



In today's Gospel Reading from John, we hear the story of the Samaritan woman whom Jesus confronts at the well. Jesus and His Apostles are traveling from Jerusalem in the south to Galilee in the north. The quickest route, although inconvenient in some ways, was through Samaria. Jesus' followers went to the nearby village of Sychar to procure food while He sat tired and thirsty by what is called Jacob's Well.

It was about noon, the hottest part of the day, and a Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Jesus breaks three Jewish customs in His exchange with the woman. First, He spoke to a woman, something forbidden to men with strange women; second, she was a Samaritan woman, a group

with whom Jews did not normally mix; third, He asked her to give Him a cup of water, which would have made Him ceremonially unclean from using her cup or jar. The woman was rightfully shocked.

However, Jesus told her that He could give her "living water." At that time some spring water was carbonated and it seemed "alive" as it bubbled up from the ground, so it was called "living water." Jesus meant that the water He offered was alive in a different way because it could both give life and quench spiritual thirst.

Although the whole situation is amazing to the woman, she is particularly struck by how much Jesus knows about her. She reports to her fellow Samaritans "He told me everything I ever did." That is not what she found so surprising though. What truly astonished her was that in spite of that knowledge, Jesus still loved her. Jesus loves us as well, despite our many shortcomings and sins.

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### 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 6: 31st March

7.15 - 9.00 pm, St Bede's Church

Social Session: 28th April

Session 7: 12th May

#### R.C.I.A.

Next Session: 23rd 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 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> June at 11 am.

Are you celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



### GIFT AID

Why is it so important to Gift Aid? When you donate to CAFOD and fill in a Gift Aid form, you can increase the value of your gift by 25p for every £1 you give - at no extra cost to you! This extra 25% makes a big difference and means that CAFOD are able to support our partners with additional funding. In the last year alone, they have raised over £2.6 million through Gift Aid donations from communities like ours! Just think of all the lives that money has changed.



# 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

All Sunday Masses this weekend are First Holy Communion Preparation Masses

		INTENTIONS	
Sun 12th	9.00 am SB	Eileen & Harold White, Pat Farrelly RIP (Farrelly)	
	11.00 am SB	Nell & Joe Dresse RIP (Lee)	
	6.30 pm SB	People of the Parish	
Mon 13th	12 noon HG	Nonnie McDonnell RIP (Ann Rogers)	
Tues 14th	9.30 am HG	Ronan Child RIP (Murphy)	
Wed 15th	9.30 am HG	Michael Nevin RIP (Grace)	
	3.30 pm	Michael Roberts Funeral @ Crematorium	
Thurs 16th	6.30 am SB	Int. Kate Webb (Murphy)	
	7.30 pm HG	Rosie Sheedy RIP (Webb)	
Fri 17th	9.30 am HG	Int. Joe & Anne Murphy (Huntley)	
	10.00 am HG	Adoration for an hour	
	11.45 am HG	Requiem Mass Jacqueline Hudson	
Sat 18th	7.30 pm HG & SB	Stations of the Cross	
	9.30 am HG	For those who Minister to Our Fellow Parishoners	
Sun 19th	9.00 am SB	People of the Parish	
	11.00 am SB	Michael Colley RIP (Colley)	
	6.30 pm SB	Int. Rev Mgr Canon Vincent Harvey (Luker)	

SB = St Bede Church

HG = Holy Ghost Church

### Sacred Heart, Hook

Sat 11th Mar	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 12th Mar	10:00 am	Florence Xavier RIP
Mon 13th Mar	10:00 am	John Daly
Tues 14th Mar	10:00 am	John & Ann Daly & Family
Wed 15th Mar	9:30 am	-
Thurs 16th Mar	10:00 am	Ann Daly
Fri 17th Mar	ST PATRICK	-
	10:00 am	-
Sat 18th Mar	10.00 am	-
Sat 18th Mar	6:00 pm	Private Intention
Sun 19th Mar	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

### Second Sunday of Lent

12th March 2017

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### PARISH CONTACTS:

**Parish Priest:**  
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Coordinating Pastor and Dean

**Assistant Priest:**  
Rev. Gerry Onyejuluwa

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

**St. Bede 01256 465214**

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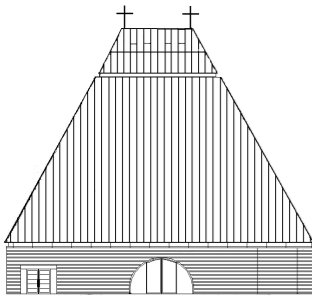
**Parish Administrator:**  
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## St. Bede

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### PARISH DIARY:

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

**Mon:** Word of God, 7.30 pm Convent Burgess Road

**Tues:** 1.30-3.15pm, Toddler Group

### TODDLER GROUP

The Toddler Group is back in the hall, it will run on Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 pm until 3:15 pm.

