



On this First Sunday of Lent, it seems appropriate that all the readings reflect in some way on the issue of temptation. We are familiar with perhaps the most common prayer, the *Our Father*, in which we ask God to "lead us not into temptation."

In the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, it is interesting to note that #2846 tells us "It is difficult to translate the Greek verb used for 'lead us' into a single English word. The original Greek word means both 'do not allow us to enter into temptation' and 'do not let us yield to temptation.' Sins come from consenting to temptation."

For our Lenten missions, the issue of "temptation" would seem to have numerous facets which should influence us. Clearly we need to pray, and often, for God's help as we try to avoid sin, and attempt to change our lives during this time. Also, we must consider the importance of recognizing and confessing our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These should be part of our Lenten plans; living lives of stewardship might help us continue these efforts beyond Lent and throughout our lives.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen, the late and great Catholic Evangelist and television personality, devoted entire programs to temptation. On one, as he considered Lent a time to seek truth as an endeavour to resist temptation, he said, "It is easy to find truth; it is hard to face it; and harder still to follow it."
"Taken from The Catholic Stewardship.com"

PARISH SACRAMENT PROGRAMES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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

Parents Session: 27th April 7:30-9:30 pm

Session 6: 29th April
 30th 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 more details of the price and hotels in Lourdes are available in the cloister.



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, 30th, 40th, 50th, 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 5th	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Antonio Martino RIP (Nowroozi)
	6.30 pm	SB	Michael Attard RIP (Sammut)
Mon 6th	12 noon	HG	Margaret McNamara RIP (Fond)
	2.15 pm	SB	Funeral Service John Gordon Wilson RIP
Tues 7th	9.30 am	SB	Tom O'Sullivan RIP
Wed 8th	9.30 am	HG	Joe Robertson RIP (Raggett)
Thurs 9th	6.30 am	SB	Private Intention
	11.00 am	HG	Requiem Marie Philomena Thorn RIP
	7.30 pm	HG	Holy Souls
Fri 10th	9.30 am	HG	Deceased Members D'Souza Family
	10.00 am	HG	Adoration until 11 am.
	7.30 pm	HG & SB	Stations of the Cross
Sat 11th	9.30 am	HG	Dec. Mbrs. Holy Ghost Parish
Mass at Holy Ghost. First Holy Communion Children meeting at St Bede			
Sun 12th	9.00 am	SB	Eileen & Harold White, Pat Farrelly RIP (Farrelly)
	11.00 am	SB	Nell & Joe Dresser RIP (Lee)
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish

SB = St Bede Church

HG = Holy Ghost Church

Sacred Heart, Hook

Sat	4th Mar	6:00 pm	Mario D'Andrea RIP
Sun	5th Mar	10:00 am	People of the Parish
Mon	6th Mar	10:00 am	-
Tues	7th Mar	10:00 am	Good Estate of Bryony & Neale Taylor
Wed	8th Mar	10:00 am	Irene Teeling & Virginia De Luc RIP
Thurs	9th Mar	10:00 am	Donors Intention
Fri	10th Mar	<i>Lenten Fast Day</i>	
		10:00 am	Int. of the Parish CAFOD supporters
Sat	11th Mar	10.00 am	-
Sat	11th Mar	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun	12th Mar	10:00 am	Florence Xavier RIP

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

There will be no confessions on Saturday 11th March in the morning

Next Weekend there is a collection for the CAFOD Lenten Fast Day

First Sunday of Lent

5th March 2017

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PARISH CONTACTS:

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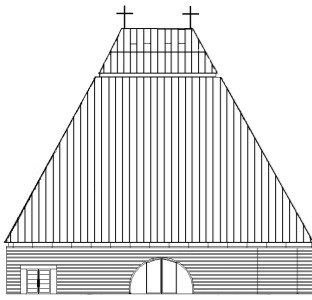
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PARISH DIARY:

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

Tues: 1.30-3.15pm, Toddler Group

Thurs: 7.30pm, RCIA Holy Ghost Hall, Burgess Road

Fri: 7.15pm, Confirmation Session 6, St Bede's Church

Sat: 10.00am, FHC Session St Bede's Church

TODDLER GROUP

The Toddler Group is back in the hall this week! It will be on Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 pm until 3:15 pm.

FUNERALS

Funeral Service for John Gordon Wilson RIP at St. Bede's Church on Monday 6th March at 2.15 pm.

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

Funeral Service for Michael Roberts RIP at the Crematorium on Wednesday 15th March at 3.30 pm.

Requiem for Jacqueline Hudson RIP in Holy Ghost Church on Friday 17th March at 11.45 am. Body in Church on Thursday 16th at 4.30 pm.

Requiem for George Naylor RIP at 11 am on Wednesday 29th March.

May they Rest in Peace.

EASTER CHOIR REHEARSALS

Choir rehearsals for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil start at 7.30pm on Wed 8 March in St Bede's Church. All are welcome to join. Ask members of the 9am Choir or 11am Cantorg singers for more information.

CAFOD LENTEN LUNCH

Fast Day Friday 10th March.

If you are available to host a soup lunch, the hall is now available to be booked. Please check with the Parish Office for availability .

There will be a board in the cloister to sign if you can be a host.

