

THE MESSENGER

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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
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HOLY GHOST (please also use this for cheque payments)

Grateful thanks for your generosity.

Sunday 7th June 2020

Year A, Psalter Week II

Morning Prayer before all Masses at 9.15 am

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

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Sun 7th June	9.00 am	Mass: Yvonne Rutledge RIP
	11.00 am	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Vespers
Mon 8th	9.30 am	Mass: Int. Deacon Tony and Pam
	12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 11.00
	6.00 pm	Mass: Int. Richenda Power
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Tues 9th	9.30 am	Mass: Hospital Chaplaincy
	12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 11.00
Wed 10th	9.30 am	Mass: Staff of the Parish
	12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 11.00
	6.00 pm	Mass: Sheila Mary Wood RIP
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Thur 11th	9.30 am	Mass: Carmel Harding RIP
	12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 11.00
Fri 12th	9.30 am	Mass: Martyn Brookes RIP
	12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 11.00
	3.00 pm	Mass: St. Bede's Hospitality Group
	6.00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer
Sat 13th	9.30 am	Mass: Couples in the Parish
	12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 11.00
	12 noon	Mass: Couples in the Diocese celebrating a Significant Wedding Anniversary



CORPUS CHRISTI

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

THE MONTH OF JUNE: This summer month is traditionally dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The feast itself this year is on Friday 19th June, after Corpus Christi. On page two of this newsletter there is a daily prayer.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: This year we are unable to celebrate this wonderful Mass at St. Bede's Church. Instead on Saturday 13th June at 9 am Bishop Philip will celebrate Mass live-streamed from his chapel.

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS: Each week Deacon Tony writes a reflection which is available to read on our website at <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk/>

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. Lord have mercy.

Bishop Philip writes in this week's e-News ...

A prayer to say each day during the month of June

O loving Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ, you move hearts that are harder than rock, you melt spirits that are colder than ice, and you reach souls that are more impenetrable than diamonds. Touch my heart with your sacred wounds and permeate my soul with your precious Blood, so that wherever I turn I will see only my divine Crucified Lord, and everything I see will appear coloured with your blood. Lord Jesus, let my heart never rest until it finds you, who are its centre, its love, and its happiness. By the wound in your heart, pardon the sins that I have committed whether out of malice or out of evil desires. Place my weak heart in your own divine Heart, continually under your protection and guidance, so that I may persevere in doing good and in fleeing evil until my last breath. Heart of Jesus, save me. Heart of my Creator perfect me. Heart of my Saviour deliver me. Heart of my Judge forgive me. Heart of my Father govern me. Heart of my Spouse love me. Heart of my Master teach me. Heart of my King crown me. Heart of my Benefactor enrich me. Heart of my Pastor defend me. Heart of my Friend embrace me. Heart of my infant Jesus, draw me. Heart of Jesus, I greet you in all your states. Give yourself to me. Amen.

Important Information about going in to Hospital

We've said these past weeks that in our Diocese of Portsmouth, we have a number of major hospitals, including the Queen Alexandra (QA) Portsmouth, University Hospital Southampton, The Royal Bournemouth Hospital in Christchurch, the North Hampshire Hospital, Basingstoke, the Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester, and the Royal Berkshire in Reading. We also have a number of smaller hospitals, including those on the isle of Wight and the Channel Islands. It is always an issue but it is crucially important that if as a Catholic you are admitted to hospital, please ensure or ask your family to ensure, that the Catholic Chaplaincy is contacted so that appropriate support can be given. Access to hospitals is restricted at the moment, especially during the coronavirus emergency. One suggestion would be for the patient to carry a note to give to hospital staff on admission notifying staff that they are Catholic and that they would really appreciate the Catholic chaplaincy service. This could be followed up by a telephone call from the family to the ward making the request. Hospital staff are always under immense pressure, and it can happen that a person's religious details ("spiritual needs") are overlooked upon admission, especially if it is an emergency. Our hospitals at this time are doing a fantastic job in enabling our chaplains to operate and to offer support to patients, often in innovative ways, and where possible to administer the Last Rites. Let us pray for all the medical staff who are caring for the sick and for our magnificent chaplains in their irreplaceable work.

To be at the Heart of Society

Kevin Gallagher, Director of Caritas Diocese of writes ... Thinking back to only a few months ago, when I heard about a virus in China that was spreading around other Asian countries, seeing a cruise shipped quarantined in Yokohama, a lockdown in Wuhan, etc, I don't know about you, but I certainly thought that was something over there and not here. Well a few months down the line, as I sit at my desk at home, binging out on Zoom, Teams and Skype meetings.

Coronavirus in most ways has slowed everything down, but in other ways it is accelerating much. It is accelerating a re-evaluation of life, how we value those in lower paid jobs, forcing us to think what is really important and how we should be thankful for what we have. And what of the church, I also feel that the present crisis will be accelerating the pace of change in the church. We all know we do not have the congregations we used to have and have spent much time working out why and thinking of ways to bring people back into the fold. However is the present time not a great opportunity for a deeper re-evaluation as to where we are and a real opportunity to put the church firmly at the centre of society. This is an opportunity to be a church that can infuse society with hope, to be the "heart" of society. And if we are truly missionary, trusting that God is with us, focusing on the "heart" I believe the rest will follow.

And what does this have to do with Caritas? I can only share with you that as the social action agency of the church, to be an agency that is out there with the crucified and forgotten of the world, I see continuously inspiring things happen. When you are standing in a freezing church hall expecting 30 volunteers to turn up to hear about a Caritas homeless project, and then over 150 appear, how can you not be stirred to think that the spirit is at work here. Or when someone at a Caritas social isolation project tells you that this is the only place they speak to someone and how important that is to them, again how can you not feel that God is present among these moments? The point I am making is that if we are to learn anything from the present crisis, it is a louder call to be more outward looking, more than ever to be what Pope Francis calls a field hospital, to shine a light in those dark places of society. I deeply feel that if we take this missionary step in courage and faith the rest will fall into place. I also wish to say that if you make that step of reaching out to others in Christian charity and personally go there, you will be personally transformed by the experience. If that isn't "The Good News" of the Gospel then I honestly don't know what is. For more information about Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth, contact Kevin Gallagher (kgallagher@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

To read the full edition of this week's e-News go to: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews>