

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

An account of a journey, one undertaken over two thousand years ago, is given in today's Gospel. The story of the Wise Men who followed the guidance of a star to Bethlehem is recorded only in Matthew's Gospel, but the event has been celebrated in Eastern Church since the third century A.D. in honour of Christ's Baptism and in the Western Church since the fourth century A.D. where it became associated with the first manifestation ("Epiphany") of Christ to the Gentiles or non-Jewish people, represented by the Wise Men or Magi, which can also mean astrologers. That they had come from the east indicates Mesopotamia, the centre of astrology, and therefore a long journey that could have taken many months.

Over the centuries Matthew's account was embellished in Christian tradition: they were named Kings; their number became three (probably because of their three gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh); and they were given the names Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. They were venerated as saints from the Middle Ages, and their relics are enshrined in Cologne Cathedral. In all the images of the Adoration of the Magi is the central message: Jesus is the Saviour of all people; none is excluded from His love. *Taken from Redemptorist Publications*

PARISH SACRAMENT PROGRAMES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Session 3: 14th January 2017, 10 am-12 noon
15th January, FHC Preparation Mass

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.

Next Session: 12th January at Holy Ghost 7:30-8:45pm

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 No. 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

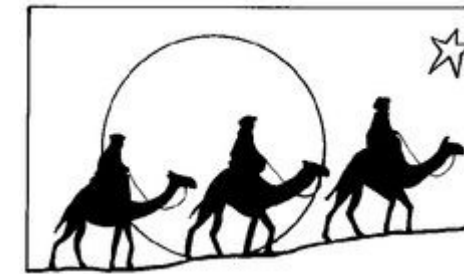
Holocaust Memorial Day is commemorated across the UK and in many other countries. The theme this year is 'How can life go on'. It's a time for everyone to pause to remember the millions of people who have been murdered or whose lives have been changed beyond recognition.

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
Sun 8th	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Rose Easton RIP (Webb)
	6.30 pm	SB	Christina & Christy Fennell RIP (Sammut)
Mon 9th	11.00 am	HG	Eddie Daly RIP
<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>			
Tues 10th	9.30 am	SB	Eddie Davey RIP (SVP)
Wed 11th	9.30 am	HG	John Daly RIP (Daly)
Thurs 12th	9.30 am	SB	Eddie Davey RIP (Traynor)
Fri 13th	9.30 am	HG	Joseph & Allie Joseph RIP (Joseph)
Adoration after Mass at Holy Ghost until 11am			
Sat 14th	9.30 am	SB	Sydonia Kowalczyk RIP (Kowalczyk)
Sun 15th	FHC Preparation Masses		
	9.00 am	SB	Mark Rooney RIP (Rennick)
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	SB	Celestina & Joseph Sammut RIP

Sacred Heart, Hook

Sat 7th Jan	6:00 pm	John Olohan RIP
Sun 8th Jan	10:00 am	People of the Parish
Mon 9th Jan	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	
	10:00 am	
Tues 10th Jan	<i>Feria</i>	
	10:00 am	Good Estate of Jim & Ethel Kelly
Wed 11th Jan	<i>Feria</i>	
	10:00 am	Intentions of the Livingstone Family
Thur 12th Jan	<i>St Aelred</i>	
	9:30 am	Good Estate of Petersen Family
Fri 13th Jan	<i>St. Hilary</i>	
	10:00 am	Good Estate of Sr. Jean of the Trinity
Sat 14th Jan	<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	
	10:00 am	
Sat 14th Jan	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 15th Jan	10:00 am	Peter Elgar RIP
Confession	Held in the Church, Saturday 9.15-9.45am and 5.15-5.45pm. Also by arrangement with Fr. Peter	

The Epiphany of the Lord

8th January 2017

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Assistant Priest:
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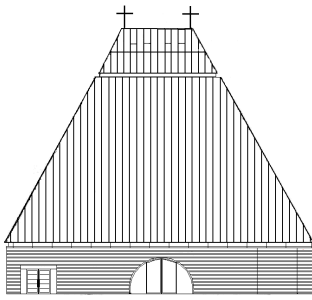
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St. Bede

Popley Way
Basingstoke
RG24 9DX

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PARISH DIARY:

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

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

Fri: Confirmation Session 5, 7:15-9:00pm

Sat: FHC Session 3, 10am-12noon

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £2,501.96p
Grateful thanks.

