

THE MESSENGER

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Year B - Psalter Week III

13th May 2018

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We often cite Jesus' quote from today's Gospel of Mark: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." This was not a suggestion from the Lord. It was quite frankly a command, and it is one which still holds for each of us. Being an evangelist, being a disciple, being a steward is not a matter of choice for those of us who are Catholic and Christian. It is something the Lord expects of us.

Often we may like to spend time debating how to do that, but that does not lessen the fact that it is something we are supposed to do. We need to acknowledge that even the original Apostles and followers of Jesus did not do that immediately. We learn that they stayed in Jerusalem for some time, and it seemed to be only when the Church and its followers were persecuted that they began to reach out and truly share the "Good News."

Once Christians accepted that charge from the Lord, they did indeed take the Word of God to all corners of the earth. Look at the Church today. It is incredible how this Church has grown from one Man/God and a small group into what it is today. That does not, however, get us "off the hook."

As much as we may argue about how to carry out this command from Jesus, the fact remains that our very lives need to stand as a representation of what it means to be a Christian, what it means to "love one another,"

Taken from the Catholic Steward.com

Sunday 13th May Seventh Sunday of Easter—Year B—Psalter Week III

	9.00 am	SB	Intentions Catenian Members
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	SB	Intentions SVP Members
Mon: 14th May	12.00 noon	HG	Tim Roberts RIP
Tues: 15th	9.30 am	SB	Tony Jones RIP (Jones)
Wed: 16th	9.30 am	HG	Int. Josie Johnson
Thurs: 17th	9.30 am	SB	Monica & Herbert Barlow RIP
Friday: 18h	9.30 am	HG	Francis Casement RIP
	10—11 am	HG	Adoration

Sat: 19th May	First Holy Communion Day at St. Bede's Church
	11.00 am FHC Children & Catechists
	2.00 pm FHC Children & Catechists

Sunday 20th May Pentecost Sunday

9.00 am	SB	Giorgina Balbi RIP
11.00 am	SB	Richard Kemmis RIP
6.30 pm	SB	Dec. Mbrs Hynes Family

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018

On Saturday 19th May at 11 am and 2 pm, there will be ninety plus children making their First Holy Communion. We congratulate all our children, and thank most sincerely Jayney Lampard and Clair Osborne who have done a Stirling job as FHC co coordinators. We thank also the many Catechists who have helped during the course of the year.



WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

TODAY is World Communications Day. In his message for World Communications Day 2018, Pope Francis speaks of journalists as “the protectors of news”. That their task is “not just a job; it is a mission”. He reminds us that persons are at the heart of information, that informing others means forming others. We pray for those who work in the media and also for the valuable work carried out on our behalf by the Communications Office of the Bishops’ Conference. Working with journalists across both National and International media outlets, it provides a professional news service to the Church and to the World. (Retiring Collection today)

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 Thurs 7th June in Burgess Road Hall at 7.30pm.

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.

GDPR

The new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force on the 25th May 2018 and will impact every organisation which holds or processes personal data. The diocese in conjunction with parishes and curial offices are now in the process of revising processes to ensure that we are compliant. The diocese is committed to ensuring high standards of information security, privacy and transparency.

25th ANNIVERSARY TO THE PRIESTHOOD

On Tuesday 19th June, Fr. John Cooke will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood. Fr. John wishes to invite those Parishioners who remember him as a young Priest in Holy Ghost Church and St. Joseph’s Church, for a Thanksgiving Mass followed by hospitality in the Parish Centre, at the Immaculate Conception & St. Joseph Church, 67 Purewell, Christchurch, Dorset. BH23 1EH. If you wish to attend, can you please email Fr. John via jcooke@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PARISH DIARY:

Sun 13th May: Music: 9.00 am Choir: 11.00 am Cantor:
6.30 pm: Guitar
Repository after the 9.00 and 11 am Masses
Refreshments after 9 am
Mon: SVP at SB 7.30 pm
KSC at SB 7.30 pm
Tues: Toddler Group 1.30—3.15 pm SB
Wed: Choir 7.30 pm SB
Thurs: Church Cleaning this week. More helpers always are needed to join the “Holy Dusters”

REPOSITORY

The repository will be open after the 9 and 11 am Masses every Sunday and 6.30 pm Mass on June 3rd.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Stephen and Catherine Kelly who were married at the Holy Ghost Church yesterday. We wish them a long and happy marriage together. May the Good Lord watch over them both.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to David Duze and Adesuwa Israela Duze who will be Baptised today.

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 to Liz Murphy in the Parish Office.

POLISH MASS

Next Polish Mass will take place on 19th May at 6.00 at the Holy Ghost Church.

ST. BEDE’S SCHOOL PICNIC

Our Patronal Feast Day is Friday 25th May. Mass will be celebrated at 11 am in the Church with the School community. After Mass we are invited to join the school for a family picnic. (weather permitting). Parishioners should bring their own picnic, and sit in the prayer garden with members of our School Council and the Senior Leadership Team. *St Bede: Pray for us.*

COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £4,152.66p. Grateful thanks and one thousand blessings

2nd COLLECTION TODAY Catholic Communications.