### CHILDRENS LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy will be resuming on the 7th May, during the 9 am and 11 am Masses.

### CHURCH CLEANING

There will be no Church Cleaning next Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. The next Church cleaning will be on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 10 – 11 am.

### THANKS

We have many Parishioners who give of their time freely and without complaint, who weekly bring Parishioners to Mass, take Holy Communion to the Housebound, visit the sick, do shopping etc. We wish to acknowledge that they do a very worthwhile and invaluable service to our St. Bede's Parish Community. Thank you.

### FUNERALS

Funeral Service for Michael Roberts RIP at the Crematorium on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30 pm.  
Requiem for Jacqueline Hudson RIP in Holy Ghost Church on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 11.45 am. Body in Church on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> at 4.30 pm.  
Requiem for Mike Redmond RIP takes place in St. Bede's Church on Thursday 23rd March. His Body will be received into the Church on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 5 pm. We remember Mike's family and friends at this sad time. May they Rest in Peace.

### CONFESSIONS

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

### 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 (next week). All money raised will go to Cafod. If you have any unwanted Christmas Gifts, please bring them to Mass on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> for the sale on 19<sup>th</sup> March.

### REPOSITORY

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

Lent is a Penitential Season helping us to prepare ourselves bodily and spiritually for the joys of the Resurrection on Easter Day. 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'.



### EVERY THURSDAY IN LENT

6.30 am Mass followed by breakfast at St. Bede's Church.

### EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT

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

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

Saturday 25th March at 10.30 am in the Main Hall in 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.

### DO YOU WANT TO HELP REFUGEES?

The Diocesan Refugee Response Working Group is looking for new members. We are also planning events and creating a list of people who would like to be kept informed. For Working Group members, we are looking for people who are passionate about helping refugees and have specific skills to offer, from various specialists to administration and organisation skills. If you would like to help or find out more, please contact Fr. Peter Hollins on 01730 262 290 or email: pcs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk  
Webpage: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/rrwg/

### ADORE Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 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. 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 poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747.

The following month, 22nd April, our guest speakers will be Geoff and Gina Poulter talking about the Gift of Prophecy.

### TEA AND COFFEE

Tea and Coffee is resuming next Sunday after the 9am Mass.  
19th March: Jean Murphy, Catherine Denning & Mary Huntley  
26th March: Ben McDonnell, Dorothy Gibson

Sunday 26th March after the 11 am Mass, there will be refreshments in the hall and a sale of cakes..... If you could donate some home made cakes, that would be wonderful, please bring them on the day. All proceeds are for CAFOD.

### COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £2,670.94. Grateful thanks.



## Sacred Heart

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### PARISH DIARY

Sunday 12 March 4pm Stations of the Cross

Friday 17 March 7:30pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday 23 March 7:30 Presentation on The Community of Charles de Foucauld

Friday 7 April 7am early morning Mass followed by breakfast

Sunday 9 April 2:30pm Pastoral area Lenten Reconciliations

### 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 18th March 6pm

Reader: Virgilius Vickers

Eucharistic Ministers: Sister, Pat Olohan

#### Sunday 19th March 10am

Readers: Joseph Sharp, Clarie Collins

Eucharistic Ministers: Jill Blackburn, Juliet Henderson

Children's Liturgy: Mary Bone, Louise

Counters: Jan Hughes, Maggie Wood

Coffee: Maggie Wood, Heather Bone

Cleaning: Hannah Goddard

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.

### HART FOODBANK Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday can be a difficult time for women facing crisis, especially mums facing hunger who are unable to provide food for their families or afford basic toiletries many of us take for granted. At Hart Foodbank, we meet mums who share heart breaking stories about the difficulties they face to put food on their children's plates. No mum should feel like they have let their children down because of something outside their control - like illness or an unexpected bill – which has thrown the family into crisis. That's why we give not only emergency food but also compassionate support and hope to our clients. As Mothering Sunday approaches, we are calling for donations of shampoo, sanitary products, nappies, shower gel and toothpaste to help women and children. Help us to give local mums needing help a little something extra this year.

### 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.

### 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 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 Bl. Charles de Foucauld. Fr Peter Codd will give a Power Point Presentation depicting the life and teaching of Bl. Charles and give information about the Community of Charles de Foucauld, on Thursday, 23rd March in the Parish Hall at 7.30 pm.

### 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.

### CAFOD Lent Fast day Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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. Please give as much as you can in this week's Collection. Thank you.

### COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £487.97.

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

