

# THE MESSENGER

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Year B - Psalter Week II

6th May 2018

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The First Reading from Acts begins with Cornelius falling at Peter's feet. Peter lifts him up and says, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears Him and acts uprightly is acceptable to Him."

Cornelius was likely the inspiration for that statement. St. Cornelius is a significant person in the Acts of the Apostles. A documented centurion in the *Cohors Italia*, he is considered by most Bible researchers as being one of the first Gentiles converted to Christianity.

The message, however, applies to all of us, as most of us are indeed Gentiles. It is made clear that Cornelius was a holy and generous man. However, he did not receive the Holy Spirit until he had heard the Gospel from Peter and responded to it. That is what each of us is called to do as well. If we allow the Lord to be an important part of our lives, God will do everything for those who are willing to receive Him.

This reading then reports, "While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word." St. Peter is later criticized for entering the house of a Gentile, eating, and then baptizing Cornelius, but in Acts 11 Peter responds, "If then God gave them the same gift he gave to us when we came to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to be able to hinder God?" God is there for all of us, but we must receive Him and open our lives to Him. *Taken from the Catholic Steward.com*

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

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

Mon: 7th May 10.00 am SB Int. Maria Colella

Tues: 8th 9.30 am SB Liam Murphy RIP

Wed: 9th 9.30 am HG Int Imelda Byrne

Thurs: 10th

### Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)

9.30 am SB Dec. Mbrs Hynes Family

9.30 am HG Raymond Martin RIP

12.30 pm SB Requiem Betty Harrington RIP

7.30 pm HG Dec. Mbrs Holy Ghost Parish

Friday: 11th 9.30 am HG Joe Murphy RIP

10—11 am HG Adoration

Sat: 12th 9.30 am SB Rosita Erpalo RIP

Confessions after Mass until 10.—10.45 am

### 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

## ASCENSION OF THE LORD

This Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass times will be as follows:

9.30 am - at Holy Ghost Church

9.30 am - at St. Bede's Church—with the School joining us

12.30pm - at St. Bede's Church—Requiem Mass

7.30 pm - at Holy Ghost Church

## 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 Bургress 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.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## RETREAT DAY FOR NEW CATHOLICS

On Saturday 2nd June, there will be a Retreat day in St. Dominic's Priory, Lymington. SO41 8NH.

Telephone number is 01590681874

No need to book, simply come.

The format of the day will be:

10.00 – arrival, welcome

10.30 – talk on living the Catholic life followed by discussion

12.00 – midday prayer and Mass with the Sisters

From 1.00 pm, participants will be free to choose among the following options, or invent some other ones:

- Go home

- Stay with packed lunch for more quiet time / discussion time with the Sisters

- Go to pub lunch and possibly come back for more quiet time / discussion time with the Sisters

- Go for walk in the Forest and possibly come back for more quiet time / discussion time with the sisters

- End the day with Rosary and Evening Prayer at 5 pm with the sisters

Our Priory is in the heart of the New Forest, and will be opened all day for you to make the most of it.

## PARISH DIARY:

**Sun 6th May: Music:** 9.00 am Choir: 11.00 am Popley: 6.30 pm: Priest Led

We welcome our first Holy Communion children who will be assisting at all Masses this weekend.

Repository after the 9.00 and 11 am Masses

Refreshments after 9 and 11 am Masses

Mon: Bank Holiday Mass at 10 am St Bede

Tues: Toddler Group 1.30—3.15 pm SB

Wed: Choir 7.30 pm SB

Thurs: There will be no Church Cleaning this week.

## BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

Please note the Parish Office is closed, also Mass will be celebrated here at St. Bede's Church at 10.00 am.

## FUNERALS

Mass for Betty Harrington RIP on Thursday 10th May at 12.30 pm in St. Bede's Church. May She 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.



## DIOCESAN DAY FOR READERS

**16th June 2018 - St. Bede's Church**

The Day will start with Mass at 9.30 am, and will end at 3.00 pm. It is offered for everyone who is involved in reading at Mass, as an opportunity to meet, share, be formed, and pray together. The day will include: Practical formation for reading at Mass, what we need to know and be aware of when reading in public, during Mass; Liturgical formation, to understand the proclamation of the Word of God as a Liturgical action of the Church; Theological formation, to better understand the texts that we are to proclaim. A buffet Lunch will be provided, thanks to the generous support of the Bible Society. To register please Email <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/readers/> or phone 01590681874 or our own Parish Office via Liz

## LIVE WEB CAM

Our Masses and other Services are live streamed via the internet. Log on to [www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](http://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk) and follow the link. Also you can view previous services.

## POLISH MASS

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

**COLLECTION** last weekend amounted to £2,814.30p.