

THE MESSENGER

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It is strange how some of the resurrection readings do not involve a meeting with the Risen Christ. Instead we are told about the stories of those who come to the empty tomb. Perhaps this is because Jesus does not reveal Himself to His Disciples until they have been prepared to meet Him. They have to look inside themselves first. The Apostles deserted Him. On Holy Saturday, they had to consider what they had done. Now they hear something that suggests that this is not the end. He had said He would rise again, but they had not listened. Do they believe now that it might have happened? Are they willing to accept a Risen Christ? If it is true, then everything is changed, but change is frightening. Our own faith in the resurrection is like that. To find faith, we first have to look inside ourselves, to really think about what we have become and who we truly are.

Peter and the beloved Disciple behave differently. The Disciple who knew what it meant to be loved by God believes before Peter. They both have the same evidence, the same reason to believe, but one had already experienced the love of God. Whoever He was, He had stayed at the Cross, had entered into the reality of love revealed by the Cross, with Mary the Mother of Jesus, and so was prepared to meet Jesus. For Peter it was different. He had run away, he had failed. Yet he too came to the tomb. If he had no willingness to believe in Jesus, Peter would have stayed away.

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EASTER SUNDAY

Sun 21st	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish

NO EVENING MASS

Mon 22nd	12 noon	SB	Int Margaret Patel
Tues 23rd	9.15 am		Mass at St. Joseph's Church
Wed 24th	9.30 am	SB	PV George RIP St. Bede's School joining us for Mass
Thur 25th	9.30 am	SB	Ivory Lapitan RIP
Fri 26th	9.30 am	HG	Alberto Arantes RIP Adoration after 9.30 am Mass until 11 am
Sat 27th	11.00 am	SB	Henrietta Vanni RIP Confessions after 9.30 am Mass till 10.45 am

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sun 28th April	9.00 am	SB	Anna Bowman, Mary Togher RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Antonio D'Souza RIP
	12.30 pm	SB	Baptisms
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish
Mon 29th	9.15 am		Mass at St. Joseph's Church
Tues 30th	9.15 am		Mass at St. Joseph's Church
Wed 1st May	9.30 am		Mass at St. Joseph's Church
Thur 2nd	9.15 am		Mass at St. Joseph's Church
Fri 3rd	9.15 am		Mass at St. Joseph's Church
Sat 4th	9.15 am		Mass at St. Joseph's Church

He is risen, Alleluia!
Alleluia!



I just wish to say a very heartfelt thank you to everyone who made our Easter Ceremonies so beautiful and prayerful. It was truly stunning and I feel so blessed to be your Parish Priest here at Holy Ghost Parish. Thank you also for the Easter cards, gifts and your Easter collection. I shall continue to keep you all in my prayers.

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses at 9 and 11 am
No Evening Mass

EASTER COLLECTIONS

Tradition holds that the Easter Offerings are your opportunity for a personal gift to our Priest. This is the main source of his annual income.

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to the Staff and Children from our Schools after the Easter holidays.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS ANNIVERSARY MASS

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 6th July 2019 at 11 am.**

If you would like to come, please fill in the form on the Diocesan website, www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Please note this address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient, or please contact the Parish Office for the form.

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal)

Saturday 27th April 11.00-4.00

You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Power of Prayer. 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 (please bring finger food to share); 2.00pm *Praise & Worship*; 2.30 *Talk "Praying for the Power of the Holy Spirit."* – Geoff and Gina Poulter; 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 Or telephone Alastair Emblem on 01252 714809.

FUNERAL

Requiem for Rollin Thomas RIP on Thursday 25th April at 10 am, this is now taking place at St. Joseph's Church. May he Rest in Peace.



DIARY:

Fri 26th

Confirmation SB 6.30—8 00 & Adoration

Sunday 28th:

Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg:

6.30 Piano

Refreshments after the 11 am Mass

BACCA after 11 am Mass

Sat 4th May

First Holy Communion Session

EMAIL FROM MONSIGNOR VINCENT

Monsignor Vincent has written to say 'thank you' for coming to the celebration Mass of his 40th Years of Priesthood last Saturday in St Bede. It was great to see so many people, but a challenge to recall all your names!! Thank you for the cards, the gifts and best wishes. Thank you also to Father Chris and the Team who planned and organised the morning. I am so, so grateful. Please pray for me, and I continue to pray for you.

LENTEN LUNCH

Thank you to Sammi and Maria who raised £280 for the Lenten lunch last weekend, all proceeds going towards CAFOD. Thank you for your support.

BAPTISMS

Welcome to Luke John Soton, James Ssevume, Stanley John Baker-Durnford who will be Baptised on Sunday 28th April at 12.30 pm



PILGRIMATE TO THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES & SAINTS OF ITALY

16TH SEPTEMBER - 26TH SEPTEMBER 2019

For further information log onto <http://stswithuns.org.uk/pilgrimage-sep-2019>

BASINGSTOKE FOODBANK

The foodbank is very short of long life milk and fruit juices and tins of rice pudding. Details of other shortages at the foodbank are displayed on a noticeboard in the cloister.

Could you help the foodbank by collecting donated food from Tesco at Chineham. We have a vacancy on our drivers' rota for someone to collect donations between 17th to 20th every month. If you want to know more, please contact Pat on 07785312486

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 during this Eastertide

In Your Safekeeping.

Support them in Your love.

Bear near them in moments of sickness and anxiety.

Bless all those who care for those in need.



COLLECTIONS

Parish Collection amounted to £2,755.19p. Second collection for Easter Flowers amounted to £443.21p. Grateful thanks and a thousand blessings.