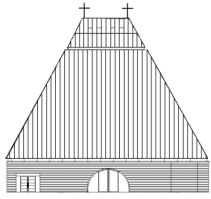


# THE MESSENGER

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

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**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Year B Psalter Week II**  
**Sunday 14th January 2018**

“Behold the Lamb of God.” It is with these words that St. John the Baptist introduces Jesus to two of his followers, who then in turn do indeed follow Jesus to learn more about Him. One of those followers is identified as Andrew, brother to St. Peter, and the other is presumed by historians to be St. John. Throughout his Gospel St. John, although he appears often, is never specifically named.

But why did John the Baptist use that name in particular, “Lamb of God?” Lambs were sacrificed regularly and it was believed that their blood in sacrifice was given for the sins of that day. Of course, the Blood of Jesus was given for our sins, not just for a particular day but for all time.

It is as if each Gospel presents a view of who Jesus is. You might say Matthew shows Him as the King of Kings. Mark presents Him as a Servant of God. Luke views Him as the Son of Man. And John illustrates Jesus as the Son of God. All together the Gospel writers give us a glimpse of the greatest Man who ever lived. This Man/God healed the sick, raised the dead, fed the hungry, and most importantly loved unconditionally. Jesus cares for us like no other. No one has ever loved us like Jesus does.

In our First Reading from the Book of Samuel we hear of how Samuel answered the call of God. His response has become the subject of numerous hymns and other writings. Twice Samuel says “Here I am,” and then declares (once he is aware that it is God Who is speaking to him), “Speak, for Your servant is listening.” One of the more popular hymns has as its refrain, “Here I am Lord; is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.”

Just as the reading from 1 Samuel captures the essence of what our response to God’s call should be, this hymn does as well. Do we respond as definitely as Samuel does? That is what we are called to do.

Taken from Catholic Stewardship

**Sunday 14th January—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week II)**

	9.00 am	SB	Martin Cleary RIP (Cleary)
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	SB	Alfred Attard RIP (Sammut)
Mon 15th	9.30 am	SB	Michael McGuinty RIP St. Bede’s School joining us for Mass
Tues:	No Mass		
Wed:	9.30 am	HG	Tom Lynch RIP (Carr)
Thurs:	8 am—9 am	SB	Adoration
	9.30 am	SB	Joe Murphy RIP (Roche)
Fri:	9.30 am	HG	Margaret Rose Anderson RIP
	10—11 am	HG	Adoration
Sat:	9.30 am	SB	Carmel Hyland RIP (Foran)
	6.00 pm	HG	Polish Mass

**Sunday 21st January—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week III)**

	9.00 am	SB	Jim Fagan RIP (O’Brien)
	11.00 am	SB	Dec. Mbrs Fogarthy Families (Fond)
	6.30 pm	SB	Pat & Geoffrey Manley RIP (Manley)

The universal call to holiness is to be met in the ordinary events of daily life. Like Samuel, we are called to be good listeners, like the disciples, we are invited to seek Jesus’ company.



**LISTEN**

## TODAY IS PEACE SUNDAY

The 51st World Day for Peace, with the title Migrants and Refugees - Seekers of Peace, will be observed throughout England and Wales this coming Sunday, 14th January, the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Pax Christi sends resources to Parishes each year which you can also find

We believe that Jesus was a refugee, had to flee to save His life, with Saint Joseph and Blessed Virgin Mary, had to leave for Egypt. He was a refugee. Let us pray to Our Lady who knew the pain of refugees. Let us be close to these people, sharing their fears and their uncertainty for the future and alleviating their pain with concrete measures. Mary, Mother of refugees, pray for us, asking that the Lord sustain those people and institutions who work with generosity to assure a welcome to refugees, recognise their dignity, and give them reasons for hope. (Pope Francis).

O God, You are the source of human dignity and it is in Your image that we are created. Pour out on us the Spirit of love and compassion. Enable us to reverence each person, to reach out to anyone in need, to value and appreciate those who differ from us, to share the resources of our nation, to receive the gifts offered to us by people from other cultures. Grant that we may always promote the justice and acceptance that ensures lasting peace and racial harmony. Help us to remember that we are one world and one family. Amen.

## PARISH PILGRIMAGE

We are organising a Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Fr. Chris Rutledge between 10th—15th June 2018. More information to follow.



## LOST PROPERTY

Next weekend Sunday 21st January, there will be a selection of Lost Property on display in the Cloister, this is for one week only, any items not collected will go to the Charity Shop or be disposed of.

## FUNERAL

Requiem for Bernadette Martin RIP will take place at Holy Ghost Church on Thursday 1st February at 11 am. Body in Church on Wednesday 31st at 4 pm. May She Rest in Peace.



## IF YOU ARE GOING INTO HOSPITAL

If you wish to receive Holy Communion whilst in Hospital, please contact Liz Murphy in the Parish Office. The Hospital Volunteer Chaplains visit the hospital on a Wednesday to give Holy Communion to those who request it.

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Please pray for all those who are sick:

Lord, have all those who are unable to be with us for Mass in  
Your safekeeping.

Support them in Your love.

Be near them in moments of sickness and anxiety.

Bless all those who care for those in need.

## PARISH DIARY:

- Sun 14th:** **Music:** 9.00 am Choir: 11.00 am Cantorg : 6.30 pm Guitar
- Sun:** We welcome our First Holy Communion Children who will have special duties at all Masses.
- Sun:** White Flower Appeal today
- Tues:** Toddler Group meet 1.30—3.15 pm
- Wed :** Choir practice: 7.30 pm at SB
- Thur:** Church Cleaning after 9.30 am Mass  
Parish Finance Committee Meeting 7 pm SB
- Sat:** Kneeler Group 2—4 pm SB  
Polish Mass Holy Ghost Church at 6 pm

## ADORE

(Alton Day Of REnewal) – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 11.00-4.00  
You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on Renewal and Mission. At Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 11.00am Rosary; 11.30am Mass; 12.15 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch; 2.00pm Praise & Worship; 2.30 Talk “The Good News of Jesus Christ” by Charles Whitehead; 3.30 Prayer for healing. We end about 4pm.  
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](http://www.altonrenewal.com) or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747.

## WEEKEND OF REFLECTION

Jesus and the Kingdom - A weekend of reflection - 17th - 18th of February 2018. Led by David McLoughlin (from John Newman University, Birmingham)  
Venue: Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham, Fareham, Hants PO17 5HA.  
Details: cost £65 before 15<sup>th</sup> of January; £70, later bookings. Fees include all meals and accommodation. For a booking form and further details email: [actaportsmouth@gmail.com](mailto:actaportsmouth@gmail.com) or Tel: 07917 845184

## WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEAR RESOLUTION?

Why not help to make a difference in the fight against poverty and injustice by volunteering for CAFOD? CAFOD, The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are currently looking for volunteers to help them in their work. They are many ways to get involved such as in local schools, in your Parish, or raising issues with your MP. To find out more about our work please come to our Lent Fast Day briefing on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February from 10:30am to 1pm here in St Bede's Church Hall. For more information and to book your place please call Jo Lewry on 01252 329385 or email [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk)

## COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted £2,563,12p Second collection next weekend for the White Flower Appeal. Grateful thanks.

**FINALLY: HAPPY 60th BIRTHDAY FR CHRIS ON MONDAY**

