

# THE MESSENGER

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## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's Gospel begins with a summary statement: "When Judas had gone ..." Four words which are so poignant. We know exactly what Judas is going to do, even though it is not spelled out for us: he goes to complete the process whereby he will betray Jesus to the authorities. The next time Jesus and Judas will meet is when Judas leads the guards sent by the chief priests and the Pharisees to the place where he knows Jesus would be. In four words, our Gospel passage for today reminds us of the role Judas will play in this narrative.

Those same four words also prompt us to recall what has already happened in the room that Judas has just left. There, after the meal was concluded, Jesus scandalised Peter by wanting to wash the feet of all present. In the ancient world washing the feet of another was a task for the lowliest of slaves. That's why Peter is so scandalised at Jesus' behaviour: his Lord wants to degrade Himself totally by washing the feet of sinners. Judas was one of those whose feet were washed by Jesus.

As if that were not enough, Jesus then announces that one of them will betray Him: the one to whom He will give the piece of bread that He shall dip in the dish. This has clear Eucharistic implications. When He gives Judas the piece of bread, He says, "What you are going to do, do quickly." Judas goes out—into the dark. Judas leaves the light of Christ to go into the dark of Jesus' enemies. But Jesus has just demonstrated His total love for every human being who ever did exist or ever will exist. His double outreach to Judas makes it plain that no one is excluded from Jesus' love.

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

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<b>Sun 19th May</b>	9.00 am	SB	Cecilia Higgins RIP
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	SB	Dec. Mbrs Hynes Family
<b>Mon 20th</b>	12 noon	HG	Int. Pat Rolston Adoration before Mass from 11 am
<b>Tues 21st</b>	No Mass		
<b>Wed 22nd</b>	No Mass — Fr. Chris attending Safeguarding training		
<b>Thur 23rd</b>	9.30 am	SB	Sheila Budgen RIP
<b>Fri 24th</b>	11.00 am	SB	St Bede's Day Mass (School joining us)
<b>Sat 25th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Dorothy Liddell RIP
Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am			

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

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<b>Sun 26th May</b>	9.00 am	SB	Donor's to St. Bede's Church Baptism: Shawn Bursak
	11.00 am	SB	Dea Arantes RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish

I am extremely grateful for the very generous Easter Offering you made to me. Thank you and please be assured of my humble prayers. God bless, Fr Chris

## ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday 30th May is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be two Masses here at St. Bede's Church 9.30 am and 7.30 pm.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion children who made their First Holy Communion yesterday. Please keep the children in your prayers. Thank you to all the Catechists who have prepared the children during the past year, and to everyone involved in organising the programme.



## PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2020

When you apply for a place at our Catholic Primary School, you will be required to complete a Supplementary Information Form stating how often you have attended Sunday Mass in the past year. **Stamping of cards for this will commence in October 2019— no action required for the moment!**

## TEA AT 3

Join us for "Tea at 3" on Wednesday 29th May in St. Bede's Church Hall. All proceeds going towards St. Michael's Hospice. Thank you to Cathy and Joan who work tirelessly for St. Michael's Hospice.

## REPOSITORY SHOP—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with the Repository shop after all Sunday Masses. If you are interested in getting involved please email [jackiekinge@btinternet.com](mailto:jackiekinge@btinternet.com).

## St Bede's School

### 50th Anniversary Celebration

**Venue:** Apollo Hotel

**Date:** Saturday, 8th June

**Time:** 7pm until late

**Ticket cost:** £20 incl. buffet food and a free drink.

(Tickets available from School reception or contact:

[sbfa@st-bedes.com](mailto:sbfa@st-bedes.com))

***Past and present staff, pupils (over 18), parents and governors are all invited***

**Auction of prizes, disco and fun night guaranteed**

## St Bede's School

### 50th Anniversary Mass

We will be celebrating a special Mass on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 11am at St Bede's Church, to give thanks for 50 years of St Bede's school. Anyone associated with the school during that time would be welcome to come along and join us.

## DIARY:

### Sunday 19th:

Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Filipino:  
6.30 pm Cantorg  
Refreshments after the 9 am Mass  
Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB

**LOST PROPERTY** will be out this weekend in the Cloister.

Wed 22nd

Choir 7.30 pm SB

Thur 23rd

Repository shop open 9 am to 1.30 pm  
Leadership Team Meeting 7.00 pm SB

## DIOCESE RETREAT DAY FOR CATECHISTS

All Catechists in the Diocese are invited to come to a retreat day which will present the whole story of salvation from Creation to Jesus's Death and Resurrection and give opportunities to make a personal response. We all need time out from our everyday life to respond to Jesus's invitation to each of us to encounter Him personally. Moreover, our renewed response gives our life a decisive direction and purpose that others will be attracted to. The day will be a mixture of scripture, prayer, video segments and short times of sharing in small groups. Confession will also be offered. This retreat is part of the Ananias accompaniment training, which is just starting to be offered around the Diocese. We hope that as well as you having this personal time with Jesus, the retreat day will add to your important work as Catechist. The retreat will be run by Sr Veronica Brennan OP, Clare Simpson and Friars of the Carmelite Priory, Boars Hill, Oxford.

Location: St. Bede's Church

Date: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2019

Time 9.30am - 4pm (there will be a special Vigil Mass at 4.30pm for those who would like to stay on)

Lunch: Bring a packed lunch, hot drinks provided

Register: Please register your attendance with Grania Egan at [gegan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:gegan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## WELCOMING OUR NEIGHBOUR

Please note that the start time for the Caritas seminar at St. Bede's on Wednesday 5th June is 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. Please do come along to see how you could get involved in this very worthy cause. For further information please contact Pat Murphy on 07785 312486.

## EXAM SEASON

Please pray for all those students undertaking exams in schools, colleges and universities across our Diocese. As we journey through Eastertide to the Feast of Pentecost we ask the Holy Spirit to help them.

## COLLECTIONS

There will be a SVP collection today at all Masses. Parish Collection amounted to £2,386.81p. Second Collection for Clergy Training amounted to £436.15p.

