

# THE MESSENGER

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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday 12th January 2020**

To be happy is to find strength in forgiveness, hope in battles, security in the stage of fear, love in discord. It is not only to enjoy the smile, but also to reflect on the sadness. It is not only to celebrate the successes, but to learn lessons from the failures. It is not only to feel happy with the applause, but to be happy in anonymity ... To be happy is to stop feeling like a victim and become your destiny's author. It is to cross deserts, yet to be able to find an oasis in the depths of our soul. It is to thank God for every morning, for the miracle of life. Being happy is not being afraid of your own feelings. It's to be able to talk about you. It is having the courage to hear a "no". It is confidence in the face of criticism, even when unjustified. It is to kiss your children, pamper your parents, to live poetic moments with friends, even when they hurt us. To be happy is to let live the creature that lives in each of us, free, joyful and simple. It is to have maturity to be able to say: "I made mistakes". It is to have the courage to say "I am sorry". It is to have the sensitivity to say, "I need you". It is to have the ability to say "I love you". May your life become a garden of opportunities for happiness ... That in spring may it be a lover of joy. In winter a lover of wisdom. And when you make a mistake, start all over again. For only then will you be in love with life. You will find that to be happy is not to have a perfect life. But use the tears to irrigate tolerance. Use your losses to train patience. Use your mistakes to sculptor serenity. Use pain to plaster pleasure. Use obstacles to open windows of intelligence. Never give up on people who love you. Never give up on happiness, for life is an incredible show.

*Taken from To be Happy, Pope Francis, 2018*

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

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**Morning Prayer before all weekday Masses**

<b>Sun 12th Jan</b>	9.00 am	SB	Sean McNamara RIP
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	SB	Michele Partyka RIP
<b>Mon 13th</b>	12 noon	HG	<i>St Hilary, Bishop &amp; Doctor</i> Anthony Mendoca Cocypriano RIP
			<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 am</i>
<b>Tues 14th</b>	9.30 am	HG	Mary Johnson RIP
<b>Wed 15th</b>	9.30 am	HG	Joseph Mathew RIP
<b>Thur 16th</b>	No Mass		
<b>Fri 17th</b>	9.30 am	SB	<i>St Anthony of Egypt, Abbot</i> Int. Tommy Brennan
			<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 11am</i>
	12.45 pm	SB	Requiem Simon de Mars RIP
<b>Sat 18th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Dec. Mbrs Peter Jacob
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am</i>

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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<b>Sun 19th Jan</b>	9.00 am	SB	Jeane Dry RIP
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	SB	Int. Ester & John Taylor

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



The feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast which sees the transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It is also another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers

and to the disciples of John the Baptist. Jesus was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, so we all should allow Him to fulfil that mission in our lives.

## HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2020

Holocaust Memorial Day 2020 takes place on Monday 27th January. It marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz and also marks the 25th anniversary of the Genocide in Bosnia. The Mayor of Basingstoke, Cllr Diane Taylor, accompanied by the Deputy Chief Executive, Ian Boll, will be laying a wreath at the War Memorial on Monday 27th January 2020 to acknowledge Holocaust Memorial Day on behalf of Basingstoke and Deane Borough. At 10 am, a bugler will sound to mark the observance of one minute's silence. The Mayor's Chaplain will then say a few words. The service will finish at approximately 10.15 am. The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2020 is 'Stand Together', for all to stand together with others in our communities to stop division and the spread of identity-based hostility in our society. For further information go to the website [www.hmd.org.uk](http://www.hmd.org.uk)



## SAFEGUARDING REFRESHER TRAINING

Safeguarding Refresher Training will take place at St. Joseph's Church on Saturday 8th February 2020 from 10:00 am – 12:30 pm. Please contact Jan on 07719 012955 if you are unsure if you need to attend the training. Register with Soraya at the safeguarding office via email at: [Soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to book a place, so that we can keep a check on numbers attending.

## ST GABRIEL'S GROUP

St. Gabriel's Group is run by Deacon Patrick O'Connell from St. Joseph's Church. The Group will meet again on Thursday 6th February and the theme will be 'Matrimony' - a discussion on the beauty of this Sacrament together with the psychological challenges faced by all married couples today. The venue will be St. Bede's Catholic Church, Popley Way and the evening will commence at 7.30pm with drinks for an 8pm start and finish at 9.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

## BELOVED WEEKEND FOR WOMEN

This takes place from 14th – 18th February at the Sion Community, Brentwood. It's a weekend retreat for women of all ages which aims to help women know and to experience that "I am my Beloved's and His desire is for me" (Song of Songs 7:10) and an opportunity to give God the space to become first in our hearts. Suggested donation £115 waged or £85 unwaged. For information or to book email: [bloved@sioncommunity.org.uk](mailto:bloved@sioncommunity.org.uk)

## DIARY:

**Sunday 12th Jan:** Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg: 6.30 pm Lord's Flock  
Refreshments after 9 am Mass  
Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB  
Toddler Group 1.30 pm —3.15 pm SB  
Choir 7.30 pm SB  
Repository Shop open 9.00 am—3 pm

Tues 14th  
Wed 15th  
Thur 16th

**Sunday 19th Jan:** Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Filipino: 6.30 pm Cantorg  
Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION STAMPS

First Holy Communion coloured cards are available in the Cloister, you will need it stamped every Sunday by the Priest.

## MISSIO RED BOXES

Thank you to everyone. Together through your Red Box donations the sum of £1,280.64 was collected in 2019 for Missio. Missio will release the final figure in March (after gift aid and direct donations have been added).

## PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. Leaving 16th March 2020. £599.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms available. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

We are introducing Baptism Preparation Sessions in January 2020. For those who have expressed a wish to have their child Baptised, you should have heard from the Parish Office but if not, please contact Liz Murphy on Tel. No. 01256 465214. Baptism dates are: 26th January, 23rd February at 12.30 at St. Bede's Church, this is after the Baptism Preparation Sessions, which you must attend.

## FUNERALS

Requiem Mass for Simon de Mars RIP will take place on Friday 17th January at 12.45 pm here at St. Bede's Church. We remember Simon's family and friends at this sad time. May He rest in Peace. Also please pray for Fr. Chris' cousin Vincent McParlin who died recently. His Requiem Mass will be on 14th January near Durham. We remember also Susan Vanni RIP who died during the week, we remember Susan's family and friends at this very sad time. Funeral arrangements have yet to be established.



## SUNDAY COLLECTION

Parish Collection amounted to £2,335.11p. Grateful thanks. Second collection next weekend is for the Cathedral.