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Sunday 21st March 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Year B, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 21st Mar	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Michael & Vivienne Colley RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Allie Joseph RIP
Mon 22nd	12 noon	SB	Mass: Mathew Thomas RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Speedy Recovery Mary White
Tues 23rd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Patrick Cantwell RIP
Wed 24th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Norma Clark RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: All Covid Deaths RIP
Thur 25th	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, solemnity		
	6.30 am	SB	Mass: Professor David Taylor RIP
Fri 26th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Joe White RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Sick in the Parish
Sat 27th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Archbishop John Aloysius
	1.00 pm	SB	Baptism: Cillian Coombes

Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am

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

PALM SUNDAY

Year B, Psalter Week II

Sun 28th Mar	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. De Souza Family
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Winnie Brennan RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In today's Gospel, we could say that Jesus is offering a type of "memory box" to His disciples. Firstly, as with someone who is leaving their family behind, we see Jesus' human struggle to leave those He has grown to love. Secondly, we are offered a glimpse of Jesus' hopes for His disciples' future and the hope that, when He is glorified, He will once again draw all His disciples to Himself. Jesus is sharing the reality of His impending death with His disciples, and in doing so explains it in a way that will make sense to them. He tells them that "unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain". But if it dies, "it yields a rich harvest". Jesus is that grain of wheat, that small, single grain from which the Kingdom of God is to grow on earth. Jesus has to die in order for the Father's Kingdom of peace, love and justice to flourish. This dying is not easy and Jesus tells us that His "soul is troubled". Letting go costs Jesus, just as it costs us in our daily lives. Yet, with the Father's word of love written on His heart, Jesus finds the courage to say, "it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour". Jesus is given the grace to see that His sacrifice is worthwhile. He is able to stretch out His arms on the cross, thereby revealing the love that the Father has for each one of us—a love so great that he gives up His only son.

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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

- * Please wear a face mask at all times
- * 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 for you to scan using your mobile for Track and Trace.

BOOKING TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

To book tickets for Mass on Sunday 28th March go to our website <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk>

NATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION FOR COVID-19

There will be a National Day of Reflection on the first anniversary of the first lockdown next Tuesday 23rd March 2021. The President and Vice President of the Bishop's Conference, Cardinal Nichols and Archbishop McMahon, have asked all Catholics to hold this day as one of Reflection but also of Prayer. Pay a visit to church and pray for the many needs, hopes and sorrows that have emerged over the last year.



LET'S DO AFTERNOON TEA

Deacon Tony and Pam invite you to join them for afternoon tea via Zoom on Sunday 21st March from 3.00 pm to 4.30 pm. Join parishioners for conversation, a quiz and prayer. Email stbedesocial@gmail.com for meeting details.

STUDY GROUP

Judith Aylmer is starting a study group looking at the Sunday readings on Thursday 8th April at 7.30 pm via Zoom. This is open to all confirmed members of the Church. If you are interested in joining this group, please email Judith on jaylmer9@gmail.com. Places will be limited.

CAFOD WALK FOR WATER CHALLENGE



The Walk for Water Challenge has now reached Week 4. A big thank you to everyone who has sponsored our clergy and parishioners taking part in the challenge. Please keep all those taking part in your prayers, that they have the strength to keep on walking.

BAPTISM PROGRAMME

The next Baptism preparation programme will take place on Sunday 11th and 18th April at 1 pm via Zoom. To register please email baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

PLANNED GIVING BLUE ENVELOPES

Due to the number of unclaimed envelopes from last April we have decided that no more will be ordered unless specifically requested. If you would like envelopes please email treasurer@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

EASTER TRIDUUM (1ST - 4TH APRIL)

MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Lord's Supper SB 8.00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY

The Lord's Passion SB 3.00 pm

EASTER VIGIL

SB 9.00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY

SB 10.00 am & 12 noon
HG 12 noon



**No Evening Mass on Easter Sunday*

You will need to pre-book tickets for all services except Easter Sunday Mass at Holy Ghost Church. Booking links will be on our website shortly.

LIVE-STREAMED PENITENTIAL SERVICE

This year we are unable to hold a Penitential service. But to help us prepare for Holy Week there will be a live-streamed service from St. Bede's Church on Sunday 28th March at 3 pm. **Please join online from home.** Just a reminder that Confession is available after 9.30 am Mass during the week and on Saturday mornings.



REFLECTIONS AT THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

BACCA (Basingstoke African Caribbean Catholic Association) would like to invite all parishioners to join the meditation and reflections at the 14 Stations of the Cross on Saturday 27th March from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm via Zoom. Meeting ID: 950 958 2227 Passcode: 12345

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass, one of the main diocesan events of the year, will take place in the Cathedral on Tuesday 30th March 2021 at 11 am. The Mass is the special Liturgy in Holy Week during which the Bishop blesses the three Holy Oils for use in the Sacraments: the Oil of the Blessing of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of Chrism. Please do join online and in prayer if you can.

CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND

This fund supports the invaluable work of the Clergy Support Team who are responsible for looking after our clergy. From supporting newly ordained priests to providing ongoing support for those in active ministry, as well as caring for our clergy through illness. To make a donation please click the link. Thank you for your support [Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocese are fundraising for Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust | Give as you Live Donate](#)

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 14th March was £2,250. **Thank you for your generous support to the parish.** The easiest way to donate is via BAC's, Standing Order or our donate button at [Virtual collection basket – St Bede's, Basingstoke](#)

DON'T FORGET NEXT Sunday, 28th March, British Summer Time begins so remember to move your clocks forward one hour!

