

THE MESSENGER

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Before the death and resurrection of Jesus, he prepares the ground for the continuation of His mission in time to come. Peter, the impetuous disciple, the one who seems to speak and act too quickly, and sometimes rashly, and who would at times be in great need of Christ's forgiveness, is open to the Spirit's prompting in him. As Jesus asks the question, "Who do you say I am?" Peter responds in a seemingly authoritative and assured manner. Peter sees Jesus for who He is: the Anointed one, the Christ, the longed-for Messiah. Peter has seen and heard enough. He has imbibed it all and is now in tune with God's grace. The response of Jesus to Peter's statement of faith is to confirm Peter as someone who has received heavenly insight. The confirmation of Peter's faith is, according to Jesus, the rock on which the future gathering together of His followers as one body will be built. This is Peter's mission and in time he will accept it.

Paul, who shares this feast day with Peter, owes a debt of gratitude to his brother in Christ for his courage in responding to God's prompting and proclaiming Jesus as the Son of the living God. In the same way, though, Peter must be very thankful to his brother Paul for his responding to the Lord's invitation to share the Good News, and for the way in which he inspired, organised and moved the Church forward. It is, after all, under Paul that Christians first came to be named as such. However we look at these two men, they are inseparable. They have chosen to accept their mission and are one together in Christ in that mission. Peter and Paul each bow respectively to the other.

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Ss PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

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Sun 30th June	9.00 am	SB	Nicola, Giuseppina Colella RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mathew Thomas RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	Dec. Mbrs O'Connor Family

Mon 1st	9.15 am	Mass at St. Joseph's Church
		<i>Adoration Holy Ghost Church from 11.00 am to 12 noon</i>

Tues 2nd	No Mass
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Wed 3rd	9.15 am	Mass at St. Joseph's Church
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Thur 4th	9.15 am	Mass at St. Joseph's Church
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Fri 5th	9.15 am	Mass at St. Joseph's Church
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Adoration Holy Ghost Church from 10.00 am to 11.00 am

Sat 6th	11.00 am	SB	Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass with Bishop Philip
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14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sun 7th July	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Domenica Marchese RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	Donato Consiglio RIP

PARISH VISIT FROM BISHOP PHILIP EGAN

Bishop Philip Egan will be making a Visitation to the Parish on Sunday 1st December, First Sunday of Advent. Bishop Philip will be here for the day to celebrate all three Masses. More details to follow at a later date.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS

The Parish will be hosting the 10th Diocesan Significant Weddings Anniversary Mass on Saturday 6th July with Bishop Philip. Over 100 couples from across the Diocese who are celebrating a Significant Wedding Anniversary during 2019 will be attending. Congratulations to those in our Parish who celebrate a Significant Anniversary this year.



CHURCHES IN POPLEY AND CHINEHAM

Sadly St. Gabriel's Church, across the road from us, was broken into. The thieves damaged the Church building when entering and stole a large, pre-war safe, which contained a number of valuables, including chalices, money and other items. St. Bede's Church was also targeted on the same night, but the two thieves were unsuccessful in gaining access to the building. Christ Church in Chineham was targeted the next night and a safe stolen. Please be vigilant and if you see anything suspicious at any time, please notify the Parish Office (Tel. No. 01256 465214). We send our prayers and thoughts to Rev. Arthur and the Community at St. Gabriel's Church, and to Christ Church.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

We have received news from the Bishop's Office, that we shall be having a new *Assistant Priest*, Fr. Leonard Odomeja Onuse, and a Permanent Deacon Tony Darrock joining Holy Ghost Parish in September, more details to follow next week.

CUPCAKE AFTERNOON

A cupcake afternoon in aid of the Alzheimer's Society will be held on Thursday 11th July in St. Bede's Church Hall from 2 pm until 4 pm. Offers of cakes gratefully received, please call Mary Boys on 07799 201869 for collection.

ANNUAL SUMMER FAIR

Our annual Summer Fair hosted by the BACCA group took place on Saturday 22nd June. It was a wonderful afternoon and a great crowd turned up, even the sun played its part. Grateful thanks to the BACCA group who organised such a fabulous event.

BASINGSTOKE FOOD BANK

Can you help? We have a vacancy on our driver rota to take donated food from St Bede's to the Foodbank. One week in every 4 /5 weeks is the commitment. If you can help please contact St Bede's office. Many thanks.

POLISH MASS

There will be no Polish Masses at Holy Ghost Church until September.

DIARY:

Sunday 30th:

Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Popley:
6.30 pm Quiet
Welcome to Fr. Kevin Jones who will be celebrating all Masses today
Refreshments after 9am & 11am Mass
BACCA meet after the 11 am Mass
Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB
Toddler Group 1.30 pm to 3.15 pm SB
Choir 7.30 pm SB
Repository shop open 9.00 am—3 pm
Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass

Tues 2nd

Wed 3rd

Thur 4th

Sat 6th

Sunday 7th:

Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Popley:
6.30 pm Piano
Welcome to Fr. John Cooke who will be joining us at all our Masses today to promote Vocations.
We also welcome our Confirmation Candidates who will be joining us at all Masses today 'Going Forth'.
Reminder: school car park will be closed for the 9am Mass today.

BAPTISM

Congratulations and welcome to Isaiah Anthony Pious who will be Baptised this weekend.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

If you have any news items which you want to be considered for inclusion in our newsletter, please email them to: newsletter@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

SYRO MALABAR

Saturday 13th July Syro Malabar celebrate their Feast Day. Fr. Tomy Chirackalmanavalan will be celebrating Mass here at St. Bede's Church at 2.30 pm. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards. All parishioners are invited to help celebrate this Feast Day.

GIFT AID LETTERS

If you donate to the Church through Gift Aid, please collect a letter from Fr. Chris which can be found in the Church entrance.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Parish Collection amounted to £2,077.52. Grateful thanks. The second collection this weekend is for Peter's Pence. Peter's Pence provides the Holy Father with financial means to support those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster and disease.

PRAYER TO Ss PETER AND PAUL

Grant, we pray, O Lord our God, that we may be sustained by the intercession of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, that, as through them you gave your Church the foundations of her heavenly office, so through them you may help her to eternal salvation.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen