



Easter is two weeks away. There is an understandable and logical reason that we hear the Gospel Reading from St. John about Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead on this Fifth Sunday of Lent. Jesus' Resurrection is ever nearer for us. His miracle of raising Lazarus is the last recorded by John, but its timing is exactly what the Lord wished it to be.

In the Gospel, Jesus makes it all clear to us. The Lord says, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me, even if he dies, will live." That understanding and acceptance and rejoicing at the Resurrection is what Lent has been about and what our preparations in these final days of Lent should be about as well.

Phillips Brooks is probably best known as the author/composer of one of the most endearing Christmas Carols "O Little Town of Bethlehem." However, Brooks also understood what faith is all about. He said, "Let every man and woman count himself and herself immortal. Let them catch the revelation of Jesus in His resurrection. Let each say not merely, 'Christ is risen,' but also 'I shall rise'."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1002) says, "Christ will raise us up 'on the last day'; but it is also true that, in a certain way, we have already risen with Christ. For, by virtue of the Holy Spirit, Christian life is already now on earth in participation in the death and Resurrection of Christ." It is this truth, this hope, that we are to embrace as Easter approaches.

Taken from The Catholic Stewardship.com

PARISH SACRAMENT PROGRAMES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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

Session 6: 29th April
30th April, FHC Preparation Mass

CONFIRMATION

Social Session: 28th April
7.15 - 9.00 pm, St Bede's Church

Session 7: 12th May
Confirmation: 7th June

R.C.I.A.

Next Session: 6th April at 7.30 pm at Holy Ghost Church Hall in Burgess Road.

WORD OF GOD

BIBLE STUDY: 17th April at 7.30 pm,
at Our Lady of Providence Convent, Burgess Road .

ST MATTHEW PASSION

Basingstoke Choral Society, the Croydon Philharmonic Choir and Ars Eloquentiae, conducted by David Gibson, are delighted to present **St Matthew Passion**, an oratorio written by Bach in 1727. Chapters 26 and 27 of the Gospel of Matthew are set to music in what is widely regarded as one of the masterpieces of classical Sacred Music.

Saturday 8th April at the Anvil, Basingstoke: Tickets: £27, £21, £16; Under 16s and f/t students £7 (includes £2 booking fee).

SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS 2017

A Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass will be held 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 you would like to come, please contact Liz Murphy in the Parish Office.

Tel. No. 01256 465214

Email: anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



WE ARE GOING GREEN

In response to the Pope's challenge in Laudato Si', we are moving to 'green energy on a 100% renewable tariff through an alliance between Interdiocesan Fuel Management (IFM), a fuel procurement company set up by a number of Catholic Dioceses, and Churchmarketplace. Portsmouth Diocese will be the 17th Diocese to take up a 'green' energy contract.

As our electricity and gas contracts, in all our churches, come to an end they will be switched over to the new contracts.

DO YOU KNOW?

When you fill in the Gift Aid Declaration Form, together with the establishing of either a Standing Order or the issue of a box of envelopes for every gift you give, the Parish gets Tax Reclaim at no extra cost to you.

Gift Aid Declaration forms and Standing Order Mandates can be found in the Cloister Area.

NUNTIUS PAROCHIALIS

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 2nd	9.00 am	SB	Antonio Martino RIP (Martino)
	11.00 am	SB	Salvatore Agro RIP (Lina Argo)
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish
Mon 3rd	1.00 pm	HG	Nancy Jakes RIP
Tues 4th	9.30 am	SB	Sean Hynes RIP (Byrne)
Wed 5th	9.30 am	HG	Rose Easton RIP (Patel)
Thurs 6th	6.30 am	SB	Liam Murphy RIP (Lawlor)
	7.30 pm	HG	Deceased Members of Holy Ghost Parish
Fri 7th	9.30 am	HG	Holy Souls
	10.00 am	HG	Adoration for an hour
	7.30 pm	HG & SB	Stations of the Cross
Sat 8th			NO MASS
Sun 9th	9.00 am	SB	Int. Mary Huntley
	11.00 am	SB	Roger & Alice Brennan RIP (Adam)
	2.30 pm	SB	Penitential Service
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish

SB = St Bede Church

HG = Holy Ghost Church

Sacred Heart, Hook

Sat	1st April	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun	2nd April	10:00 am	Cathie Hingert RIP
Mon	3rd April	10:00 am	For the Int. of the Sisters of Maryfield Convent
Tues	4th April	10:00 am	-
Wed	5th April	10:00am	-
Thurs	6th April	10:00 am	Irene Teeling & Virginia De Luc
Fri	7th April	7:00 am	-
		10:00 am	Jack Fèrre RIP
Sat	8th April	10.00 am	-
Sat	8th April	6:00 pm	Delia Merryweather RIP
Sun	9th April	10:00 am	People of the Parish.
		2:30 pm	Penitential Service at St Bede's

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent & Third Scrutiny

2nd April 2017

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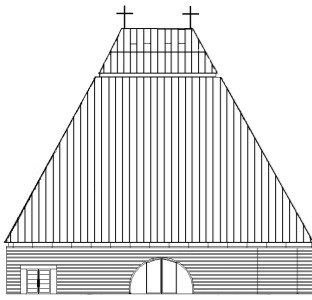
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PARISH DIARY:

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

Tues: 1.30-3.15pm, Toddler Group

Thurs: RCIA, 7.30 pm Holy Ghost Church Hall

FUNERALS

Service for Francisco Pimentel-Pinto RIP at the Crematorium on Wednesday 12th April at 2 pm. Service for Michael Leahy RIP at the Crematorium on Thursday 13th April at 12.30 pm. May they Rest in Peace.



PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE

The new edition of our bi-monthly Diocesan Magazine is available from all our Churches. It is free and gives a good insight into what is going on. Do take a copy...

CONFESSIONS

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

EVERY THURSDAY IN LENT

6.30 am Mass followed by breakfast at St. Bede's Church.
7.30pm Mass at Holy Ghost.

EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT

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

TEA AND COFFEE

2nd April: Terri Sitton, Noleen Hornby
23rd April: Mairead Cleary, Martin & Maureen Kelly

Thank you to those who made cakes for last weeks cake sale after the 11 am Mass (and those who ate the cakes) the total amounted to £152.17p.

SOUP LUNCH

There was a BAAC Soup Lunch last weekend, thank you to those who came and supported the soup lunch, £220 was raised.

WHAT IS THE SVP?

The work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is to seek and find those in our Parishes who are in need. To quietly visit and befriend them and offer support by word and deed. Would you like us to visit YOU? Does this often invisible way of "Loving our Neighbour as ourselves" attract YOU? We sincerely hope so, the need continues and we need new Members. Why not speak to an S.V.P. Member? Leave your name and contact number with the Parish Office, or contact Rex Barham.

CAFOD

A total of the money raised for CAFOD over this period will be published, including the gift sale, cake sale and soup lunches.

Palm Sunday
Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service
2:30pm St Bede's Church

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday
The Lord's Supper at 8:00pm
Followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose

Good Friday
The Lord's Passion at 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday
Swieconka (Blessing of Polish Food) 10:30 am
EASTER VIGIL 8:30pm

Easter Sunday
Masses at 9 and 11 am - No evening Mass

CHURCH CLEANING

The next Church cleaning is on Maundy Thursday, 13th April between 10 and 11 am. Please can we have as many volunteers as possible to help prepare the Church for the Easter Triduum. Thank you to all who come fortnightly to help clean the Church.

HEAD OF CENTRE URGENTLY NEEDED!

Would you like to lead a friendly local team of Marriage Preparation Facilitators and Counsellors making a big difference to people's lives in the local area? Marriage Care are in urgent need of a **Head of Centre** to lead the team and coordinate services in and around the Reading area. If you believe in supporting relationships, have experience of managing a team and possess good communication and people skills why not contact us at: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk or visit our website: www.marriagecare.org.uk for more information.

Your Voice Matters – Mega Youth Poll

In 2018, Pope Francis will invite Bishops and others to Rome to talk about Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment. At this gathering they will discuss how the Catholic Church can accompany young people in their faith and help them to hear God's call. If you are aged between 13-29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you, we want to hear what life is like, your thoughts on faith and how you connect with the Catholic Church. To help you tell us we have created a Youth Poll that you can access by going to: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll> If you're not in this age group but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll by giving them the link. For queries about the Youth Poll please email: synod2018@cbcew.org.uk.

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £2,256.39p.
Second collection for Clergy Assistance Fund amounted to £359.40p. Grateful thanks.



Sacred Heart

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PARISH DIARY

Friday 7 April 7am early morning Mass followed by breakfast
Friday 7 April March 7:30pm Stations of the Cross
Sunday 9 April 2:30pm Pastoral area Lenten Reconciliations at St Bede's Church
Sunday 9 April 4pm Stations of the Cross

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 as 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 8th April 6pm

Reader: Eileen Cashman
Eucharistic Ministers: Sister, Anne da Silva

Sunday 9th April 10am

Readers: Jackie Hopgood, Jacqui Clark
Eucharistic Ministers: Val Hickey, Maggie Wood
Children's Liturgy: Next Liturgy 23rd April
Counters: Heather Bone, Joseph Sharp
Coffee: Tony & Jackie
Cleaning: Anne da Silva
Laundry: Heather Bone

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.

PASTORAL AREA LENTEN RECONCILIATIONS

Lenten Reconciliations for the whole Pastoral Area will be on Sunday 9th April at 2.30pm in St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke. All are welcome.

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.

Palm Sunday
Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service
2:30pm St Bede's Church

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7:30pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from conclusion of Mass until Midnight

Good Friday
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION 3:00pm

Holy Saturday
EASTER VIGIL 8:00pm

Easter Sunday
MASS 10:00am

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.

PALM SUNDAY

We will gather in the hall and process to the Church. (On Saturday evening Fr. Peter will begin the procession from the back of the Church)

MAUNDY THURSDAY

We need 12 people to volunteer for the foot-washing at the Mass of the Lord's Supper. There is a list for you to sign in the porch. Thank you.

CAFOD DISASTERS EMERGENCY RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket or made a donation last weekend, we raised £547.60. I have some prizes in the office, if you have one of the following winning tickets please talk to Jan or Maggie after Mass.

Prize	Ticket	Prize	Ticket
1	Lilac/White 15	13	Yellow 66
3	Yellow 115	14	Yellow 33
4	Yellow 4	16	Lilac/White 96
7	Lilac/White 313	19	Lilac/White 47
8	Lilac/White 335	20	Lilac/White 77
9	Yellow 140	21	Yellow 151
10	Lilac/White 263	22	Yellow 82
11	Lilac/White 318	23	Yellow 57
12	Yellow 54	25	Yellow 205

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £634.12. 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