

THE MESSENGER

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Year B - Psalter Week I
29th April 2018

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

St. John captures the essence of what kind of love is expected from us toward our neighbour and those in need as he opens our Second Reading with "Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." Jesus made that point several times in His own teachings. It follows the old adage that "Actions speak louder than words."

We have pointed out numerous times that being a good steward requires action. It may be easy for us to come to an understanding of what it means to love one another; and additionally, we may speak of doing it; but the true measure is what we do, how we live our lives.

The best examples of stewardship that we may be aware of in our Parishes and Community involve what we see and experience in others. That is the most effective way to be taught and it is the best way to teach others. Do it and live it.

That is John's point is it not? He continues his instructions in the Second Reading by saying, "We should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another as He commanded us." The Norwegian playwright and poet Henrik Ibsen, who had a great appreciation for the written word, once stated, "A thousand words will not leave so deep an impression as one deed." The point of Jesus' Parable of the Two Sons (Mt 21) in which one son says he will do his father's will but does not while the other says he will not obey, but repents and does what his father asked, is quite clear that deeds mean more than intentions.

Taken from the Catholic Steward.com

Sunday 29th April Fifth Sunday of Easter—Year B—Psalter Week 1

	9.00 am	SB	Pino & Michele Colella RIP
	11.00 am	SB	John Micallef RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish
Mon: 30th	12 noon	HG	In thanksgiving Maria Wilman
Tues: 1st May	9.30 am	SB	Bernadette Martin
Wed: 2nd	9.30 am	HG	Annie Hogan RIP
Thurs: 3rd	9.30 am	SB	Louise Grey RIP
Friday: 4th	9.30 am	HG	Gladys Deards RIP
	10—11 am	HG	Adoration
Sat: 5th	9.30 am	HG	Jane Mooney RIP
	Confessions after Mass until 10.—10.45 am		
	10—12 noon	SB	FHC Children

Sunday 6th May Sixth Sunday of Easter—Year B—Psalter Week II

	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Una Mallon RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	Int. Getrude Wang

RCIA (Journey in Faith)

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith, or are you a Baptised Catholic wanting to be Confirmed? Our Parish Journey in Faith will be starting on Thursday 6th June in BURGESS ROAD HALL at 7.30 pm.

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 Saturday 19th May 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 (please bring finger food to share); 2.00pm *Praise & Worship*; 2.30 *Talk* "Proclaiming the Lord's Favour" by Fr Simon Penhalagan; 3.30 *Prayer for healing*. We end about 4pm. telephone Alastair Emblem on 01252 714809.

CALLED & GIFTED

Sherry Weddell, author of *Called and Gifted*, and *Forming Intentional Disciples*, is coming to the Diocese next month. There are two events for laity, held at the Basingstoke Country Hotel. On Friday 18th May 2pm - 7pm she will be speaking about Parish Renewal and a few of our Parishes will be sharing what they are doing. On Sat 19th May 9.30am - 4.30pm Sherry will be focusing on the personal spiritual journey and how each of us can develop our love and relationship with the Lord. For more details and to book free places, please email Clare csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE

Saturday 5th May "This is a free event for you"

Have you taken time out of your busy schedule to pause? When was the last time you stopped and took time to think, to discern? When was the last time you came face to face with Jesus Christ? When was the last real encounter you had with your faith?

This event is an opportunity to engage with likeminded families in prayer, fellowship and joy. Come and spend time with Jesus, friends, inspiring speakers and interactive workshops. Develop your faith. Develop your relationship with Jesus.

The conference will be supported by Fr Stephen Wang a philosopher, theologian and popular author, Pippa Baker an evangelist, Focus a worldwide renowned organisation for evangelisation, Y2K who will lead our worship with inspirational music and our own Bishop Philip. Book your ticket now by either booking through eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/portsmouth-diocesan-eucharistic-conference-tickets-44506853196?aff=es2>, emailing congress@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or phoning 07780221686."

PARISH DIARY:

Sun 29th April: Music: 9.00 am Choir: 11.00 am Popley: 6.30 pm: Guitar
Repository after the 9.00 and 11 am Masses
Refreshments after the 9 am Mass today
Next Sunday 6th May, refreshments after 9 and 11 am Masses
Tues: Toddler Group 1.30—3.15 pm SB
Wed: Choir 7.30 pm 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,

BAPTISMS

Welcome and congratulations to Louis Fowkes, Holly Elizabeth Sillitoe, Giana Farley, Tre Jaiyar Richards, and Manuel Adomako who will be Baptised today.



FUNERALS

Service at Basingstoke Crematorium on 2nd May at 11 am for Catherine Hill RIP.
Requiem Mass for Betty Harrington RIP on Thursday 10th May at 12.30 pm in St. Bede's Church. May They Rest in Peace.

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.

WEDDING

Congratulations to Lara and John Belson who were married yesterday here at St. Bede's Church.

PARISH DATA AUDIT

The Diocese has requested that we carry out a Parish Data Audit in preparation for the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), which replace the Data Protection Act, and which take effect from 25 May 2018. If anyone holds any parishioner personal data (e.g. names and addresses, phone numbers, email addresses etc.) for Parish use please contact the Parish Office.

COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,544.72p.
Second collection Clergy Training Day amounted to £304.98p.