



The Book of Leviticus from which our First Reading comes is the third book in the Old Testament. Its name in part comes from the Levites, who were the tribe to which Aaron belonged. Historically Aaron is considered to be the one from whom priests are descended. However, the Bible offers instructions to all of us, not just to priests. In today's reading from Leviticus, God says to Moses that he should teach the people this: "Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy."

There is no way, of course, that we can be as holy as God is. God is divine, not human, and thus His Holiness is above and way beyond our capabilities. What God is saying to us though is that we do need to strive for holiness. We often speak of our

call to holiness and how we can try to achieve that. One way is to embrace stewardship and all it entails as a way of life.

Will that make us holy like the Lord? No, but it does mean that we need to comprehend that it is God and God's wisdom we must embrace and follow. Holiness for us means we need to attempt to separate ourselves from those things and thoughts and ideas which can be viewed as not holy in the Eyes of God. Yes, it is impossible for us, but yet that is what we must try to do.

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PARISH SACRAMENT PROGRAMES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Session 5: 11th March
12th March, FHC Preparation Mass

Session 6: 27th April
28th April, FHC Preparation Mass

CONFIRMATION

Session 5: 10th March
7:15-9:00 pm, St Bede's Church

Session 6: 31st March
Social Session: 28th April

R.C.I.A.

Next Session: Thursday 9th March at 7.30 pm at Holy Ghost Church Hall in Burgess Road.

WORD OF GOD

BIBLE STUDY: 13th March at 7.30 pm, at Our Lady of Providence Convent, Burgess Road .

CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place this year on 18th – 25th August, flying from Southampton with Bishop Philip.

Forms with all details of the price and hotels in Lourdes will be available in the cloister on Sunday 19th February.



SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS 2017

There is a Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass here at St. Bede's Church on Saturday 24th June at 11 am.

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30, 40th, 50, 60th or any anniversary over 60 years this year?

If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. This is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to marriage.

If you would like to come, please contact Liz Murphy in the Parish Office, Tel. No. 465214 or email: anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



Lent Fast day Friday 10th March

Florence is a hard working mother who has been helped by CAFOD's partner in Zambia to learn to become a fish farmer and so provided for her family, and give her children a brighter future by enabling them to go to school.

Please support the CAFOD Lent fast day and ensure that more people like Florence can turn tiny fish into something amazing. Many thanks.

PAROECIAM NUNTIUS

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



MASS TIMES and SERVICES

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

Holy Ghost Parish with St. Bede, Basingstoke

			INTENTIONS
Sun 19th	9.00 am	SB	Giorgina Balbi RIP (Marchesini)
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	SB	Thomas Brennan RIP (Adams)
Mon 20th	11 am	SB	Requiem Kathleen McNamara RIP
Tues 21st	NO MASS		
Wed 22nd	THE CHAIR OF ST PETER		
	9.30 am	HG	Int. Nora Daly (Daly)
Thurs 23rd	St Polycarp		
	9.30 am	SB	Private Intention
Fri 24th	9.30 am	HG	Dec. Mbrs. Braunton Buck & Davidson families (Davidson)
Sat 25th	9.30 am	SB	Vince Herbert RIP (Gould)
Sun 26th	9.00 am	SB	Ned Fagan RIP (McCauley/Monger)
	11.00 am	SB	Fay Redmond RIP (Redmond)
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish

SB = St Bede Church HG = Holy Ghost Church

Sacred Heart, Hook

Sat 18th Feb	6:00 pm	Dec. Mbrs C.R. Gomes Family
Sun 19th Feb	10:00 am	People of the Parish
Mon 20th Feb	10:00 am	Private Intention
Tues 21st Feb	10:00 am	Blessings on the Grech Family
Wed 22nd Feb	THE CHAIR OF ST PETER	
	10:00 am	Irene Teeling & Virginia De Luc RIP
Thurs 23rd Feb	10:00am	Avito da Silva RIP
Fri 24th Feb	10:00 am	Sr. Doris RIP
Sat 25th Feb	Our Lady on Saturday	
	10.00 am	Virginia Le Duc RIP
Sat 25th Feb	6:00 pm	Sr. Celestina RIP
Sun 26th Feb	10:00 am	People of the Parish

Confession Held in the Church, Saturday 9.15-9.45am and 4.30-5.30pm.
Also by arrangement with Fr. Peter

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th February 2017

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PARISH CONTACTS:

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Coordinating Pastor and Dean

Assistant Priest:
Rev. Gerry Onyejuluwa

Retired Priest in Residence:
Rev. Peter Codd

St. Bede 01256 465214

Parish Secretary:
Mrs Liz Murphy
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Thursday and Friday, 9 am - 2 pm
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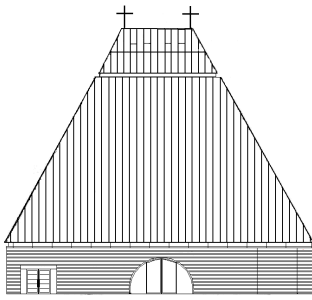
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St. Bede

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PARISH DIARY:

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

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £2,355.93p.

Second collection for SPUC amounted to £405.71p

Grateful thanks.

SUNDAY EVENING MASS TIME.

It has been asked by a number of parishioners if the Sunday evening Mass can be celebrated at 6pm instead of 6.30pm, thereby giving a little bit more of an evening after Mass. Please contact the Office with your views and if there is sufficient interest we'll look closer at the proposition.

FUNERALS

Requiem for Eric Robinson RIP on Monday 27th February at 12 noon in St. Bede's Church.

Requiem for Maisie Marie Philomena Thorn on Thursday 9th March at 11 am at Holy Ghost Church.

