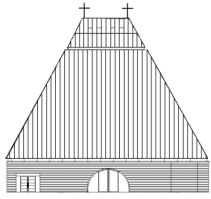


THE MESSENGER

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

A PUBLICATION OF PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE TRUST REGISTERED CHARITY No. 246871



St. Bede
Popley Way
Basingstoke
RG24 9DX
01256 465214



MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Year B Psalter Week III
Sunday 21st January 2018

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Parish Priest:

Rev. Christopher Rutledge:
Coordinating Pastor and Dean

Assistant Priest:

Rev. Gerry Onyejuluwa
01256 951134

Parish Administrator:

Mrs Liz Murphy
Office Open: Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday,
9 am - 2 pm (Tuesday - Admin day)

Email:

stbedes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Website:

www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

Facilities Manager:

Dr Stephen Flitcroft (Parish Office)

Treasurer: Mrs Jan Hughes

Safeguarding:

Angela McGrory (Diocese)

07554427064

Diocesan Office 023 92816396

Jan Hughes (Parish) 07719012955

Holy Ghost Church Address

Sherborne Road,
Basingstoke,
Hants. RG21 5TD

“Come after Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” With these words, Jesus invites Simon (Peter) and his brother Andrew to follow Him and be His disciples. We often speak of the subtleties of translation. In the original Greek in which St. Mark wrote his Gospel, a better translation would be, “Come after Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” It is the beginning of a process.

We are called to that same process. It is not as if it happens quite suddenly. It happens over time, and it is a progression. If we are to be “fishers of men,” we are to be evangelizers and disciples of the Lord, and we are to represent what it means to be part of the Kingdom of God.

Of course, Simon and Andrew “abandoned their nets and followed Him.” It may be more difficult for us to “abandon our nets” so to speak, but it does prompt us that we need to make major changes in our lives if we are going to follow Jesus. Simon and Andrew, and then James and John, were common men, normal people. They had no theological credentials nor did they have any special status in the world.

Most of us are similar. Jesus did not select them (or us) for who they were. He called them for what He could do through them. It is the same with each of us. Yes, we are called, but in order to really fulfil our calling we need to follow and trust in Jesus.

Taken from Catholic Stewardship

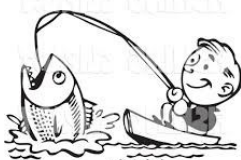
Sunday 21st January—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week III)

	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)
Mon 22nd	12 noon	HG	In Thanksgiving Toyin Okunseri
Tues:	No Mass		
Wed:	9.30 am	HG	Dec. Mbrs Durangparang (Durangparang)
Thurs:	8 am—9 am	SB	Adoration
	9.30 am	SB	Dec. Mbrs Hynes Family (Murphy)
Fri:	9.30 am	HG	Peter Wyles RIP (Luker)
	10—11 am	HG	Adoration
Sat:	9.30 am	SB	Joe Murphy RIP (Bedford)

Sunday 28th January—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalter Week IV)

	9.00 am	SB	Maddie Conboy RIP (Powers)
	11.00 am	SB	Alex Tilley RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish

Today's readings talk of obedience to God, and of people who change their lives in order to be faithful followers; four Fishermen are called by Jesus to leave their old lives behind for a new one.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE

We are organising a Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Fr. Chris Rutledge.

Six days: Departing Sunday 10th June returning Friday 15th June.

Price is £745 pp (sharing), single room supplement is £175.

Please collect forms from the Parish Office.



BAPTISM

Congratulations and welcome to Maya Pluciennik who will be Baptised today.

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.

Requiem for Oonagh Lindsay RIP will take place at Holy Ghost Church on Friday 2nd February at 1.30 pm. We remember their families at this sad time. May they Rest in Peace.



BISHOP CHALLONER PTA QUIZ AND CHIPS NIGHT

The PTA invites you to its Annual Quiz Night on Fri 2 Feb in the School Hall (RG22 6SR), 7 pm for a prompt 7.30 pm start. Teams of 4 -6 people, but if you can't make up your own team, please register anyway and we'll make up teams – it's a good way to meet new people! £8.50 per head includes quiz entry and hot supper: pre-order ASAP but by 25 Jan your choice of fish/chicken/jumbo sausage/veg burger, all with chips. BYO drinks and nibbles – and raffle money! Entry forms available from Mary Lee on 01256 462661 during the school day.

FIRE MARSHAL TRAINING

A training course is to be held for all current and aspiring Fire Marshalls.

This will be an initial course for new Fire Marshalls and a refresher course for current Fire Marshalls incorporating new procedures following the Fire Drill.

The course is expected to last approximately one hour.

The dates are Thursday 8th February at 6.30pm & Sunday 11th February at 3pm. at St Bede's Church.

Would new applicants please notify the Office which date they would like to attend.

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.

LOST PROPERTY

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

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

'Lucky Me' winner for January. Congratulations to Harrison Connor who won £25.

PARISH DIARY:

Sun 21st **Music:** 9.00 am Choir: 11.00 am Filipino : 6.30 pm Cantorg

Sun: White Flower Appeal today

Mon: Bible Study at 7.30 in the Convent, Burgess Rd. SVP at 7.30 SB

Tues: Toddler Group meet 1.30—3.15 pm SB

Wed : Flower Team meet 10—12 am SB
Choir practice: 7.30 pm at SB

Thur: FHC Parents meeting at 7.30 pm
RCIA Burgess Rd. at 7.30 pm

Sun: 28th Refreshments after the 11 am Mass

NIGHT SHELTER

Over £100 was raised on 17th December after the 11 am Mass refreshments.

Thank you to Sammi for organising this, and to those who supported and supplied cakes.

ADORE

(Alton Day Of REnewal) – Saturday 27th 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.

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.

ST. BEDE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

A vacancy for Foundation Governor on the Governing Body has arisen and expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for this Ministry. The term of office is for four years from the date of appointment.

The Governors of a Catholic School work as a team, in close cooperation with the Headteacher and all the Staff. Foundation Governors share the responsibilities of all Governors.

Anyone interested in the Mission of Foundation Governor should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service.

Closing Date for applications is Monday 19th February.

Nomination forms are available from:

schools@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Tel. No. 01329 835363.

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.

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted Second £2,422.12p. collection . **TODAY** for the White Flower Appeal.

Grateful thanks.