TODDLER GROUP

The Toddler Group starts up again on Tuesday 10th Jan, it runs from 1:30-3:15pm and will continue to be in the cloister area for the time being.

FUNERALS

Funeral Service for Michael Holmes RIP, on Tuesday 10th January at Worting Road Crematorium at 2pm.

Funeral Service for Constance Bullock RIP, at the Crematorium on Wednesday 11th at 11:45 am.

May they Rest in Peace.

BAMANDA

Archbishop Cornelius and the clergy and people of our twin diocese of Bamenda following recent outbreak of violence and unrest and the City of Bamenda and for all who have been killed or injured. Peace in the world and for those who govern the nations that they may do so wisely and justly. All those suffering in the world through hunger and disease and natural disaster.

For Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life and for all currently discerning their vocation. Sick clergy and lay faithful of the Diocese.

All the faithful departed, for deceased clergy and people of the Diocese, for those recently departed, especially as a result warfare, violence, terrorism and persecution.

The work of all Evangelisation Strategy Teams across our Diocese.

The success of the Convocation of Clergy to be held next Summer.

All the faithful of the Diocese that they may share their time and talents for the the good of the Church and discern how God is calling them in a particular way to be more intentional disciples.

CONFESSIONS

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

AS WE EMBARK ON A NEW YEAR, A FEW THOUGHTS

- You cannot go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending
- Certainty is the opposite of faith
- When faith is strong, night is as the day
- Judgement is without mercy to he who shows no mercy

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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.

An Epiphany Poem: Rise Up Within Us Like A Star

Beckoning God-

Who called the rich to travel towards poverty,

The wise to embrace Your folly,

The powerful to know their own frailty;

Who gave to strangers

A sense of homecoming in an alien land

And to stargazers

True light and vison as they bowed to earth –

We lay ourselves open to your signs for us.

Stir us up with holy discontent over a world

Which gives it gifts to those

Who have plenty already

Whose talents are obvious

Whose power is recognised;

And help us both to share our resources with those who

have little

And to receive with humility the gifts they bring to us.

Rise within us, like a star,

And make us restless

Till we journey forth

To seek our rest in You.

ADORE (Alton Day Of Renewal) – Sat 28th 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

Or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747.

Next meeting – Saturday 25th February. 11.00-4.00. Guest speaker Peter Hobbs: The Gift of Wisdom.

at Alton Convent, Anstey Lane, Alton



Sacred Heart

London Road
Hook
RG27 9LA

01256 577077

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

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

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

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £563.35. Thank you for your continued contributions

ROTAS FOR 2017

If you are not on our email list, there are a number of rotas on the table at the back of the church. If you are on email and I don't already have your details, would you be so kind as to let me have your email address. Jan

WEEKLY ROTA

Saturday 14 January 6pm

Reader: Eileen Cashman

Eucharistic Ministers: Sister, Pat Olohan

Sunday 15 January 10am

Readers: Chris & Amanda Aldous

Eucharistic Ministers: Val Hickey, Maggie Wood

Children's Liturgy

Counters: Ian Liddell, Richard Coleman

Coffee: Gill & Trish

Cleaning: Anne da Silva

Laundry: Amanda Aldous

VOLUNTEERS

We need parishioners to help out in the following areas: Counting money on a Sunday; Cleaning the Church; Serving Tea & Coffee after Mass or Helping with the children's liturgy. If you can help please talk to Jan in the office or Maggie Wood Thank you.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS

If you are interested in becoming a Reader and/or Eucharistic Minister at either of the Masses. Please contact the office on Tel. 01256 577007

FOOD BANK

We would like to thank everyone who generously donated to the Food Bank during 2016 and thank you for your continued support in 2017.

WELCOME TO THE NEW PARISHONERS

We hope you enjoy the services and get to know our fellow parishioners. Please introduce yourself to Fr Peter and any of the welcoming team. If you will be a regular worshipper in our community or for some reason have not recorded your details in our parish records, please let us have your contact details.

THE CHURCHES OF HOOK AND ODIHAM

Invite you to an evening of worship and fellowship

Sunday 15th January at 6.00pm

The Elizabeth Hall

Raven Road, Hook

Bring food to share with others after the meeting

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

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.

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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.

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