

# THE MESSENGER

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## Sunday 28th March 2021

### PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord

Year B, Psalter Week II

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

<b>Sun 28th Mar</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. De Souza Family
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	3.00 pm	SB	Penitential Service via Webcam
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Winnie Brennan RIP
<b>Mon 29th</b>	12 noon	SB	Mass: Geoff Fowler RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int. Mendonca Family
<b>Tues 30th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Kate Campbell 100th birthday
<b>Wed 31st</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Teresa Peckham RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Colin Huntley RIP
<b>Thur 1st</b>	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>		
	8.00 pm	SB	People of the Parish
<b>Fri 2nd</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>		
	3.00 pm	SB	Passion of the Lord
<b>Sat 3rd</b>	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>		
	10.00 am	SB	Blessing of Easter Baskets (Święconka)
	9.00 pm	SB	Easter Vigil

### EASTER SUNDAY

Year B, Psalter Week I

<b>Sun 4th Apr</b>	8.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	10.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Canon Paul Chidgey
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Eric Rowan RIP
	12 noon	HG	Mass: People of the Parish
	<i>No Evening Mass</i>		

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#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The accounts of the Passion of Jesus in all four Gospels tell the same story but with subtle differences. The differences in Mark's account are perhaps less noticeable in comparison with the accounts in the other Gospels. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus is a man of action. He is on the move, teaching and preaching, healing and feeding the multitudes. But once Judas has handed Jesus over, once he has betrayed Him, the man of action disappears and we are faced with someone who is on the receiving end of other's words and actions, most of which are hostile and violent. We can read the Passion stories as foundation stories of our belief. Jesus suffered, died and rose again that we might be saved and join with Him in His glory. But what difference do the stories make to the way we understand life and the way we live? Like Mark's first audience we too have to deal with the way things go wrong in our lives, not necessarily through any fault of our own. What we learn from the Passion stories is that our lives, too, are part of this great mystery of redemption. How we love, the choices we make, can become part of that great act of love.

*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

- \* 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.

## EASTER TRIDUUM AND EASTER SUNDAY BOOKINGS

Services are now fully booked. If you find that you no longer need tickets please remember to cancel them. Pre-booking is not required for Mass at Holy Ghost Church on Easter Sunday. Places will be on a first come first served basis.

## BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS



There will be the Blessing of Easter Baskets (Święconka) taking place on Holy Saturday morning at 10 am. To attend this event you will need to book tickets. Booking links will be available on our website on Sunday 28th March.

## LET'S DO AFTERNOON TEA

Deacon Tony and Pam invite you to join them for afternoon tea via Zoom on Sunday 28th March from **3.45 pm to 5.00 pm** (to allow you to attend the online Lenten Penitential Service). Please email [stbedessocial@gmail.com](mailto:stbedessocial@gmail.com) for meeting details. Afternoon Tea will be taking a break on Easter Sunday but will resume on Sunday 11th April.

## CAFOD WALK FOR WATER CHALLENGE



The Walk for Water Challenge is now reaching its final week. The support from our parish and beyond has been fantastic. Please keep all those taking part in your prayers. Shortly after Easter we will work out the total amount raised and the number of steps walked!

## BAPTISM PROGRAMME

The next Baptism preparation programme will take place on Sunday 11th and 18th April at 1.15 pm via Zoom. To register please email [baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](mailto:baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)

## LANGUAGE MINISTRY

We are starting a new multi-lingual ministry to reach out to those in our parish and community who may struggle with English as a second language. If you are fluent in a language other than English and wish to help out, please email David and Therese Brown at [languageministry@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](mailto:languageministry@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk). This is a great opportunity to assist those who struggle with English and help them to feel at home and welcome in our Parish. We look forward to hearing from YOU soon!

## LIVE-STREAMED LENTEN 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.** Confession is available after 9.30 am Mass during the week.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be a Virtual Stations of the Cross projected at St. Bede's Church starting 30 mins before the Good Friday service.



## PARISH RCIA GROUP

Please keep in your prayers those from our parish RCIA programme who have been preparing for Baptism and admission into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Let us pray for them at this time, that they will be beacons of light and faith.

## GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The Pontifical Good Friday collection for the Christians in the Holy Land will take place as usual this year on the 2nd April 2021. Please use this link to make a donation <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/good-friday-collection-for-christians-in-the-holy-land>

## INVITATION FROM THE CARMELITES

The Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality in Oxford is run by a team of Discalced Carmelite friars and laypeople who invite you to join them for an online retreat through the Sacred Triduum from Thursday 1st to Saturday 3rd April. The Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) holds the key to unlocking the glory of the resurrection that Easter brings. In this retreat, Fr Matt Blake, a Carmelite priest and renowned retreat director will accompany us on this Journey to experience the transformative power of the Resurrection. Find out more here [TRIDUUM RETREAT- Freedom to Rejoice – oxacs](#)

## FUNERALS

Funeral Service at the Crematorium for Margaret Williamson RIP at 3.30 pm on Tuesday 30th March. Funeral Service at St. Bede's Church for Anna Stones RIP on Wednesday 31st March at 11.30 am. We remember their family and friends at this sad time. May they rest in peace.



## EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION

This collection supports our parish priests, in recognition for all the dedication, guidance and care they give across our Diocese and in each parish. If you would like to give to the collection, which is the main source of income for Fr Dominic and Fr Leo, please click the link [Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust are fundraising for St Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate](#) For donations via bank transfers please use reference 'Easter Offering'. Many thanks.

## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 21st March was £2,136. Thank you for your generous support to the parish.