

THE MESSENGER

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Year B Psalter Week I

SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We live out the battle between good and evil against the wider landscape of our world and society. We also fight the same battle within ourselves. Living among others we have a multitude of distractions, and the battle gets displaced into blaming others and being hurt by their actions. In solitude we learn to identify the true sources of evil both in ourselves and in our world. Modelling ourselves on Jesus, we also hope that we get angelic support. Our capacity to deal with the complexity of sin and evil is much strengthened by the way solitude also leads to the diminution in the importance of our self. As we become more insignificant we become more free to focus directly on what needs changing, again either in ourselves or in our outer world. We are less afraid, less anxious, less sensitive to our own needs and more attuned to the real needs of others.

The journey into the wilderness with its experience of solitude begins our Lenten journey. It equips us to repent and believe the Good News and to proclaim the Kingdom of God in our own lives. Fasting, almsgiving and prayer are the three practices we are advised to use as we attempt this mixture of purification and growth in ourselves. They are not ends in themselves but the means whereby we become more open to the life of the Spirit working in and through us.

Taken from Redemptorist Publications

Sunday 18th

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9.00 am	SB	Giorgina Balbi RIP
11.00 am	SB	Joe Murphy RIP
6.30 pm	SB	Int Liz Murphy

Mon: 19th

12 noon	HG	Anne White RIP
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Tues: 20th

9.30am	SB	Lisel (Holly) Holbrok RIP
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Wed: 21st

9.30 am	HG	Dec. Mbrs Rozario Family
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Thurs: 22nd

6.30 am	SB	Eric Robinson RIP
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(After breakfast Holy Rosary for those who wish to gather at the Shrine)

7.00 pm	HG	Eucharistic Exposition
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7.30 pm	HG	Stations of the Cross
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Fri: 23rd

9.30 am	HG	Private Intention
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10—11 am	HG	Eucharistic Exposition
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7.00pm	SB	Eucharistic Exposition
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7.30pm	SB	Stations of the Cross
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Sat: 24th

9.30 am	HG	Michael Gaiger RIP
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(Please note Mass at Holy Ghost Church today followed by Confessions)

10—12 noon	FHC	Children at St Bede
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Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday 25th Feb

9.00 am	SB	Alda D'Souza RIP
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11.00 am	SB	Michael Colley RIP
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6.30 pm	SB	Antonina & Feliks Bogacki RIP
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MINI THOUGHT

As we begin Lent together, we are made aware of how we too are tested and meet God and God's adversaries in the wilderness of our lives.

We hope for the same angelic support that Jesus found as He began His public calling to the proclamation of the Good News from God.



LENT 2018

“I know God will not give me anything I can’t handle. I just wish that He didn’t trust me so much!”

Mother Theresa



EVERY THURSDAY IN LENT

6.30 am Mass at St Bede’s followed by breakfast in the Hall.
7.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Stations of the Cross at 7.30 pm at Holy Ghost

EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT

7.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Stations of the Cross at 7.30 pm at St. Bede.

During Lent we do not sing either the Gloria or the Alleluia. Flowers do not decorate the Church and Baptisms are held over until Easter.

Lenten Booklets available for sale in the cloister area.

LENTEN LUNCHES

If you are available to host a soup lunch, the hall is now available to be booked. Please check with the Parish Office. There will be a board in the Cloister Area to sign if you can be a host.

Please sign up for Lenten Lunches (clip board in the cloister area)

BACCA: Saturday 24th February at 1 pm
Sammi & Maria: Saturday 17th March 12noon—2 pm

EASTER CHOIR REHEARSALS

Choir rehearsals for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil start on Wed 21st February at 7:30pm at St Bede's. All are welcome to join the choir for these special Liturgies.

CAFOD

CAFOD’s Family fast day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don’t have enough to eat. On Friday 23rd February Family Fast Day can you give up a meal or eat simple meal and then put what you saved in the CAFOD family Fast Day envelope.

SALE OF UNWANTED GIFTS/PRESENTS FOR CAFOD

We would like donations of unwanted gifts/presents to sell after Mass on Sunday 4th March.

We all have unwanted presents in a cupboard at home, it could be very useful to someone else and you could find something at the Cafod gift sale!

All the money raised will go to Cafod, and during Lent funds raised will be matched by the government. Which means every £1 raised means £2 for CAFOD!

Could you please bring your gifts to the church before Sunday 4th March.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS 2018

Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass here at St. Bede’s Church with Bishop Philip on Saturday 30th June.

More information to follow next weekend.



PARISH DIARY:

Sun 18th Music: 9.00 am Choir: 11.00 am: Cantorg
6.30 pm: Guitar
Children’s Liturgy at 9 am Mass SB
Tues: Repository open 9—3 pm SB
Toddler group meet 1.30—3.15 pm SB
Wed: Triduum Choir rehearsal 7.30 pm SB
Sat: FHC Children 10—12 noon
Sat: BACCA Lenten Lunches 1.00 pm— 2.30 pm SB
Sun: 25th Refreshments after the 11 am Mass
BAACA meet after 11 am Mass SB

RITE OF ELECTION

Congratulations to Faye Lyons and Elise Cooper who attended the Rite of Election yesterday at the Cathedral.

REPOSITORY

There is a wide selection of Mother’s Day Cards (11th March) St. Patrick’s Day (17th March) and Easter Cards in the Repository.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY

The Liturgy the Children follow when they leave the Church for their own Liturgy, should mirror as closely as possible what is happening in the Church, but at a level that the children can understand. We will be making some changes to our Children’s Liturgy to conform to the new Diocesan norms. The Liturgy will be available for Key stage 1 only and for those who have pre-registered. Just for the time being Children’s Liturgy will take place at the 9.00 am Sunday Mass only until we get ourselves organised.

FUNERALS

Requiem for Cathy Short RIP takes place in Holy Ghost Church on Monday 26th February at 1.15 pm. Funeral Service for Norman Cox RIP takes place at Holy Ghost Church at 12 noon on Thursday 1st March. May they Rest in Peace.



AFTERNOON CONCERT

In aid of St. Michael’s Hospice at Trinity Methodist Church, Sarum Hill. RG21 8SR on Saturday 21st April at 4 pm. Music by The Tedesca String Quartet. £10 per person. To book tickets or for further information, please ring on (Tel. No. 07795579485) or hospice.concert@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

Congratulations to Sophia Rose Murphy who won £25 in the ‘Lucky Me’ draw for February.

WEBCAM

If you are housebound, or know of anyone who is housebound, or if you have family living away from home across the world, you can see the Mass celebrated by logging onto: www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted £2,546.21p. If you are to divide that to the number of Parishioners at Mass, that equals £2.59p per person (which includes children—which is approximately the price of one cup of coffee).
Second collection next weekend, Sunday 25th for CAFOD