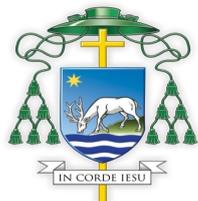


# THE MESSENGER

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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**Parish Donations**

If you would like to make a donation  
to the Parish, or set up a Standing  
Order, our bank account details are:

Lloyds Bank, Sort Code: 30-93-04,  
Account Number: 00874184  
Account Name: PRC DTR BASINGSTOKE  
HOLY GHOST (please also use this for  
cheque payments)

Grateful thanks for your generosity.

## Sunday 14th June 2020

Year A, Psalter Week III

Morning Prayer before all Masses at 9.15 am

All Masses and Services from St. Bede's Church via our Webcam

### CORPUS CHRISTI (THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST)

Sun 14th June	9.00 am	Mass: Tito Gomez RIP
	11.00 am	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Vespers
Mon 15th	9.30 am	Mass: Paige Keeley RIP
	6.00 pm	Mass: Unborn babies Evening Prayer to be included in 6pm Mass
Tues 16th	9.30 am	Mass: Canon Cornelius Reidy RIP
Wed 17th	9.30 am	Mass: Dec. Mbrs Gibson Family
	6.00 pm	Mass: Int. Lourdes Pilgrims Evening Prayer to be included in 6pm Mass
Thur 18th	9.30 am	Mass: Ruth Abrams RIP
Fri 19th	9.30 am	Mass: Int. Canon Tim Madeley
	6.00 pm	Mass: Int. Priests of the Diocese Evening Prayer to be included in 6pm Mass
Sat 20th	9.30 am	Mass: Members BACCA Group



### TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sun 21st June	9.00 am	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Mass: Mario Francisco DoRosarie RIP
	6.00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Vespers

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**REOPENING OUR CHURCHES:** This week we received the long awaited good news that our Catholic Churches can begin safely reopening for Private Prayer from Monday 15th June. For further details on the reopening of St. Bede's Church please read the second page of this newsletter.

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** On the second Sunday after Pentecost we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi. This feast day commemorates the Eucharist, the meal in which we partake of the Body and Blood of Christ, and which is at the heart of our Catholic faith. As our churches begin to reopen let us enjoy spending time once again with the Lord in the Tabernacle. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us, the Eucharist is 'the source and summit of the Christian life.'

**WEEKLY REFLECTIONS:** Each week Deacon Tony writes a reflection which is available to read on our website at <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk/> This week Deacon Tony reflects on the solemnity of Corpus Christi.

**PRAYERS:** Let us pray for all clergy, for those who are sick and their carers, those who have died and the bereaved. We pray also for an end to the pandemic and the safe reopening of our Churches which begins this week. Lord have mercy.



## St. Bede's Church Reopening

From Monday 15th June 2020 St. Bede's Church will be able to safely open during the day for Private Prayer. This is wonderful first step for us all after so many months of being unable to come to church. At the current time Holy Ghost Church will remain closed, whilst we concentrate our efforts on getting the correct social distancing procedures in place at St. Bede.

To ensure that we keep everyone safe, some changes have been made to the church in order to maintain hygiene and comply fully with social distancing requirements.

### Changes to the interior of the church

- All kneelers and the chairs at each side of the church have been removed
- There is no Holy Water in the font at the current time
- The Cloister area is closed along with the toilets, hall and meeting rooms

### Instructions to follow when coming into church

In order to keep everyone safe when coming to church, the following guidelines will need to be followed;

- Please apply hand sanitizer when entering the church, either your own or use the one provided inside the entrance to the Cloister (if you have your own disposable gloves please wear them)
- Use the antibacterial wipe given to you to wipe your seating area as you leave the church
- There is a one way system in operation which has been clearly marked out with arrows on the floor.
- Please remember to observe 2 metre social distancing at all times unless you are from the same household
- Sit in seats marked with a tick, a cross means please don't sit here, so that we can ensure spacing
- Candles are available in the area in front of the statue of Our Lady, to reduce coins a donation of a £1 coin can be used for four candles
- Help us to keep the Cloister clear by not waiting in the area, this will ensure that people can easily enter and exit the church
- Remember to take all your belongings home with you when you leave the church
- Anyone who is unwell and anyone in the "vulnerable" category is asked not to enter at the current time

### Church ushers

To ensure the health and safety of all parishioners, during the first few weeks of reopening we aim to have volunteer ushers present in 2-hour slots throughout the day. The volunteers will help implement social distancing, sanitisation, one-way system and end of day cleaning measures. If you would like to volunteer please send a message to [stbedesvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:stbedesvolunteers@gmail.com). Please help our volunteers to keep us all safe by following their instructions.

### St. Bede's Church Opening Times

From Monday 15th June 2020, St. Bede's Church will be open daily for Private Prayer at the following times:

*Monday to Saturday from 10.15 am to 5.30 pm*

*Sunday from 12 noon until 5.30 pm*

