

# THE MESSENGER

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

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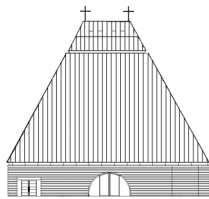


## FIFTEENTH & SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16th & 23rd July 2017

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Year A

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



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After Mass on Saturday  
mornings

**Holy Ghost Church**  
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Basingstoke,



### Holy Ghost & St. Bede's Churches

*A sower went out to sow.*

**Sun 16th** 9.00 am SB Marion Bedford RIP (Bedford)  
11.00 am SB Basingstoke Presidents (Catenians)  
6.30 pm SB People of the Parish

Mon 17th No Mass

Tues 18th 9.30 am SB Feliks Bogacki RIP (Sawko)  
Wed 19th 9.30 am HG Mary Duffy RIP (Duffy)  
Thur 20th 9.30 am SB Jillian Sims RIP (Sims)  
6.00 pm SB School Leaving Mass for Mr Murray  
Fri 21st 9.30 am SB End of Term School Mass  
Sat 22nd 9.30 am SB Danielle Renaud RIP (Sauleek)



*Let them both grow till the harvest.*

**Sun 23rd** 9.00 am SB Moya Meredith RIP (Meredith)  
11.00 am SB John Rusty Wilson RIP (Parish)  
6.30 pm SB People of the Parish

Mon 24th 12.00noon HG Int. Francis Morris  
Tues 25th 9.30 am SB Int. John Long & Family (Choir)  
Wed 26th 9.30 am HG Dave Webb RIP (Webb)  
Thur 27th 9.30 am SB Dec. Mbres Liddell Family (Fond)  
Fri 28th 9.30 am HG Int. Hook Parishioner  
Sat 29th 9.30 am SB John and Mamie Hynes RIP (Murphy)



**Sun 30th** 9.00 am SB Anna Bowan RIP & Mary Togher RIP  
11.00 am SB People of the Parish  
6.30 pm SB Felicjan Sawko RIP (Sawko)



**Please remember the Church is God's House where people come to pray...**

**Please respect His House - turn off mobiles, no food, drink, or Chewing Gum thank you.**

## PARISH DIARY:

**Sun 16th: Music:** 9am Choir; 11am Cantorg;

6:30pm Lord's Flock

Children's Liturgy introduction after 9 & 11 am Masses today

**Mon 17th: Bible Study:** 7:30 Burgess Road Convent

**Sun 23rd: Music:** 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg:

6.30 pm: Guitar

**BAAC** Café after 11 am Mass

## ST. BEDE'S HEADTEACHER MR TONY MURRAY

Mr. Tony Murray, Headteacher at St. Bede's School for the last eleven years, will be leaving for pastures new at the end of this term. Fr. Chris will be celebrating Mass at 6 pm on Thursday 20th July, here at St. Bede's Church, in thanksgiving for all Mr. Murray has achieved at the School. He will be greatly missed.

You are all most welcome to attend Mass, there will be light refreshments in the hall afterwards.

## TODDLER GROUP

Toddler Group has now finished for the summer. Thank you to everyone who has helped keep the group going this past school year, especially whilst we were in the cloisters. As always thank to all the volunteers and good luck to the children (and their parents) who are starting school in September. We look forward to seeing you when we return on Tuesday September 12th, our 10th anniversary.

## RETREAT DAY FOR THE DEAF

**9th August 2017 –**

There will be a retreat day for the deaf on Wednesday 9th August 2017 at St John's Cathedral and Discovery Centre. This event will be fully sign-interpreted. The theme for the event is St Edith Stein. The day will begin at 10:45 and will include Mass at 12.15. If you are interested then please contact Fr Robin Ellwood on email, [careofthedeaf@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:careofthedeaf@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## SCHOOL OUT FOR SUMMER

We wish all our Teachers, Parents, Children a wonderful Summer holiday, stay well and safe.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Maya Alicja Osuch, Zane Ebbabha and Isabella Rae Tring who will be Baptised on Sunday 23rd July at 12.30 pm

## ADORE

(Alton Day Of REnewal) – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 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, at Alton Convent, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. For more information and directions, see poster or website: [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com) or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747.

## CAFOD Portsmouth Harvest Briefings

Join us at special Harvest Briefings at either Reading (Thursday 7 September from 7.30pm to 9pm at English Martyrs' Church Hall, 64 Liebenrood Road, Reading RG30 2EB) or Winchester (Saturday 23 September from 2.15pm to 4.15pm at St Stephen's Church Hall, Oliver's Battery Road, Winchester S022 4JB) to find out more about CAFOD's work in El Salvador, the focus for Harvest Fast Day. Please book a place in advance via 01252 329385 or [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) Thank you.

## COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £ 2,433.46.  
Apostleship of the Sea amounted to £445.17  
Grateful thanks.

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## VERITATIS SPLENDOR - The Splendour of Truth

*In coming weeks we'll take a closer look at the official Vatican-released summary of St John Paul II's encyclical, Veritatis Splendor (The Splendour of Truth).*

### The Reasons for This Encyclical

Stimulated by the papal magisterium of the last two centuries, the Church has continued to develop her rich tradition of moral reflection on many different spheres of human life. That heritage is now confronted by the challenge of a new situation in society and in the Christian community itself. Alongside praiseworthy attempts at the renewal of moral theology in accordance with the wishes of the Second Vatican Council, doubts and various objections with regard to the Church's moral teaching have arisen, even within Catholic moral theology.

It has become increasingly evident that this is no longer a matter of limited and occasional dissent from certain specific moral norms, but rather a general and systematic calling into question of traditional moral doctrine as such, on the basis of certain anthropological and ethical concepts.

Specifically, in certain currents of theology, the traditional doctrine with regard to the natural law and the universality and the permanent validity of its precepts has been rejected. It is called into question whether the magisterium is competent to intervene in matters of morality and to teach authoritatively the binding requirements of God's commandments. Moreover, it is maintained that one can love God and neighbour without being obliged always and everywhere, in all situations, by the commandments taught by the Church. Doubt is raised about the intrinsic and unbreakable bond between faith and morality, to the extent of theorizing the possibility of forms of pluralism which are in fact incompatible with ecclesial communion. As these ideas become more widespread, no one can fail to see that they have extremely important repercussions for the Church, for the life of the faithful and for human coexistence itself. The pastoral and social problems which have emerged on every level make it possible to speak of a genuine crisis. For this reason the papal magisterium has deemed it necessary to clarify the points of doctrine crucial for the successful resolution of this crisis.