

THE MESSENGER

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In today's Gospel we encounter the disciples at a dark time. They simply could not comprehend why God might allow their Messiah to be killed before His mission was fulfilled. With their hopes of a glorious future dashed, nothing made sense. It felt as though the door of hope had slammed shut. They were looking so long at the closed door that they were not seeing the glorious possibility opening up before them. Jesus tried patiently to explain. The Holy Spirit was going to be their constant companion, bringing His teaching to mind, helping them to understand and interiorise it. Jesus was not only preparing a place for them in heaven, He was preparing a place within them for Himself and the Father to make their home.

St John's Gospel, written in Greek, uses a particular word for the Holy Spirit: the word "paraclete". Literally, it means "called to one's side". God's Spirit is the patient teacher at our side, guiding and encouraging. The experience of God's inner presence not only brings enlightenment, helping us make sense of the events of our lives, it transforms us as people, calming and sanctifying. Jesus speaks of it as "shalom", the Hebrew greeting which means more than peace: it conveys a sense of well-being; of things "starting to come together". This was Jesus' parting gift to his disciples.

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

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Sun 26th May	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
Mon 27th	9.30 am	SB	Elie Joseph RIP
Tues 28th	No Mass		
Wed 29th	9.30 am	HG	Canon Bernard Cosulich RIP
Thur 30th	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord		
	9.30 am	SB	P.D. Joseph RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	Int. Margaret Patel
Fri 31st	9.30 am	HG	Herminia Vieira de Franco RIP Adoration after 9.30 am Mass until 11 am
Sat 1st	9.30 am	SB	Joan Gomes RIP Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am

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

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.



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.

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

If you are one of the Pilgrims from the Parish travelling to Lourdes on 9th June, will you please ring Liz Murphy in the Parish Office on Tel No: 01256 465214 as soon as possible, thank you.

HOLY GHOST GARDENS

Thank you to Alison and Richard Luker who have been tending the Holy Ghost Gardens for ten years. They are stepping down on 31st May and we are looking for volunteers to tend the gardens. It is not a massive commitment, just a couple of hours a week which could be shared between a few people. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office on Tel No. 01256 465214.

FR. PETER CODD

Many congratulations to Fr. Peter Codd who celebrates his 50th anniversary of ordination to the Priesthood on 31st May.

FORMATION COURSE ON PRAYING WITH OTHERS

Our Diocesan vision is *Bringing People Closer to Jesus Christ through His Church* but the heart of this is prayer. In order to encourage simple praying with each other, in a way that takes particular care of those who may be vulnerable, a new Diocesan policy has been developed which explains how to set up and run a Parish Prayer group. In addition to this, a short training course on praying with others has been launched, and anyone who prays with others and/or is involved with healing ministry is encouraged to attend the training. Two initial dates have been organised: **Friday 14th June (10.30am – 3pm) at St. Bede's or Saturday 22nd June (2pm – 6.30pm) at St. Peter's, Winchester.** Please email Grania at gegan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book your place. If you cannot attend one of these two dates, please email Clare Simpson at csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk as it might be that more training can be arranged early in the Autumn.

DIARY:

Sunday 26th:	Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg: 6.30 pm Quiet Refreshments after 9 am & 11 am Mass BACCA meet after 11 am Mass Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB No Toddler Group
Tues 28th	"Tea at 3" 3 pm SB
Wed 29th	Church cleaning after Mass SB
Thur 30th	Confirmation 6.30 pm SB
Fri 31st	

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Parish Office is closed on Monday 27th May and Wednesday 29th May.

THY KINGDOM COME NOVENA

"For over a century it has been a tradition within the Catholic Church to pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the days between Ascension and Pentecost. Please would you consider offering a Novena to the Holy Spirit from Friday 31st May to Saturday 8th June. Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray during this same period for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. As Catholics, we can support this initiative with our Pentecost Novena, Prayer of the Faithful and an encouragement for us to pray, as we normally do, with the particular intention for our loved ones to come to faith in Jesus Christ."

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. For further information please contact Pat Murphy on 07785 312486.

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' Death and Resurrection and give opportunities to make a personal response.

Location:	St. Bede's Church
Date:	Saturday 8th 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

LUCKY ME WINNER

Congratulations to Mr Gary Allen of Old Basing who is this month's Knights of St Columba 'Lucky Me' winner.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Parish Collection amounted to £2,599.10p. Second collection for SVP amounted to £470.17p. Grateful thanks.