

# THE MESSENGER

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It is the weakness of Peter that appeals to us; the fact that he was honest enough to tell Jesus that he loved Him, but not to the extent of sacrificing his life for Him. Yet Peter would experience spiritual growth, and so, please God, do we. Very soon Peter did grow to love Jesus in the deepest, self-sacrificing way. In the first reading we heard how he and the other apostles had been ordered by the authorities to stop preaching about Jesus, and how they carried on filling Jerusalem with their teaching. "Obedience to God comes before obedience to men," Peter boldly declared.

Peter was appointed to look after Christ's sheep and feed them. He would make a sympathetic pastor. Having learned the hard way that it is impossible to live the Christian life in his own strength, his trust and faith in God was deepened. When he was arrested in Nero's purge of the Church in Rome, like many persecuted Christians since, even in our day, he found that he would in the end choose to die rather than deny the One who loved him.

*Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

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<b>Sun 5th May</b>	9.00 am	SB	Elsie Palmer RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Stephen Mallon RIP
	12.30 pm	SB	Baptisms
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish
<b>Mon 6th</b>	10 am	SB	Wedding Anniversary Mr & Mrs Lloyd
<b>Tues 7th</b>	10 am	HG	Canon Dominic, Canon Tim, Fr Marcus on 25th Anniversary to Priesthood
<b>Wed 8th</b>	9.30 am	HG	Paddy Lamb & Josephine Andressen RIP
<b>Thur 9th</b>	9.30 am	SB	M. Brownlie RIP
<b>Fri 10th</b>	9.30 am	HG	Alberto Arantes RIP
			Adoration after 9.30 am Mass until 11 am
<b>Sat 11th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Rosite Erpelo RIP
			Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am
	3.00 pm	HG	Wedding of Sophie Williams and Robert Holden

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

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<b>Sun 12th</b>	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	SVP Member & those visited
	6.30 pm	SB	Graham Healey RIP
<b>Mon 13th</b>	12 noon	HG	Int. Barbara Birt
<b>Tues 14th</b>	No Mass		
<b>Wed 15th</b>	9.30 am	HG	In Thanksgiving Elsamma Dominic
	5.30 pm		Last Mass at Burgess Road Convent
<b>Thur 16th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Int. Gerard Bautista
<b>Fri 17th</b>	9.30 am	HG	Monica Herbert Barlow RIP
			Adoration after 9.30 am Mass until 11 am
<b>Sat 18th</b>	11 am & 2 pm	SB	First Holy Communion
			Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion children who make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 18th May. Masses will be taking place at 11 am and 2 pm here at St Bede's. 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.



## LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be displayed in the Cloister next weekend (Sunday 12th May). Any items not collected after this weekend will be recycled or disposed of. Please come and reclaim your property!

## CAFOD BOXES

Please can we have all CAFOD boxes returned as soon as possible, thank you.

## MISSIO RED BOXES

Can you please bring your Red Boxes to Mass on Sunday 19th May for emptying. Many thanks.



## 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>

## DIOCESAN WEBSITE FOR VOCATIONS

A new website has been launched specifically for vocations. The theme of the vocations website is to Discover, Discern, Support and it shares many inspiring testimonies from people within our Diocese who are fulfilling their calling through vocations or states of life. The website can be found at [www.portsmouthvocations.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthvocations.org.uk).

## VIVA VOCE MAGAZINE AND APP

Over the Easter weekend a new Diocesan magazine was launched called *Viva Voce*. The magazine is accompanied by an online website [www.vivavoce.uk](http://www.vivavoce.uk) and an app called VIVA VOCE AR. The app uses Augmented Reality (AR) to bring to life the pages of the magazine with additional content such as video messages. The app can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play and will continue to be developed over the coming months. The magazine is full of interesting news and includes a video message from Bishop Philip who shares his wider vision for the Diocese. Copies of the magazine are available to take away in the entrance to the Church and Cloister.

## DIARY:

**Sunday 5th:** Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Popley: 6.30 pm Quiet Refreshments after the 9 am Mass BACCA meet after 11 am Mass Rosary at 4 pm SB. Welcome to Fr Emmanuel who will be celebrating all Masses today and to our First Holy Communion children who will be joining us.  
Choir 7.30 pm SB

Wed 8th

**Sunday 12th:** Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg: 6.30 pm Lord's Flock

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Parish Office is closed from Monday 6th May and will reopen on Monday 13th May.

## WELCOMING OUR NEIGHBOUR

Building on the tremendous support and involvement of so many Parishioners in our Pastoral area for the Foodbank and the Winter Shelter, are we ready to respond to appeals to help a displaced refugee family to come and live in our community in Basingstoke?

We are looking to come together as a group of volunteers to help one family from the many tens of thousands who have no home, no life, no country to call their own, without hope or joy in their lives.

There are many different ways you could volunteer your talents to help e.g. find suitable housing, take family members to surgery, dentist or hospital; help with form filling, help them to learn English, show them the local shops; at all levels there are so many opportunities to show kindness and compassion to fellow humans who are living at barely subsistence level.

The Refugee "Community Sponsorship" program is Home Office approved and is based on a well-established process already proven in Canada. In our Diocese it will be overseen by Caritas, the social action agency of the Catholic Church. Do come along to a non-committal briefing seminar in St Bede's Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th June where a speaker from Caritas will tell you more about this inspirational project. For further information please contact Pat Murphy 07785 312486.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sophie Williams and Robert Holden who are getting married at Holy Ghost Church on Saturday 11th May at 3 pm.

## BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to Leonard Spalding, Folasayo Bamidele, Bella Kitchen and Theo Filipek who will be Baptised today.

## COLLECTIONS

Parish Collection amounted to £2,652.65p. Grateful thanks and a thousand blessings.