

THE MESSENGER

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Third Sunday of Easter

Year B - Psalter Week III

15th April 2018

Thought for the Week

The final line of the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles is, "Repent, therefore, that your sins may be wiped away." This is part of a message which Peter evidently often stated as he evangelized and spread the word about the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Penance, repentance, is an important part of our Catholic faith. One of our seven Sacraments, there is much in Church doctrine about the importance of this Sacrament. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#1424) it states, "It is called the Sacrament of Confession, since the disclosure or Confession of sins to a Priest is an essential element. In a profound sense it is also a "confession" — acknowledgement and praise — of the holiness of God and of His mercy toward sinful men and women."

When St. Peter was speaking and used the term "wiped away," that had more meaning to the people of his time. Imagine if sins were listed on a document in ink. In ancient times the ink had no acid content, and thus it could be "wiped away" with a damp cloth. That was the image Peter was presenting. For us going to confession literally "wipes away" our sins. God's forgiveness is central to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Sacrament of Confession (Reconciliation) means that from God's perspective it is as though our sins have never even occurred. In the Book of Hebrews the Lord declares, "I will never again remember their sins" — after repentance, that is.

Taken from the Catholic Steward.com.

Sunday 15th April

Third Sunday of Easter

	9.00 am	SB	Ned Fagan RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Paul McMachus RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish
Mon: 16th	9.30 am	HG	Dec Mbrs Mahoney, O'Brien and Woodley Families
	1.30am	SB	Wedding: Eileen & Bernard
Tues: 17th	9.30 am	SB	Barbara Finnerty RIP
Wed: 18th	9.30 am	HG	Int. Tessa Flitcroft
Thurs: 19th	9.30 am	SB	Int. St. Bede's Pupils
			St. Bede's School Children joining us for Mass
Friday: 20th	10.00 am	SB	Requiem Donald Scott RIP
Sat: 21st	9.30 am		Holy Ghost Church: Betty Harrington RIP
	10—12 noon	SB	FHC Children

Sunday 22nd April

Fourth Sunday of Easter—Year B—Psalter Week IV

	9.00 am	SB	Joe Murphy RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Salvatore Agro RIP
			Mustafa Mahdavi RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	Rolando Domingo RIP

EASTER THANKS

Thank you so very much for your kind wishes and Easter Cards and also for your very generous Easter offering. Please be assured of our prayers for you and your families and the good of our wonderful Parish. Fr. Chris and Fr. Gerry.

ST BEDE'S SCHOOL

Welcome back from the Easter Holidays our Parents, Children and Teachers. The New Term Mass is this Thursday 19th at 9.30am at St Bede's Church

SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS

Parents, when you apply for a place at our Catholic Primary School in January 2019, you will be required to complete a Supplementary Information Form stating how often you have attended Sunday Mass in the past year. You will need to ask Fr. Chris to verify that the information which you provided on the Supplementary Information Form regarding your Mass attendance is accurate. The purple card will be available in the Cloister Area for stamping next weekend 22nd April. This card needs stamping every time you attend Sunday Mass

ADORE

(Alton Day Of REnewal) – Saturday 21st April 11.00-4.00
You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on Renewal and Mission. At Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 11.00am *Rosary*; 11.30am *Mass*; 12.15 *Adoration* of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch; 2.00pm *Praise & Worship*; 2.30 *Talk "Setting the Downtrodden Free"* by Peter Hobbs; 3.30 *Prayer for healing*. We end about 4pm. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information and directions, see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com
Or telephone Alastair Emblem on 01252 714809.

CAFOD

"Thank you for your support to our Lent Fast Day appeal. Donations to CAFOD until 12 May will be doubled by the UK Government. We have Planned a £5 million programme to Combat malnutrition - and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But we need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go yet! To donate please go to cafod.org.uk/lent "

CAFOD

During Lent the following was raised in this Parish for CAFOD

Main collection	£1,478.84p
Unwanted Christmas Gifts	£ 456.16p
Lenten Breakfast	£ 400.00p
Sammi & Marie Lenten Lunch	£ 302.09p
BAAC	£ 200.00p

This Lent, the amount we raised has been doubled with matched funding from the UK Government.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA (Lucky Me) Winner
Congratulations to Margaret O' Boyle from the Parish who won £25.

PARISH DIARY:

Sun 15th April: Music:

9.00 am Choir: 11.00 am Cantor:

6.30 pm: Priest Led

Repository after the 9.00 and 11 am Masses

Tues. 17th Toddler Group 1.30—3.15 pm SB

Sat: 21st FHC Children 10—12 noon SB

REPOSITORY

The Repository has a wonderful selection of First Holy Communion items for sale. The Repository is open on Sundays, also on Tuesdays between 9—3 pm, and during the FHC Session on Saturday 21st April.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Mariana Victoria Carroll, Jessica Anne Rapley, Luna Connie Caroline Appleton, Emil Robert Bryjka and Isabella Mirkowicz who were baptised last weekend.



FUNERAL

Requiem Mass for Donald Scott RIP takes place at St. Bede's Church on Friday 20th April at 10.00 am.

Requiem Mass for Betty Harrington RIP on Thursday 10th May at 12.30 pm in St. Bede's Church. We remember their families and friends at this sad time. May They Rest in Peace.



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

SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS 2018

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th 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 30th 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

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.

COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,086.29p. Second collection on Sunday 22nd for Clergy Training Day.

LIVE WEB CAM

Our Masses and other Services are live streamed via the internet. Log on to www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk and follow the link. Also you can view previous services.