

THE MESSENGER

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Sunday 21st February 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Year B, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

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
Mon 22nd	THE CHAIR OF ST PETER, feast		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Sr. Elizabeth RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Sick in the Parish
Tues 23rd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Kate Webb
Wed 24th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Fr. Ray O'Shea RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Francis Reilly RIP
Thur 25th	6.30 am	SB	Mass: Brendan Kehoe RIP
Fri 26th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. BACCA 10th Anniversary
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Jacqueline Munro-Lafon RIP
Sat 27th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Anne Hickey RIP

Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Year B, Psalter Week II

Sun 28th Feb	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Greg Mooney
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. End to War in Syria & Afghanistan

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The word "repent", which we heard in today's Gospel, is derived from the Greek word *metanoia*, which means a change of heart, seeing things differently, a new direction, a fresh beginning. The Gospel writers tell us that it was after John the Baptist had been arrested that Jesus began his mission with the message, "Repent, and believe the Good News." Jesus prepared for this by spending time in the wilderness, where he was, in Mark's words, "tempted by Satan". Matthew and Luke give more details of his temptation, telling of how the devil tried to persuade Jesus to turn stones into bread, or to seek political power and influence, or to abandon his commitment to the Kingdom of God. Our first two readings use images relating to water to convey the idea of a new start. The covenant between God and Noah, made after the great flood, is symbolised by the rainbow, which is itself caused by light refracting through water droplets. Through the water of baptism, referred to by Peter in his letter, we are saved by a pledge "made to God from a good conscience", not from fear. This is the repentance, the change of direction, which Jesus preached—going forward with joy, knowing that the Lord is with us.

Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications

NEW PARISHIONERS

A very warm welcome to new parishioners who have moved to the area. To register as a member of our parish, please complete the new parishioner form on our website.

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. Please continue to;

- * 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 28th February go to our website <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk> and click on the link.

LENTEN JOURNEY VIDEO CLIPS

As we journey through Lent, we would like to celebrate the diversity of our parish by asking willing groups or individuals to record a short video telling the parish about your Lenten customs. You could also share your thoughts on what Lent means to you. The videos we receive will then be shared on our website. For further information or to send a video please email lentenjourney@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

TRANSLATING AN EASTER GREETING

How would you say "Alleluia!!! He Is Risen" in your language? Tell us and we will share with everyone. Our altar servers will work on them for Easter. Please email your translation and country to newsletter@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk



ST. BEDE'S CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2021

Thank you to everyone who has submitted details for the next Confirmation Sacrament programme. There is still time to be included, please email candidate details to confirmation@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) COURSE

Our current parish programme continues on Wednesday 24th February at 7.30 pm via Zoom. Please keep in your prayers those from our parish and the diocese who are preparing for initiation and reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil.



LET'S DO AFTERNOON TEA



Deacon Tony and Pam invite you to join them for afternoon tea via Zoom on Sunday 21st February from 3.00pm to 4.30pm. Please email stbedessocial@gmail.com for meeting details.

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 there will be 6.30 am Mass at St. Bede's Church every Thursday morning.

CAFOD WALK FOR WATER



Janet writes "This Lent I'm taking on the Walk for Water Challenge. I'll be walking 10,000 steps a day for 40 days to raise money for CAFOD's work around the world. Everyone deserves to have clean water to live and thrive. Unfortunately, this is not available in too many places. I have been witness to this during my travels. Whilst big corporations profit on selling bottled water to those who can afford it, we need to make an extra effort to bring light to the problem and help those who need the improvements in local infrastructure and governance, in order to supply safe and clean water to everyone." [Walk for water - everyone deserves clean water to live and thrive | Walk for Water | CAFOD](#)

HOPE IN THE PANDEMIC—A LENTEN TALK

Sr Valentina will be giving a Lenten talk on Thursday 4th March at 7.45pm. Lent is time for renewal. So join us to learn how this time can help us to journey through the Pandemic. How the Paschal Mystery, Jesus' life, death and resurrection, can bring meaning to what we are living and make us bridges of hope. To find out more please contact Joan Kent on jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

ST. BEDE'S WEBSITE QUESTIONNAIRE

Help us develop a parish website that truly reflects what you want to see by completing this short questionnaire <http://bit.ly/StBedesWebsiteQuestionnaire>

BAPTISM

Baptism on Sunday 28th February at 12.30 pm at St. Bede's Church for Stephanie Anazor. We welcome Stephanie and her family into our Church.

FUNERALS

Funeral Service for Brendan Kehoe RIP at the Crematorium on Thursday 25th February at 12.30 pm. Requiem for Kathleen Gaiger RIP at St. Bede's Church on Thursday 4th March at 11.30 am. We remember also Eric Rowan RIP who died recently. May they rest in Peace.



PARISH DONATIONS

The safest way to make a donation to the parish is electronically by standing order or via our website donation button at [Virtual collection basket – St Bede's, Basingstoke](#) Please use the reference field to identify any donations to CAFOD. Many thanks for your support.