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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 2nd June 2019

Jesus' heart and the heart of the Father are united. With the Holy Spirit, they are a true communion of love. Beating as one, the heart of God is desirous of drawing all people to it. Jesus expresses that desire in this beautiful, overflowing song of love from John's Gospel. We hear the words of Jesus and behind these words there seems to be a deep yearning. Jesus yearns, thirsts even, for a true connection with all those who will hear the Word preached. Jesus wants the world to believe and for there to be unity: a united heart of all people with the burning heart of God. He reminds the Father that all those who have come into contact with Him have had the glory of God showered upon them. The Holy Trinity have shared their divine life with humanity. Now Jesus wants that glory to be constantly in the view of all those who believe and are one in heart and mind.

Jesus, speaking truly as God on earth, wants the love that He knows as the Son of God the Father to be in those who follow Him. In fact He wants to be in them, which is the same thing. True paradise is the reality of God's love: Father, Son and Holy Spirit dwelling in hearts, with all having a deep awareness of this truth.

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

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Sun 2nd June	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Yvonne Rutledge RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	Carmine Cataldo RIP
Mon 3rd	12 noon	HG	Gillian Sims RIP <i>Adoration before Mass from 11 am</i>
Tues 4th			No Mass
Wed 5th	9.30 am	HG	James Martin RIP
Thur 6th	9.30 am	SB	Rhona Holland RIP
Fri 7th	9.30 am	HG	Int. Cathy & Joan O'Brien <i>Adoration after 9.30 am Mass until 11 am</i>
Sat 8th	11.00 am		Confirmation Mass Cathedral
	4.30 pm	SB	Vigil Mass

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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Sun 9th June	9.00 am	SB	Tito Gomes RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Frances Morris RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish



We do not need to wait for the Holy Spirit to come: he came on the day of Pentecost. He has never left the church.

CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation candidates will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 8th June at the Cathedral in Portsmouth. Please keep them, and their Catechists, in your prayers at this time.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Fr. Chris is leading a Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes on Sunday 9th June to Friday 14th June. If you wish to send a petition to Our Lady in Lourdes, please write your petition, place it in an envelope clearly marked "Lourdes Petition", Liz Murphy, Parish Office. Please do not place any money in the envelopes.

THE TIME IS NOW!

"The earth, our home is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth" Pope Francis. In his encyclical *Laudato Si'* Care for our Common Home Pope Francis urges us to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and to take action. Climate Change is the biggest threat to our planet, and we are calling on everyone to tell their MPs that the time to act is NOW! Please join us on **Wednesday 26th June** for the Time is Now Lobby of Parliament. For more information and to sign up go to <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/Climate-lobby>

MOZAMBIQUE CYCLONES

To support CAFOD in their work in Mozambique in the aftermath of the recent terrible cyclones, the Basingstoke Catenians have arranged a charity golf day at Weybrook GC on Friday 12th July. Golfers, men and women, of all standards are very welcome to play in order to help this worthy cause. Details and an entry form can be obtained by emailing pfm190654@outlook.com

BASINGSTOKE CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

Basingstoke Choral Society's next concert features **Vivaldi** Gloria, **Handel**: Hallelujah Chorus, Let The Bright Seraphim, Zadok The Priest, **Mozart**: Ave Verum Corpus, **Gounod** Ave Maria, **Chilcott** Canticles of Light, **Stanley** Trumpet Voluntary. Trumpet: Crispian Steele-Perkins. Organ: Ian Le Grice. Soprano: Lucinda Cox. Conductor: David Gibson. The event is taking place on 29th June at 7.30pm in St Michael's Church Basingstoke RG21 7QW. Tickets: Adults £15, Under 16's £5, from choir members or on the door. Website: basingstoke-choral.org.uk

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

The Catholic Church celebrates World Communications Day today, when we are asked to pray for those who work in the media, for all those professionals who work in Communications, and particularly for those who are responsible for communicating on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country. This weekend a second collection is taken after Mass to fund this important work. Please help us continue this work by contributing generously to the collection.

DIARY:

Sunday 2nd :

Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Popley:
6.30 pm Lord's Flock
Refreshments after 9 am Mass

Sue & Frank McKenna are leaving Old Basing after 25 years. The Community here at St. Bede's has been a huge part of their lives, especially the choir. Their farewell weekend will be on Sunday 9th June, and they have invited us, the Parish, to tea/coffee and cake refreshments in the hall after the 9 am Mass. We wish Sue and Frank a happy, healthy and long life in their new venture, and thank them on behalf of the Parish for many years devotion in the Choir.

Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB

Tues 4th

Toddler Group 1.30 pm to 3.15 pm SB

Wed 5th

Parish Finance Meeting 5.30 pm SB

Welcoming our Neighbour 7pm SB

Choir 7.30 pm SB

Thur 6th

Repository shop open 9.00am to 1.30pm

Sunday 9th:

Welcome to Fr. Kevin Jones who will be celebrating all Masses today.
Sue & Frank McKenna refreshments after the 9 am Mass.

WELCOMING OUR NEIGHBOUR

Come along to the Caritas seminar at St. Bede's on Wednesday 5th June at 7 pm. Sean Ryan, National Caritas Refugee Co-ordinator and Kevin Gallagher, Portsmouth Diocese Caritas Director, will be telling us what is involved in a project to help a refugee family re-settle in the UK. For further information please contact Pat Murphy on 07785 312486.

BASINGSTOKE FOODBANK



The Foodbank is in need of

donations of plastic bags. All donations gratefully received.

BASINGSTOKE AFRICAN CARIBBEAN CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION

BACCA will be having their annual Summer Social as a fund raising event for the Parish on Saturday 22nd June between 1 pm and 5 pm. It will be a great day out for the whole family and all parishioners are most welcome. Activities include a BBQ, Musical Chairs, Egg n Spoon race, Drinks, Face Painting, Sack Race, Desserts, Lucky Dip and much more.

Tickets are only £5 per adult and accompanied children eat free! Tickets will be on sale after all Masses.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Parish Collection amounted to £2,456.09p. Grateful thanks. Tea at 3 raised over £900 for St. Michael's Hospice last Wednesday, grateful thanks to all who supported Cathy and Joan O'Brien.