EVERY THURSDAY IN LENT

6.30 am Mass followed by breakfast.

EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT

7.30 pm Stations of the Cross in both Holy Ghost and St Bede's Churches.

TEA AND COFFEE

As the hall is now useable, tea and coffee will resume after the 9 am Mass from the **19th March**. Each week the current and following week rota will be in the Newsletter.

Lent is a Penitential Season helping us to prepare ourselves bodily and spiritually



for the joys of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. It is also the final stage of preparation for those preparing for Baptism and Confirmation or Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil - the 'elect'.

THE ELECT

Yesterday, at the Cathedral in Portsmouth, Bishop Philip welcomed at the Rite of Election the following adults from our Parish who are to be Baptised, Confirmed and Received into the Catholic Church: Janine Berger, Alan Bining and Helen Gee. Please remember them in your Prayers

REPOSITORY

The Repository now has FHC and Confirmation cards and gifts on sale.

MARRIED COUPLES

When someone buys a new a car they usually want to look after it. The manufacturer recommends that they check the battery, the tyres and the oil and get it serviced on a regular basis. Relationships also need to have a 'check-up' from time to time. A **Marriage Encounter Weekend** is an opportunity to enrich your Marriage. The weekend is focussed on various aspects of relationship, including the Catholic Church's Vision for Marriage. Apart from mealtimes and the concluding Mass, the weekend is spent together as a couple. There are no group discussions. Here is a tremendous opportunity to enrich your relationship away from the stresses of everyday life. The next Weekend to be held in this area is at Park Place, near Fareham from 19 to 21 May. For further details please look on the website:

www.wwme.org.uk

UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE

There will be a sale of any unwanted Christmas gifts after the 9 am and 11 am Masses on Sunday 19th March. These unwanted gifts could be very useful to someone else and all money raised will go to Cafod. If you have any unwanted Christmas Gifts, please bring them to Mass on Sundays 5th and 12th March for the sale on 19th March.

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HAVE YOUR SAY - FOOD BANK

The Foodbank is asking Parishioners, who are able, to come to Carnival Hall at any time between 3pm and 7pm on Thursday 9th March, to cast their vote in support of the Foodbank, so that it can get a share of the funds on offer to the local charities who achieve the highest number of votes

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £2,515.57p. Grateful thanks.



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.

WEEKLY ROTA

Saturday 11th March 6pm

Reader: Eileen Cashman

Eucharistic Ministers: Sister, Anne da Silva

Sunday 12th March 10am

Readers: Heather Bone, Mary Bone

Eucharistic Ministers: Val Hickey, Maggie Wood

Children's Liturgy: Fill Byrne & Julie

Counters: Ian Liddell, Richard Coleman

Coffee: Gill Byrne, Trish

Cleaning: Terry & Doreen

Laundry: Jenny Olsen

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.

Please note Father Peter will not be available to hear confessions on Saturday 11th March in the morning.

CAFOD QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 11th March at 7.15 - 9:30 pm in the Parish Hall

Time for you to hone your quiz skills and raise some funds for CAFOD. Bring food and drink. Drinks will also be available from the bar for a donation.

Admission £5; tickets available after Mass and at the door on the night. Raffle prizes are needed. Please leave any raffle prizes in the office. Thank you

WEDNESDAY GOSPEL WEBINAR

This Lent, join our Wednesday Gospel Webinar, every Wednesday from 7 to 8 pm, to discover the depths of the Sunday Gospel. Find out more about God, about yourself and about the Church. Take the time to ponder the Word of God and to ask the questions you cannot ask in church during the homily! You can join the webinar wherever you are, from a computer with a good internet connection and the sound turned up. Here are a few steps to join the webinar: Register: <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation/webinar> You will receive a confirmation email, and reminder emails after that. On Wednesday at 7pm, join the webinar by clicking on the link in your confirmation/reminder email.

LENT 2017

During Lent we do not sing or say either the Gloria or the Alleluia, flowers do not decorate the Church and Baptisms are held over until Easter.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday in Lent

7:30 pm with the Sisters in the Convent

Every Sunday in Lent

4:00 pm in the Church, followed by Benediction.

THE COMMUNITY OF CHARLES de FOUCAULD

is a Community of lay people whose members are called to live the hidden life of Nazareth in the spirit of Bld Charles de Foucauld. Fr Peter Codd will give a Power Point Presentation depicting the life and teaching of Bld Charles and give information about the Community of Charles de Foucauld, on Thursday, 23rd March in the Parish Hall at 7.30 pm.

DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH

The Episcopal Vicariate for Evangelisation wishes to appoint a Personal Assistant to the Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation (EVE). The purpose of the role is to provide a full confidential secretarial and administrative role to the EVE, and in addition provide a sympathetic and efficient focal point for enquiries and administrative support. The role will be based at St. Joseph's, 171a St. Michael's Road, Basingstoke RG22 6TY.

Hours of work will be 16 hours per week initially. 4 hours per day, 4 days per week. Day off flexible – to be agreed. Possibility of increasing to 20-24 hours per week after 6 months. Commencement date: as soon as possible. For an application form, job description and equal opportunities form please go to:- www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancies. Closing date for applications: Friday 17th March 2017 (1600 hours) Interview date: Friday 31st March 2017

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.

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £466.96. 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

