

THE MESSENGER

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Sunday 31st January 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week IV

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 31st Jan	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Ian Clement RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Darrel & Rene Carvalho
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 1st	12 noon	SB	Mass: Int. Christine Clague
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Aleixo Marelino Caetanode Cruz
Tues 2nd	9.30 am	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	
		SB	Mass: Gresenti Fernandes RIP
Wed 3rd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Gerard & Lettie Murphy
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int. Doug Sims
Thur 4th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Jean Murphy RIP
Fri 5th	9.30 am	SB	St Agatha , Virgin, Martyr
			Mass: Brian Parkinson RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Sick of the Parish
Sat 6th	9.30 am	SB	St Paul Miki & Companions , Martyrs
			Mass: Bernie Martin RIP

Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am

All evening Masses from Holy Ghost Church are live-streamed via Zoom

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week I

Sun 7th Feb	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: William Dawson Asaam RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Paul Summerscales RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Mark's Gospel isn't only a drama: it's a challenge. What do I make of Jesus Christ? Who is He for me? Who is He, not just in theory but in practice; not just on Sunday's but in the living of my daily life?

If today's Gospel highlights the authority of Christ's teaching, it is perhaps not surprising that the responsorial psalm should urge us to "listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts." And if we listen, what shall we hear? Many things, but it will all come down to this: your God loves you, you are God's child; God has prepared a place for you in God's kingdom. Do not be afraid, God can conquer every evil that threatens your happiness. Live for God and for your sisters and brothers. When the people in the synagogue heard Jesus preach, they said: "Here is a teaching that is new." When we truly listen to Him—not merely with our ears but our hearts—then His teaching is always new, always carrying an appeal and a freshness, as though we were hearing it for the first time. It is always Gospel, always good news.

Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications

ATTENDING MASS DURING LOCKDOWN

Current Government advice is that we can continue to attend church for Mass whilst following the guidance on the safe use of places of worship. We must not mingle with anyone outside of our household or support bubble and we must maintain strict social distancing at all times. The clinically vulnerable should follow the guidance on shielding. Let us continue to pray for an end to the pandemic, for front line workers, for the sick and for all who are suffering in whatever way. Lord have mercy.

BOOKING TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

To book tickets for Mass on Sunday 7th February go to our website <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk> and click on the link. When arriving for Mass please have your ticket QR code (found in the PDF attachment with the booking email) ready for scanning as you enter church. Ideally have this ready on your smartphone or alternatively print out your tickets and bring them with you. By using the QR code we will speed up your entry in to church and help to maintain social distancing.

ATTENDING MASS AT ST. BEDE'S CHURCH

Please observe the following when attending Mass;

- * Wear a face mask at all times except when receiving Holy Communion
- * Apply hand sanitizer when entering and leaving the church
- * Toilets remain closed and the Cloister must be kept clear for access
- * The number of parishioners at each Mass will be limited and the maximum stated when you book tickets
- * Please do not enter the Sacristy area via the side door in the Church as this is an emergency exit only
- * QR Codes are displayed in the entrance to the church for you to scan using your mobile for Track and Trace.

ST BEDE'S CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2020

Following further guidance from Bishop Philip regarding this years Confirmation Mass, an email has been sent to parents of candidates on the current 2020 programme. Please can you check your emails!

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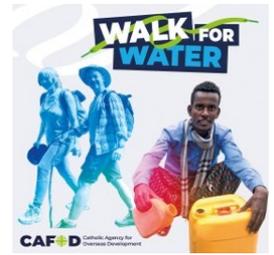
We are planning to launch a new parish Confirmation Programme during 2021. This will be for children currently in Year 8 and above. So that we can get an idea of numbers of children for the programme, please email candidate name(s), date of birth, school, contact number and email address to confirmation@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk. Once we have collated all the applications we will be in contact to advise on the programme launch details.

LET'S DO AFTERNOON TEA

Deacon Tony and Pam invite you to join them for afternoon tea via Zoom on Sunday 31st January from 3.00pm to 4.30pm. Feel free to drop in for as little or as long as you like. There will be a quiz to enjoy, conversation and a time for prayer. Everyone is welcome. To receive meeting details please email stbedessocial@gmail.com.

JOIN IN THE CAFOD WALK FOR WATER THIS LENT

This Lent, CAFOD invites you and the whole Catholic community of England and Wales to join the Big Walk for Water! CAFOD virtual event on Saturday 20th February at 2pm. The aim is to walk 10,000 steps in solidarity with those like Abdella who lives in Afar, Ethiopia and walks 10 hours each day to collect water for his family. If you are a keen walker could you Walk for Water as a personal Lenten challenge by walking 10,000 steps a day, every day, for 40 days to raise funds for CAFOD's Lent appeal. Find out more at [Walk for Water | CAFOD](https://www.walkforwater.org.uk) Or you could sponsor Fr Dominic who will be doing a daily 5 mile walk and giving his breakfast and lunch money to CAFOD during Lent. A parish Just Giving page has been setup for donations at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-bedes-church-basingstoke>



BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The dates for the next programme are Sunday 14th & 21st February from 1.30pm to 2.45pm via Zoom. For general inquiries about the parish Baptism programme please email baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk.

AN HOUR OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

Join Bishop Philip and the cathedral clergy each Thursday at 7.30 pm on live-stream for an Hour of Prayer and Praise called "Verso L'Alto: Reach for the Heights". Bishop Philip writes 'During lockdown and serious situation we continue to face because of the COVID pandemic, as Christians our key task must be to pray for a speedy end to the crisis. We pray for the sick and for heroes, and for the safety of all. So, on Thursday nights over these weeks of lockdown, from 7.30 til 8.30, I'd like to invite you online to join me and the Cathedral clergy for an Hour of Prayer and Praise for these intentions. We need from God a word of assurance, a message of hope, a sign of love. We need a Saviour. We need Christ the Lord and a real friendship with Him. You can join us this Thursday by the [Cathedral live-stream](https://www.cathedral-live-stream.org.uk) to pray for all our intentions, for our safety, for our Diocese, for the sick and for resolution of the crisis.'

DIOCESAN EVANGELISATION MEETING

Fr Mark Hogan, Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation and the Responding to the Prompt working group, invites all members of the Diocese to a Zoom meeting on Saturday 6th February from 10am until 1pm. This online event is an opportunity to inspire and to hear from people across the Diocese about how we, as the Church, in Portsmouth have responded – or how we might respond - in practical ways, to the Great Commission (Mt 28: 19). To register click [here](https://www.diocese.org.uk)



PARISH DONATIONS

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