

THE MESSENGER

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SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 2020

In response to the challenge of Coronavirus all public Sunday and weekday Masses are suspended. By Decree of the Bishop the faithful are temporarily released from the Sunday Obligation to attend Mass. Instead Mass will be offered each day, some days twice, at St. Bede's Church but without the faithful in attendance. The full schedule of timings for week commencing Sunday 22nd March is detailed below. To watch Mass and other services at St. Bede's Church live via our webcam please go to our website at <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk/live/>

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Year A, Psalter Week IV

Morning Prayer before all Masses at 9.15 am

All Masses and Services from St. Bede's Church — please participate from home via our Webcam

Sun 22nd Mar	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Michael Colley RIP
	6.00 pm	Holy Hour with Vespers
Mon 23rd	9.30 am	Private Intention
		<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until noon</i>
	12 noon	Int. Dora Fernandes
	6.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Tues 24th	9.30 am	Sick of the Parish
		<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until noon</i>
Wed 25th	9.30 am	<i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>
		Int. of all Hospital Staff
		<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until noon</i>
	12 noon	Int. Protection of the elderly and vulnerable
	3.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet
	6.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Thur 26th	9.30 am	Int. Margaret, Gloria O'Boyle
		<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until noon</i>
Fri 27th	9.30 am	Int. Archbishop John Aloysius
		<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until noon</i>
	12 noon	For those in self-isolation
	3.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet
	6.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat 28th	9.30 am	Aldona Biernat RIP
		<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until noon</i>
	12 noon	Well-being and financial security of all
	6.00 pm	Stations of the Cross

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

There will be no public Masses at Holy Ghost but the Church will remain open for private prayer as will St. Bede's Church. Opening times will be as follows:

St. Bede's Church — 8 am until 6 pm
Holy Ghost Church — 8 am until 6 pm



BISHOP PHILIP WRITES ...

During this national emergency, it is the Church's task to do what she always does: to call on the prayers of Our Lady and our Patron Saints and to pray earnestly and trustingly to God our Father. We do not know why God in His providence has allowed this pandemic to occur. What we do know is that He has given us victory through the death and resurrection of His Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ and poured into human history the power of the Holy Spirit to guide all things in the right direction. This is why we know, in the words of St. Paul, that nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. ... These are the trials by which we triumph by the power of Him who loved us. Indeed, we can be certain that neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power or height or depth, nor any created thing can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom 8: 35-36, 38-39) ... So let us pray and work for an end to this scourge, for a speedy resolution, for the minimisation of damage, for the sick, for the protection of the elderly and the vulnerable, for those in self-isolation, for all who are suffering anxiety and worry, for the poor and the homeless, for the well-being and financial security of everyone, for the pastoral care of the Church community, for the medical staff and others who care for the sick, and for the eternal repose of those who have died.

BISHOP PHILIP'S DECREE

Copies of the Decree, given by Bishop Philip on 19th March 2020, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, are available in the Cloister. The Decree can also be accessed at <https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/special-edition>.

PARISH OFFICE

Our office staff will be working from home with immediate effect. If you need to contact the Parish Office please either telephone on 01256 465214 or email stbedes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. We will get back to you as soon as we can but it may not be immediately. Thank you for your patience at this time.

DIARY CANCELLATIONS

As we have now implemented Stage 3 of the guidance in relation to COVID-19, all social events, groups, courses, meetings and Sacramental programme sessions have been cancelled with immediate effect.

COMMUNICATION

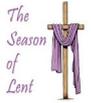
In order that we can communicate with as many parishioners as possible during this challenging time, please ensure that you are signed up to receive our newsletter via email. To subscribe please go to www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk. If you are a Facebook user our page is [facebook.com/stbedesbasingstoke](https://www.facebook.com/stbedesbasingstoke). We will post updates on our website and on Facebook. Copies of relevant information will also be available in the Cloister for those who do not have access to the Internet.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

We pray for all Mother's on this Sunday and we remember all those Mother's who have gone before us.

LENT 2020

Lent is a time to prepare for Holy Week's commemoration of Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.



WHEN MASS CANNOT BE CELEBRATED PUBLICLY

A booklet will be available in the Cloister and on our website which is a help for prayer when Mass is not available. Our Priests will continue to offer Mass for the Church and the world, and we can unite ourselves to their celebrations through a spiritual communion.

ONLINE MASS AND SERVICES

Live Mass and Services from other Catholic Churches are also available from Church Services TV and EWTN. For further details go to <https://www.churchservices.tv> or <https://www.ewtn.com>.

BASINGSTOKE FOOD BANK

The foodbank is welcoming donations again from individuals, and all organisations and supermarkets with regular crates & boxes. Details of our current needs can be found on the update on the notice board in the Cloister, or www.basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk. The Foodbank is especially grateful to the Parish for the use of Holy Ghost to serve as a "closed" reserve storage space during the crisis. Do please pray especially that the Foodbank does not have any issues that impact its vital work during this time.

LUCKY ME WINNER

Congratulations to Mr Bob Rae of Basingstoke who is this month's Knights of St Columba 'Lucky Me' draw winner.

DON'T FORGET ...

Next weekend, Saturday 28th March, British Summer Time begins and clocks move forward one hour.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Parish Collection amounted to £2,127.38p. Grateful thanks. Thank you to everyone who donated and bought gifts for the Unwanted Gifts Sale which raised £365.40 for CAFOD. Please continue to support our Parish as best you can at the current time. Donations can be made via Standing Order or posted through the Church letterbox.

A PRAYER FOR HEALTH

Lord Jesus, you came that we might have life in all its fullness.

In this time of sickness and the fear of sickness, give me the health of mind – that I might seek out wise guidance and act upon it; the health of body – that will enable me to serve you and those around me;

the health of spirit – that my soul rests in the secure knowledge

that there is nothing that can separate me from the Father's love.

Give me the grace to share your peace – that peace the world cannot give. Amen

