (*Laetare Sunday*) and Rose Sunday (either because the golden rose (sent by Popes to Catholic sovereigns) used to be blessed at this time, or because the use of rose-coloured (rather than violet) vestments was permitted on this day).

### 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. The Liturgy will be available for Key stage 1 ONLY and for those who have pre-registered. (Forms available in the cloister) Just for the time being Children's Liturgy will take place at the 9.00 am Sunday Mass

### FUNERAL

Funeral Service for Anne Drake RIP takes place at Basingstoke Crematorium on Wednesday 21st March at 2.45 pm.  
Requiem for Denis Grehan RIP at Holy Ghost Church on Monday 19th March at 12 noon. May They Rest in Peace.

### SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS 2018

Are you celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or anniversary over 60 years? If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018**. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to come, please visit the Cathedral website <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/> and complete the on-line form, or send an email to [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



If you do not have access to the internet, please contact Liz Murphy in the Parish office, who will have the form you need to complete.

To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a **COPY** of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you complete the form online. Alternatively scan and send via email to above email address.

### COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted £3,046.53p.

Sale of unwanted gifts amounted to £456.16p.

**Second collection** this weekend for Clergy Assistance Fund.