

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, which John the Baptist speaks of to his followers in today's Gospel, was a moment when the world was changed forever. Jesus was revealed as the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, the Son of God, as the Spirit descended upon Him and the voice of God called from the heavens. At the same time, Jesus was revealed as the suffering servant of Isaiah, whom we heard about in the first reading - God's instrument for establishing a new world of justice and peace.

Elsewhere the Gospels tell us that John the Baptist didn't think it was necessary, or even appropriate, for him to Baptise Jesus, who was more powerful than himself. And besides, John's baptism required confession of sins and Jesus was without sin. Yet Jesus insisted. Jesus was Baptism in solidarity with the people, taking on the life of the people for the purpose of redemption. John tell us that the Spirit not only descended upon Jesus but rested with Him. It is not simply the inspiration of a fleeting moment; it is something far more lasting. For John the Baptist, this was the sign that Jesus was "the Chosen One of God". Jesus was the beloved Son of God and he would be faithful to His Father, no matter what, for the rest of his short life

*Taken from Redemptorist Publications*

## PARISH SACRAMENT PROGRAMES

Session 4: 4th February  
5th February, FHC Preparation Mass

### CONFIRMATION

Session 4: 13th January 2017, 7:15-9:00 pm at St Bede's

Retreat: 18th February — At Coldash  
Session 5: 10th March

**R.C.I.A.** To be decided  
Next Session:

### WORD OF GOD

**BIBLE STUDY:** 16th January, in Burgess Road Convent  
7:30-9:00pm

## PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

**In the Footsteps of Saint John Paul II - 19-24th April, led by Fr. John Lee.**

With one night in the hills of Zakopane and four nights in historic Krakow, this guided tour will enable you to visit places central to the life of Pope St. John Paul II including his birthplace of Wadowice, Czestochowa's Black Madonna Shrine and Auschwitz.

The Pilgrimage takes place over Divine Mercy Sunday and we will be visiting the Shrine celebrating the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, as revealed by Christ Himself to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska.

For further information, please contact Pilgrimage People,  
email: office@pilgrimagepeople.org or telephone 0800 6123423

## NEWS FROM BISHOP PHILIP

Are you getting married sometime soon - either in a church in our Diocese or in a church elsewhere, maybe even abroad? If you are:

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Please be assured of my prayers and best wishes. I hope all your preparations and all the arrangements for the big day are going well. I write because I want to meet you. I want to give you a special Blessing here at the (Catholic) Cathedral in Portsmouth. I want to invite you and all the engaged couples of our Diocese getting married in 2017, to a Valentine's Day Breakfast. It will be on Saturday 11th February 2017 at 9.15 am (prompt) in the Cathedral's Discovery Centre (on Bishop Crispian Way: PO1 3HG). After breakfast and a chance to meet, I have asked one of our newly married couples from last year to tell us about their experience. I hope it will be informative, but also entertaining! We'll then go into the Cathedral for a short Service of Blessing, in which each couple individually will be blessed, and also I'll bless your engagement rings. (It doesn't matter whether you are a Catholic or not: everyone is welcome). We should finish and get away by 11.45 am.

I really hope you can be there for this unique occasion. I look forward to meeting you. Please let Kirsten (my PA) know whether you can make it. Call her on 023 9282 0894 or email kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

### HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY: 27th JANUARY 2017

Holocaust Memorial Day is commemorated across the UK and in many other countries. The theme this year is 'How can life go on'. It's a time for everyone to pause to remember the millions of people who have been murdered or whose lives have been changed beyond recognition.

# THE MESSENGER

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost, St. Bede's and Sacred Heart

## MASS TIMES

If you are visiting our Churches of St. Bede's, Holy Ghost, or Sacred Heart, you are most welcome.

### The Church of St. Bede and Holy Ghost, Basingstoke

			INTENTIONS
<b>Sun 15th</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mark Rooney RIP (Rennick)
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	SB	Celestina & Joseph Sammut RIP
Mon 16th	<i>NO MASS</i>		
Tues 17th	9.30 am	SB	Ms Patricia O'Donoghue (Tate)
Wed 18th	9.30 am	HG	Denys Byron RIP (Webb)
Thurs 19th	9.30 am	SB	Pino & Michele Colella RIP (Colella)
Fri 20th	9.30 am	HG	Hannah Epimaco Durangparang RIP
Adoration after Mass until 11am			
Sat 21st	9.30 am	SB	Deceased Members Fogarty Family (Fond)
<b>Sun 22nd</b>	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Frank McGill RIP (McGill)
	6.30 pm	SB	Nicholas Ward RIP

