

THE MESSENGER

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Sunday 14th February 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week II

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

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| Sun 14th Feb | 9.00 am | SB | Mass: Ned Fagan RIP |
| | 11.00 am | SB | Mass: People of the Parish |
| | 6.00 pm | SB | Mass: Mieczyslaw Jadach RIP |
| Mon 15th | 12 noon | SB | Mass: Ian Bell RIP |
| | 6.00 pm | HG | Mass: Int. Craig Smart |
| Tues 16th | 9.30 am | SB | Mass: Angie & Jamie Carroll 13th Wedding Anniversary |
| Wed 17th | ASH WEDNESDAY, Day of Fasting & Abstinence | | |
| | 9.30 am | SB | Mass: Int. Dougie Herron |
| | 12 noon | SB | Distribution of Ashes |
| | 12 noon | HG | Distribution of Ashes |
| | 6.00 pm | HG | Mass: Int. Engaged Couples in Parish |
| Thur 18th | 9.30 am | SB | Mass: Steve Dyer RIP |
| Fri 19th | 9.30 am | SB | Mass: Int. Sheila Lloyd |
| | 6.00 pm | HG | Mass: Int. Sammi Norwoози |
| Sat 20th | 9.30 am | SB | Mass: Pacita Gatchalian RIP |
| | Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am | | |

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Year B, Psalter Week I

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| Sun 21st Feb | 9.00 am | SB | Mass: Doug Sims RIP |
| | 11.00 am | SB | Mass: Int. RCIA Group |
| | 6.00 pm | SB | Mass: Laszlo Hidveghy RIP |

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It is not for us to stand in judgement on one another, but to mirror the welcome of Jesus even for those whose beliefs and practices we find strange or shocking. This isn't to say "anything goes". But it is to proclaim the Christian belief that everyone can find a home in the family of Jesus. Our first task is to keep the door to this family wide open, to make space for others to enter in God's own time and way, however "other" they may seem to us. Pope Francis teaches this powerfully in *Evangelii Gaudium*, "The Joy of the Gospel", where he reminds us that the Eucharist is "not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak". He goes on, "the Church is not a tollhouse; it is the house of the Father, where there is a place for everyone, with all their problems". It is not for us to judge, but to recognise our own sinfulness and to offer the same welcome and compassion that we hope to receive ourselves. That is why forgiveness is at the heart of the prayer Jesus taught us. He puts the grace of forgiving and being forgiven alongside daily survival itself.

Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications

NEW PARISHIONERS

A very warm welcome to new parishioners who have moved to the area. We hope that you are settling into your new homes and will soon feel part of our community here in Holy Ghost parish. To register as a member of our parish, please complete the new parishioner form on our website or collect a form from St. Bede's Church.

ATTENDING MASS DURING LOCKDOWN

During the current lockdown, we can attend 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. Please continue to observe the following;

- * 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
- * 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.

BOOKING TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

To book tickets for Mass on Sunday 21st 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 ready for scanning either on your smartphone or your printed tickets. Using the QR code will speed up your entry in to church and help to maintain social distancing.

LET'S DO AFTERNOON TEA



Deacon Tony and Pam invite you to join them for afternoon tea via Zoom on Sunday 14th February 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. Please email stbedesocial@gmail.com for meeting details.

ALTAR SERVER ZOOM CALL

Our parish MCs invite all servers to a Zoom call on 20th February from 3—4.30 pm. This will be an opportunity to have fun, play games and quizzes and recall what a great team you are. Fr. Dominic, Deacon Tony and other special guests will join the call. To register and receive the Zoom link please email stbedes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk You can create a short presentation on a topic of your choice to share. It's not compulsory but for more information contact Deacon Tony at adarroch@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



PARISH OFFICE

Just a reminder that the Parish Office is available to respond to enquiries via phone and email on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.00 am to 12 noon. If you call outside of these times please leave a message. Thank you.

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

To ensure safety during Mass on Ash Wednesday, the priest will "sprinkle the ashes with Holy Water, without saying anything." Then he will address all those present only ONCE saying "Repent, and believe in the Gospel", or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". The priest will then cleanse his hands, put on a face mask and distribute the ashes to those who come to him as we do during Holy Communion. If needed he will go to those restricted in movement. The priest will sprinkle the ashes on the head of each one without saying anything. *The distribution of ashes will take place within Mass at 9.30 am in St. Bede's Church and 6.00 pm at Holy Ghost. Outside Mass will be at 12 noon in both Holy Ghost and St. Bede's Church.*



LENT 2021

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

As well as giving something up this Lent, why not think about attending an extra Mass (all Masses are live-streamed), spend time with the Lord in front of the Blessed Sacrament or focus on Lent by reading and reflecting on the Sunday Mass readings. During Lent we do not say the Gloria or the Alleluia and flowers do not decorate the church until Easter.

*The
Season
of
Lent*



JOIN THE CAFOD BIG WALK FOR WATER

Don't forget to join the Big Walk for Water virtual event on Saturday 20th February at 2pm. If you are happy to share photos please email them to veronika.budzynski@cafod.org.uk. There is also still time to register for the daily Walk for Water challenge which involves walking 10,000 steps a day, every day, for 40 days to raise funds for CAFOD's appeal. Find out more at [Walk for Water | CAFOD](https://www.cafod.org.uk/walk-for-water) Fr. Dominic and Deacon Tony have been joined by Fr. Leo in this daily challenge during Lent. Sponsorship links are on our website.



ST. BEDE'S WEBSITE QUESTIONNAIRE

As part of a review of our website, we would like to know your thoughts on the current website, and what you would like to see on the site in the future. To help us develop a website that truly reflects what you want to see, we have a short questionnaire for you to complete. Please use this link <http://bit.ly/StBedesWebsiteQuestionnaire>

HEARING AID NEEDED

Do you have an adult hearing aid that is not needed anymore? An overseas 85 year old man is suffering from significant hearing loss and he could do with your unused hearing aid. If you have one please put it through the church letter box so that it can be sent to him.

PARISH DONATIONS

The safest way to make a donation is electronically by standing order or via our website donation button at [Virtual collection basket – St Bede's, Basingstoke](#) Many thanks for your generous support.