Funeral Service for John Rusty Wilson will be on We remember their Families at this time. May they Rest in Peace.

JOE ROBERTSON RIP

The friends of Joe Robertson, who died recently and whose funeral will be celebrated in Ireland, will be gathering on Tuesday 28th March at 11 am, at Loddon Vale Indoor Bowls Club. RG22 6PG. If you would like to go please contact yvonnegrantbtinternet.com or on Tel. No. 01256 850198. May He Rest in Peace.

CONFESSIONS

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

FIRE MARSHAL TRAINING

There will be a 'Fire Marshall' Training Session here at St. Bede's on TODAY at 3 pm. If you have signed up to be a Marshall we look forward to seeing you.

CHOIR REHEARSAL FOR CHRISM MASS 2017

This year's Chrism Mass is on Tuesday 11th April at Portsmouth Cathedral. If you would like to join the volunteer choir for the Mass, please email: coldng@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk with your Name, Parish and Voice (Soprano/Alto/Tenor/Bass/Tune.

It is helpful if you can read music, but no previous experience is necessary.

The rehearsal is on Saturday 1st April at St. Bede's Church starting at 11 am.



A Journey Through Lent

Can you believe it?

Lent starts in ten days' time, Ash Wednesday is Wednesday 1st March.

Lent is the period of six weeks, 40 days (not including Sundays) leading up to Easter, the most important festival in the Christian Calendar.

Lent is the time of preparation for Easter and ends in Holy Week.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHES

As we approach Lent we are trying to plan the Lenten Soup Lunches, which has proven very popular over the last few years... as you know the hall is not yet fit for use, so, as Lent is looming, would you like to host a soup lunch in your home?

If so, please let us know.... We are hoping that during Lent the hall will be available, so venues can be switched from your homes to the hall if that is the case.

ADORE (Alton Day of Renewal)

Saturday 25th February 2017 11.00-4.00

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.

For more information and directions, see the website: www.altonrenewal.com or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747.

SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS

Parents, when you apply for a place at a Catholic Primary School in January 2018 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 provide regarding your Mass attendance is accurate.

As you appreciate St. Bede's and St. Joseph's are large Parishes, and it is increasingly difficult for the Priests to always notice who is present each Sunday.

We would like to offer you a Mass Attendance Card that you can have stamped at St. Bede's and St. Joseph's whenever you attend Sunday Mass. The card is offered as reassurance that your presence has been noted and is a great aid when you want one of the priests to sign your Supplementary information form. Cards will be available in the cloister as from Sunday, 7th May.

Remember, the Priest will only sign the card, if your child is present at Mass with you.

EXTRAORDINARY FORM MASS

A number of people have expressed an interest in a Latin Mass. I will be making contact with a priest who is able to celebrate this rite. More news soon.



Sacred Heart

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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, Andrew Marsh and Margaret Morrison.

REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of Mervyn Sennett who died on 3rd February.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.



WEEKLY ROTA

Saturday 25 February 6pm

Reader: Joy Dummer

Eucharistic Ministers: Sister, Pat Olohan

Sunday 26 February 10am

Readers: Maggie Wood, Michael Rogerson

Eucharistic Ministers: Maggie Wood, Michael Rogerson

Children's Liturgy:

Counters: Jan Hughes, Maggie Wood

Coffee: Doreen & Terry

Cleaning: Anne Da Silva

Laundry: Helen Weston

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.



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The "Women's World Day of Prayer" service Friday 3rd March, this year is prepared by the women of the Philippines and titled "Am I Being Unfair to You?"

Our service will take place in Rotherwick at 2.00 pm. All are welcome! Am I Being Unfair to You presents the question of life not being fair - the oppressed, the poor, the homeless and the child who can't have its own way, the hungry and indeed, Jesus to die on the cross. How do we interpret and make sense of all this in God's world? Please bring a small contribution for the refreshments afterwards. If you are willing to play a part in this year's service please see Maggie Wood.

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.

LENT 2017

Lent starts on Wednesday 1st March.

"I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish that He didn't trust me so much"

'Mother Teresa'

Stations of the Cross

Give some time this Lenten Season

The PPC are asking you to give up some time to reflect on Jesus' path to Calvary.

Come and join us on Friday nights at 7.30pm with the Sisters in the Convent starting 3th March or on Sunday afternoons at 4pm starting 5th March in the Church

THE JOURNEY

During Lent, Our Lady's Church in Fleet will be turning their Church inside out.

They are asking us to join them and walk 'The Journey' After morning Mass on Ash Wednesday, the Way of the Cross will be celebrated outside Our Lady's Church.

And every Wednesday evening during Lent, the Way of the Cross will be prayed by candlelight, and again, this will be held outside by following the Stations of the Cross which will be permanently displayed.

There are some leaflets in the Porch if you would like some more information.

PILGRIMAGE TO LISIEUX

After our successful pilgrimage to the Holy Door in Abingdon, we are thinking about visiting Lisieux, where St. Theresa of the Holy Child entered the Carmelite Convent and where she is buried.

We would travel by minibus from Portsmouth to Lisieux via Caen. This might provide an opportunity to see the Bayeux tapestry or the Normandy landings Memorial Museum.

The proposed dates for the pilgrimage are the 3rd - 5th October 2017. The total cost is expected to be about £250 per person. If you are interested please inform Fr. Peter or Mary Bone (tel: 221793).

HART FOODBANK

We would be particularly grateful to receive the following items during the month of February:

Cereals, Instant Mash, Jam, Tinned sponge pudding, Tinned meat and Long-life fruit juice.

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £655.48. Thank you for your continued contributions.

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