### Sacred Heart, Hook

<b>Sat 14th Jan</b>	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sun 15th Jan</b>	10:00 am	Peter Elgar RIP
Mon 16th Jan	<i>Feria</i> 10:00 am	-
Tues 17th Jan	<i>St Anthony of Egypt</i> 10:00 am	-
Wed 18th Jan	<i>Feria</i> 10:00 am	-
Thurs 19th Jan	<i>St Wulstan</i> 10:00am	Danny Gallagher RIP
Fri 20th Jan	<i>St. Fabian</i> 10:00 am	-
Sat 21st Jan	<i>St Agnes</i> 10:00 am	-
<b>Sat 21st Jan</b>	6:00 pm	Betty Sugden RIP
<b>Sun 22nd Jan</b>	10:00 am	People of the Parish
<b>Confession</b>	Held in the Church, Saturday 9.15-9.45am and 5.15-5.45pm.	

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th January 2017

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## PARISH CONTACTS:

**Parish Priest:**  
Rev Fr. Christopher Rutledge:  
Dean of North Hampshire

**Assistant Priest:**  
Rev Fr. Gerry Onyejuluwa

**Retired Priest in Residence:**  
Rev Fr. Peter Codd

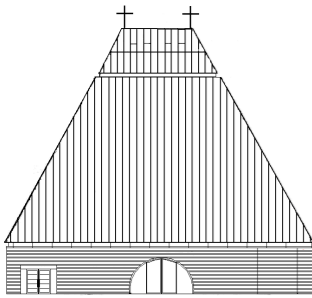
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Basingstoke,  
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## St. Bede

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### PARISH DIARY:

**Sun: Music:** 9am Choir; 11am Filipino; 6:30pm Cantorg

**Tues:** Toddler Group 1:30-3:15pm

**Thurs:** Cleaning in the Church after Mass

### COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £2,590.52p Grateful thanks.

### TODDLER GROUP

The Toddler Group runs from 1:30-3:15pm on Tuesday afternoon. For the time being it continues to be in the cloister area.

### CONFESSIONS

The Clergy will usually be available to hear Confessions every Saturday after the 9.30am Mass until 10.45am

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the 9.30am Mass on Friday.

### AS WE EMBARK ON A NEW YEAR, A FEW THOUGHTS

- 'All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle' - St. Francis of Assisi
- 'It is not true that some human beings are by nature superior and others inferior. All men and women are equal in their natural dignity' - Pope St. John XXIII

### CAFOD Portsmouth Supporters' Meeting - Saturday 4 February 2017

Join us at our next CAFOD Portsmouth Supporters' Meeting on 4 February 2017 from 10am-1.30pm at St Bede's Catholic Primary School, RG24 9DX. There will be a special talk on our livelihoods work in Zambia (our Lenten focus) by Mark Chamberlain and a chance to hear an update on all our exciting campaigns from Dan Hale. Please book a place in advance via 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk.

### YEMEN CRISIS - CAFOD

Please see the section on the opposite page.

### POLISH MASS

Next Holy Mass in Polish will take place on Saturday 21st January at 6.00 pm in Holy Ghost Church, Sherborne Road, RG21 5TD.

### HAPPY RETIREMENT

We wish to thank Joe Murphy, who has worked tirelessly for us over many years... Joe has retired!!

We wish him a long and healthy retirement.

### JOHN PARSONS RIP

John, who wrote 'Parsons's Points' for the Portsmouth People magazine, died recently. May He Rest in Peace

### ADORE (Alton Day Of Renewal) – Sat 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017

You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the *Charisms or gifts of the Holy Spirit*. Please note new venue: at Alton Convent, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 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 web-site: [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)

Or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747.

Next meeting - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February. 11.00-4.00. Guest speaker Peter Hobbs: The Gift of Wisdom, at Alton Convent, Anstey Lane, Alton.

### PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

There is a proposed Pilgrimage to Lourdes on the 14-19th May 2017. Travelling with British Airways to Toulouse and then a coach to Lourdes.

Price is £735 per person, plus £165 for a single room supplement.

A deposit of £150 should be made before February 1st. Please contact Liz in the Parish Office (Tel. No. 465214) if you are interested.

### FIRE MARSHALS

After the appeal by Brian Morris last weekend. We would like to thank all those who came forward to volunteer and they will be hearing from us in the near future. If anyone else would like to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office.

### MASS WITH PRAYER FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING & SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

To be held on Saturday 28th January at 10:30am in the Main Hall of Bishop Challoner School.

