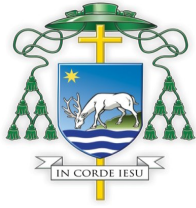


THE MESSENGER

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

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Year B Psalter Week II

SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

As Christians, we believe that the transfiguration is not merely a past event but an ongoing reality. God's voice is creative - God spoke and creation came into being. God's voice is transformative: Jesus literally glowed as God affirmed Him as the Son. God's voice continues to be at work in our world today, and in our lives. But like Abraham and the disciples, we need to learn how to listen and perceive at more than just a superficial level. That takes time and practice and commitment. So much in our modern world militates against that - we want things instantly and effortlessly. But there is no such thing as an instant relationship - with God or anyone else.

When we do listen in Prayer - when we are able to step outside our own expectations and preconceptions and focus, we find that God's voice continues to be creative and transformative. By making time each day quietly to open ourselves to the presence of God, we make room for God to affirm our dignity as God's beloved sons and daughters. And as that reality gradually seeps into the marrow of our bones, we increasingly learn how to live out of that sacred space - to live as Sons and Daughters of God not as a moral imperative or commandment, but because that is who we know we really are at the core of our being. Being Children of the loving Father is something that shines out from our lives - because we have learnt to listen to the voice.

Taken from the Redemptorist Publication

Sunday 25th

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

9.00 am	SB	Alda D'Souza RIP
11.00 am	SB	Michael & Fay Redmond RIP
6.30 pm	SB	Antonina & Feliks Bogacki RIP

Mon: 26th	1.15 pm	HG	Requiem Cathy Short RIP
Tues: 27th	9.30am	SB	Anne Hickey RIP
Wed: 28th	9.30 am	HG	Joe Murphy RIP
Thurs: 1st March	6.30 am	SB	Connie Maroney RIP
	12 noon	HG	Funeral Service Norman Cox RIP

(After breakfast Holy Rosary for those who wish to gather at the Shrine)

	7.00 pm	HG	Eucharistic Exposition
	7.30 pm	HG	Stations of the Cross
Fri: 2nd	9.30 am	HG	Dec. Mbrs Sebastian Family
	10—11 am	HG	Eucharistic Exposition
	7.00pm	SB	Eucharistic Exposition
	7.30pm	SB	Stations of the Cross
Sat: 3rd	9.30 am	SB	John & Emily Liddell RIP
			<i>(Confessions until 10.45 am)</i>

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday 4th March	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Emily Liddell RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	Michael Attard RIP

LENT 2018

EVERY THURSDAY IN LENT

6.30 am Mass at St Bede's followed by breakfast in the Hall.

Holy Ghost Church

7.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7.30 pm Stations of the Cross.

EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT

St. Bede's Church

7.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7.30 pm Stations of the Cross

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, £1.

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)

Sammi & Maria: Saturday 17th March 12noon—2 pm

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

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so

Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 30th June 2018**.

It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to come, please visit the Cathedral website <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/> and complete the on-line form, or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk If you do not have access to the internet, please contact Liz Murphy in the Parish office, who will have the form you need to complete.

To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a **COPY** of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you complete the form online. Alternatively scan and send via email to above email address.

IF YOU ARE GOING INTO HOSPITAL

Please let the Parish Office know if you wish to receive Holy Communion whilst in Hospital.



PARISH DIARY:

Sun 25th **Music:** 9.00 am Choir: 11.00 am: Cantorg
6.30 pm: Priest Led

Refreshments after 11 am Mass SB

BACCA meet after 11 am Mass SB

Syro Malabar Mass 4 pm HG

Tues: Repository open 9—3 pm SB

Toddler group meet 1.30—3.15 pm SB

Thurs: Church Cleaning 10 am—11 am SB

Parish Finance Committee 7 pm SB

RCIA meet at 7.30 pm Burgess Rd. Hall

Choir 7.30 pm SB

Service for Norman Cox RIP at 12 noon HG

Sun 4th Christmas unwanted gift sale in aid of
CAFOD after the 9 and 11 am Masses

WELCOME TO OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION who will be joining us at all Masses this weekend.

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.



WINTER NIGHT SHELTERS

The winter night shelter project has proved to be a great success once again this year. We are coming together to celebrate our successful involvement at St Bede's Hall on Saturday 10th March between 7.00 pm—10.00 pm. Everyone from the Catholic Parishes in the Deanery, who was involved is invited: volunteers, laundry team and set up & clear up teams. Partners are also very welcome. We have also invited Rev Kay and the team from URC, who allowed the Catholic community to come together on Thursday nights to provide friendship and shelter in the URC to the rough sleepers in our town. Please email katie.tambascia@gmail.com if you wish to attend for catering purposes.

COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted £2, 533.96p. If you are to Second collection **TODAY** Sunday 25th for CAFOD

