

THE MESSENGER

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Sunday 28th February 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Year B, Psalter Week II

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

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
Mon 1st			ST DAVID , Religious, Bishop, <i>feast</i>
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Int. Lloyd Family
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Couples preparing for Marriage in the Parish
Tues 2nd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Doreen da Silva RIP
Wed 3rd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: John & Emily Liddell RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Bereaved in the Parish
Thur 4th	6.30 am	SB	Mass: Julie Brennan RIP
	11.30 am	SB	Requiem Kathleen Gaiger RIP
Fri 5th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Kathleen Gaiger RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: NHS Staff in B'stoke Hospital
Sat 6th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Margaret McNamara RIP

Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Year B, Psalter Week III

Sun 7th Mar	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Anita & Tom Davidson
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Antonio Martino RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

One day, Abraham is told by God to take his son Isaac to a place where he is to sacrifice the boy as a burnt offering. Abraham is distraught, but prepares to obey God. The journey is long and its account is painful to read. Isaac starts to ask why there is no animal for the sacrifice. Abraham evades the issue by saying that God will provide the sacrifice. The tension builds up until the point that Abraham is prepared to kill his son on the stone altar. Eventually Isaac must know what his father intends to do. Then God acts. An angel stays Abraham's hand and the boy is freed. A ram caught in the thicket is sacrificed instead. We do know that in the Gospel story of the transfiguration God the Father addresses Peter, James and John, telling them that Jesus is the Father's beloved Son, in whom God is well pleased, and that they must 'Listen to Him.' To listen to Jesus is to develop trust in Him. To listen to Him and to reflect on the Gospel stories of His mission is to learn about God and to trust in God. Lent is an excellent opportunity for us to develop a listening habit: of listening to the one who is God's Word made flesh.

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

When attending Mass we must follow 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 7th March go to our website <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk>

LENTEN JOURNEY VIDEO CLIPS

To celebrate the diversity of our parish we would like groups or individuals to record a short video telling the parish about your Lenten customs. The videos we receive will then be shared on our website. To send a video please email lentenjourney@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

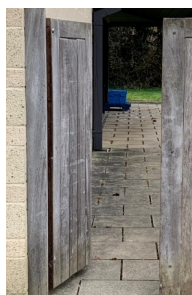
TRANSLATING AN EASTER GREETING



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

BASINGSTOKE FOODBANK DONATIONS

If you would like to donate items for the foodbank, dried and tinned foodstuffs and toiletries only, please 'shop and drop' goods into the permanent crates provided at local supermarkets. Or use the crate located outside the hall at St Bede's Church, access via the side gate (see photo). For details of all food donation points and items most needed visit [Donate food | Basingstoke Foodbank](#)



BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The next programme will be held on 14th and 21st March at 1.15pm via Zoom. For further information please email baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

ALTAR SERVER MEET UP VIA ZOOM

The next meeting will take place on 6th March from 3 - 4.30 pm. To register and receive the link details please send an email to stbedes@portsmouthdiocese.co.uk You are welcome and don't worry if you missed the first session.

LENT 2021

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

Prayer: *we are encouraged to attend Mass and to pray more.*

Fasting: *we give up the food we enjoy as a sacrifice.*

Almsgiving: *we give more to those who are in need.*

During Lent, rise early and come to the 6.30 am Mass at St. Bede's Church every Thursday morning.



CONFESSION

Confession will be available after 9.30 am Mass during the week, please approach Fr. Dominic or Fr. Leo after Mass.

CAFOD WALK FOR WATER CHALLENGE



Thank you to everyone who joined the BIG Walk for Water last Saturday and to everyone who made a donation. A number of parishioners, including Judith Aylmer are also doing the 10,000 steps a day for 40 days Walk for Water Challenge. Judith has been having problems with her leg and thought about not doing it, but those who need water have to walk anyway. If you would like to join Judith on a walk any day after Mass, please email jaylmer9@gmail.com. Please help her raise £750 for a community water supply by donating at [Judith on her Walk for Water Challenge | Walk for Water | CAFOD](#)

CaFE SERIES - LET IT BE

Starting Monday 26th April at 7.30 pm Sacred Heart Church will be hosting a CaFE series course called Let It Be which is about Our Lady Mary. Each session involves watching a video and discussions in smaller groups. It is a 5 week course and will end on 27th May. Here is the link to find out more [Let It Be | CaFE - Catholic Faith Exploration \(faithcafe.org\)](#) If you are interested please do get in touch with Joan Kent on jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

LET'S DO AFTERNOON TEA

Deacon Tony and Pam invite you to join them for afternoon tea via Zoom on Sunday 28th February from 3.00pm to 4.30pm. Please email stbedesocial@gmail.com for meeting details.



SCAM EMAILS

If you receive an email that appears to come from the Parish Office or Parish Priest looking for money or emergency help, it is likely to be a scam. These emails are NOT from the parish so please ignore them.

PARISH COLLECTION

Parish collection for week ending 21st February was £1,990. Grateful thanks for your generosity to the parish.

DONATING TO THE PARISH

The easiest way to donate to the parish is electronically by BACs or Standing Order. Forms are available on our website or email treasurer@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk for more information.