Anyone who is sick or suffering in any way, emotionally, physically or spiritually is invited to attend this prayer service with family and friends. We will pray for all those needing healing in any way. During the Mass Catholics who are long term or seriously ill or those preparing to undergo an operation, will be invited to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Light refreshments will be available in the Church foyer afterwards.

### FLOOR FLOOD UPDATE

At present there is no further information since the last update, due to Christmas and Staff holidays.

### CHILDREN AT MASS

Children are an essential part of our community but can parents please also respect the rest of the Community, if your child is struggling to be quiet and still, please avail yourself of the cloister. There are two monitors in the Cloister, so you can still see follow the Mass.

### PASTORAL LETTER

A letter from the Bishop is being read at all Masses today.



## Sacred Heart

London Road  
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### PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Lord, have all those who are unable to be with us at Mass in your safekeeping we remember:

Sister Connie, Mary O'Driscoll, Edna Welton, Patrick Walsh, Helena Allen, Christopher Tyler, Margaret Sauce and Margaret Morrison

### COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £594.87. Thank you for your continued contributions.

### WEEKLY ROTA

#### Saturday 21 January 6pm

Reader: Virgilius Vickers

Eucharistic Ministers: Sister, Helen Weston

#### Sunday 22 January 10am

Readers: Heather Bone, Mary Bone

Eucharistic Ministers: Jill Blackburn, Juliet Henderson

Children's Liturgy: Mary Bone, Louise

Counters: Jan Hughes

Coffee: Maggie Wood, Heather Bone

Cleaning: Helena & Lynne

Laundry: Amanda Aldous

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

To help parents to enable children to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Fr Peter will be available each Saturday afternoon in Church from 4:30 - 5:30pm. He is normally available in the Priest's House from 11:00am - 12:00 noon on Saturdays, if this is more convenient for any family, please ask at the Priest's House. There are some leaflets available to help children to celebrate the Sacrament. We encourage children and their parents to avail themselves of this Sacrament more frequently, say once a month, in order to develop a tender conscience and a greater awareness of God's love and mercy.

### ALPHA IN A CATHOLIC CONTEXT

- Your greatest adventure..?

St. Joseph's will be running another Alpha this term on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the Foyer. Starting on Thursday 26 January - includes a hot meal. For more information please contact Jan

### COULD YOU HELP CAFOD?

CAFOD is currently looking for people at Sacred Heart Parish to help us thank Parishioners for their support and assist with Fast Days (twice a year) and with global emergencies. If you could spare any time to help fight poverty and injustice please contact Lynda or Jo for more information on 01252 329385 or email [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk)

### THE CHURCHES OF HOOK AND ODIHAM

You are invited to an evening of worship and fellowship on Sunday 15th January at 6.00pm, at The Elizabeth Hall, Raven Road, Hook. Bring food to share with others after the meeting

### CAFOD PORTSMOUTH SUPPORTERS' MEETING

Meeting on the 4 February 2017, for more information please find the section on the opposite page.

### YEMEN CRISIS—CAFOD

CAFOD is a member of the DEC – a coalition of leading aid agencies which has launched an appeal to respond to the humanitarian crisis in Yemen. The UN estimates that the conflict has killed more than 10,000 people, with 6,000 people killed this year alone. The resulting humanitarian crisis is significant. More than 7 million in Yemen do not know where their next meal will come from. CAFOD's partner in Yemen is providing humanitarian assistance in the form of food, water, medical care and shelter. Should you wish to support this appeal, you can donate online or send in donations to CAFOD, which will be used towards responding to this crisis.

### SAYING THE ROSARY WITH THE SISTERS

The Dominican sisters from Maryfield Convent continue to say the Rosary each Saturday evening before Mass. If you would like to join in, please come to Mass a little earlier. They begin the rosary at 5.30pm and finish at about 5.45pm.

### SALT AND GRIT BIN

Just a reminder that there is a salt and grit bin by the side of the disabled parking bays, for use when the car park area is icy.

### FOOD BANK

We would be particularly grateful to receive the following items during the month of January: Instant coffee, Cereals, Instant mash and Custard.

### CHRISTMAS TABLEAU

Many thanks to all the young people and parents who joined us in making this years Christmas Tableau such a great success in the Convent. Thank you also to Father Christmas for attending.

### WHITewater GARDEN FOR HEALTH

The Whitewater garden for health project run by Whitewater Health is looking for gardening tools and donations of seeds and plants. If you have any spares that you wouldn't mind donating, please let Jan know in the office.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Fr Peter is our Retired-Priest-In-Residence, please respect this and make your first point of contact as:

Jan Hughes at the Parish Office.  
If urgent call 07719 012955