

# THE MESSENGER

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**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Year B Psalter Week 2**

**Sunday 25th March 2018**

**Thought for the Week**

In his letter to the Philippians, our Second Reading on this Palm Sunday, St. Paul writes, "...he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." Everything we hear today and during Holy Week relates to this statement.

For some 2,000 years scholars and theologians have debated what the phrase "emptied himself" means. As is sometimes the case, in the midst of these debates and discussions they lose focus of what is really Paul's point and teaching perhaps. One of the things Paul might be trying to get us to think about is emptying ourselves to a certain extent. If you have ever been a retreat or been part of a spiritual exercise, you may be encouraged to "empty yourself" so you are prepared to in reality add something.

Jesus gave much up to be the Son of Man. At this point in our Lenten journey, we need to grasp that He gave up His life so that we might have life. That is what should be on our minds as we hear the Passion today and as we continue and complete our own preparation for Christ's resurrection on Easter.

Have you ever heard someone say about someone else "He (or she) is so full of himself (or herself)?" Jesus was not "full of Himself." He emptied Himself, and that is something we, too, must strive to do to be His disciple.

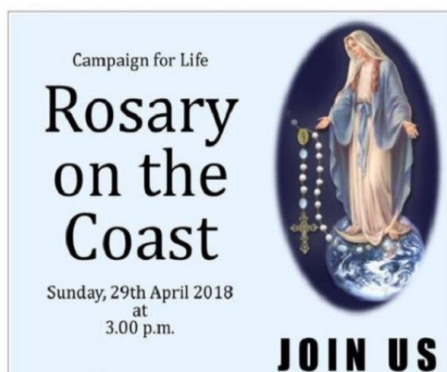
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<b>Sunday 25th March</b>		<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	
	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Michael Colley RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	Felicjan Sawko RIP
Mon: 26th	12 noon	HG	Tom Buckley RIP
Tues: 27th	9.30am	SB	Cathy Short RIP
Wed: 28th	9.30 am	HG	Joe Murphy RIP
Thurs: 29th	8.00 pm	SB	People of the Parish
Fri: 30th	3.00 pm	SB	PASSION OF THE LORD
Sat: 31st	10.00 am	SB	BLESSING OF POLISH FOOD
	8.30 pm	SB	EASTER VIGIL

**EASTER SUNDAY**

<b>Sunday 1st April</b>	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	NO EVENING MASS		

**Monday 2nd April** 12 noon at St Bede Brian Madeley RIP



More details to follow next week

## THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Christ redeemed mankind and gave perfect glory to God principally through His Paschal Mystery; by dying He destroyed our death and by rising He restored our Life.

The Easter Triduum (three days) of the Passion and Resurrection of Christ is thus the culmination of the entire Liturgical year.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Lord's Supper at 8.00 pm

Followed by Watching at the Altar of Response (1 hour)

### GOOD FRIDAY

The Lord's Passion at 3.00 pm

### HOLY SATURDAY

Swieconka (Blessing of Polish Food) 10.00 am

### EASTER VIGIL 8.30 PM

### EASTER SUNDAY

Masses at 9 and 11 am—No evening Mass

All Liturgies at St. Bede's Church



### PARISH DIARY:

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

Refreshments after 11 am Mass

BACCA meet after 11 am Mass SB

**Tues:** Repository open 9—3 pm at SB

**Wed:** Choir 7.30 pm SB

### FUNERAL

Funeral Service for Julie Brennan takes place at Aldershot Crematorium on 28th March at 10.00 am

Requiem for Donald Scott RIP takes place at St. Bede's Church on Friday 20th April at 10.00 am.

May they Rest in Peace.

### LENTEN LUNCH

Thank you to those who supported the Lenten Lunch last Saturday, even though the weather was so bad. Sammi and Maria raised £238.55p. Grateful thanks.

### EARLY MORNING BREAKFAST

Thank you to Jackie, Lynn and Brendan for supplying, serving early morning breakfast during lent. All proceeds will go to CAFOD, we shall let you know next week how much was raised.

£400 was raised, with Government matching and gift aid, in reality it equates to £900.

### SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS 2018

Are you celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.



### FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Sunday 8th April in St. Peter's Church, Winchester, Mass will be celebrated at 3.00 pm.

### THOMAS MERTON

A morning talk (with coffee and cake) about the life of peace activist, interfaith advocate and monk, Thomas Merton with a short prayer service. Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> of April from 1045 to 1245 at The Immaculate Conception Church, Portswood, Southampton, SO17 3SB

### KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA 'LUCKY ME' DRAW

Congratulations to Mr. M. Allen of Lychpit who won £25.00p.

### COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted for £2,037.86p.

### GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Historically a collection is taken on Good Friday for the Holy Places

### HOLY WEEK SERVICE ON THE INTERNET

Please pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish, and all those who are currently in Hospital.

The Sick and Housebound can watch the Holy Week Ceremonies live online at [stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](http://stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk). You can let your Family and Friends know who live abroad also.

### CHRISM MASS

Chrism Mass takes place on Tuesday 27th March at 11 am in the Cathedral, with Bishop Philip and the Clergy of the Diocese. This is an important event in the calendar when the Priests and Deacons re-affirm the promises they made at their Ordination, and Bishop Philip consecrates the Holy Oils to be used for the Celebration of the Sacraments during the coming year. It would be great if parishioners were able to attend.

### MISSIO RED BOXES

Red Boxes will be collected at all Masses on Sunday 8th April. It would be helpful if you could collect a brown Missio envelope (on the stand by the sliding door.) Empty the contents of your Red Box into it and return the envelope on the 8th April.

### GIFT AID ENVELOPES

The Gift Aid envelopes for 2018/19 are now available in the Cloister area, please collect your box, as it starts on 1st April

### THINKING OF BECOMING A TEACHER?

Information and recruitment session at St. Bede's School on Tuesday 27th March at 2 pm.