

THE MESSENGER

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Sunday 7th March 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Year B, Psalter Week III

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

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| Sun 7th Mar | 9.00 am | SB | Mass: Int. Anita & Tom Davidson |
| | 11.00 am | SB | Mass: Antonio Martino RIP |
| | 12.30 pm | SB | Baptism: Khaleesi Okechukwa |
| | 6.00 pm | SB | Mass: People of the Parish |
| Mon 8th | 12 noon | SB | Mass: In thanksgiving |
| | 6.00 pm | HG | Mass: Ian Bell RIP |
| Tues 9th | 9.30 am | SB | Mass: Jacqueline Munro-Lafon RIP |
| Wed 10th | 9.30 am | SB | Mass: Kathleen Gaiger RIP |
| | 6.00 pm | HG | Mass: In thanksgiving Rita & Caterina Giunta |
| Thur 11th | 6.30 am | SB | Mass: Fr. Daniel Murphy RIP |
| Fri 12th | 9.30 am | SB | Mass: Benedict Da Silva RIP |
| | 6.00 pm | HG | Mass: Int. Zuzanna Jadach |
| Sat 13th | 9.30 am | SB | Mass: Wedding Anniversary Mr. Mrs Lloyd |

Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Year B, Psalter Week IV

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| Sun 14th Mar | 9.00 am | SB | Mass: Margaret McNamara RIP |
| | 11.00 am | SB | Mass: All Mother's in the Parish |
| | 12.30 pm | SB | Baptism: Elias De Sousa |
| | 6.00 pm | SB | Mass: People of the Parish |

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In the Gospel reading, Christ cleanses the Temple in Jerusalem. When He is challenged about His actions, He responds with these words, "Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up." His victory is guaranteed and the resurrection is the sign of that great victory. Even though the historic Jerusalem Temple will be destroyed, the risen Christ and the Church which is His body will triumph. The destruction of the Temple and the death of Christ are caused by sin, but Christ will triumph over sin and death. In purifying the Temple now, Christ shows that His resurrection is about creating a new life. This is one reason why the Church continues to sing the Old Testament Psalms. The Psalms speak of victory, often in militaristic terms, and this can seem strange and even offensive to our way of thinking. The key is that the victory is not ours but God's. God will win, and God does not need us to bring about that victory by force. Instead we are called to believe and hope in God's victory, the victory we prepare for by prayer. Much will be destroyed before that victory comes, but what is destroyed, the Lord can raise up again.

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

Please continue to 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

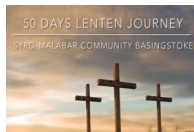
To book tickets for Mass on Sunday 14th March go to our website <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk>

WELCOME BACK

This week please keep in your prayers our schools as children return once again to their classrooms. Thank you to all our teachers, teaching assistants and staff who have worked tirelessly to do their best in the current situation.



LENTEN JOURNEY VIDEO CLIPS



Thank you to our Syro-Malabar Community in Basingstoke who have recorded a short video sharing their 50 Days Lenten Journey. To watch it please click on the link https://bit.ly/LentenJourney_SyroMalabarCommunity

LET'S DO AFTERNOON TEA

Deacon Tony and Pam invite you to join them for afternoon tea via Zoom on Sunday 7th March from 3.00pm to 4.30pm. Join parishioners for conversation, a quiz and prayer. Please email stbedesocial@gmail.com for meeting details.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

Intention for evangelization - Sacrament of reconciliation
Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

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

A LITTLE THOUGHT

The fruit of Silence is Prayer. The fruit of Prayer is Faith. The fruit of Faith is Love. The fruit of Love is Service.

St. Mother Teresa

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 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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

At the current time we are not able to come to church for Stations of the Cross. However members of the Core Group have put together a version for you to pray along with at home. Click on the link <http://bit.ly/StationsoftheCrossHolyGhostParish>



CONFESSION

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

MONTH OF MARCH—ST. JOSEPH

The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph and we celebrate his feast day on 19th March. The Holy Father Pope Francis has dedicated this year to St. Joseph in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as the Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on 8th December, 1870. Let us continue to invoke him in our prayers.

SYRO-MALABAR RITE MASS

We welcome the Syro-Malabar community and Fr. Tomy to celebrate a long awaited Syro-Malabar rite Mass this Sunday at St. Bede's Church at 2:30pm. All places have been booked online, if you have not been able to register, please join the livestream.



CAFOD WALK FOR WATER CHALLENGE



Fr. Dominic writes "I was brought up and told that water is life. Early in my childhood, we had pipe borne water. Later, we had a well from where we got water. As a 10 year old in boarding school, I trekked kilometres to fetch water from a river to drink, shower, wash my clothes and for the school kitchen. I used to balance 4 to 5 litres of water in an iron bucket on my head like other children for the 1-2 kilometres walk. CAFOD's Walk for Water campaign reflects not just a need, but a memory, a face, a family, a community, a people and an environment to me." To donate please visit our website. You can read Fr. Dominic's full interview at [Fr Dominic recalls walking to collect water as a child. | CAFOD Portsmouth Blog \(wordpress.com\)](https://www.cafod.org.uk/blog/fr-dominic-recalls-walking-to-collect-water-as-a-child)

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 28th February was £2,097.

Thank you for your generous support to the parish. The easiest way to donate is via BAC's, Standing Order (forms are available on our website) or via our donate button at [Virtual collection basket – St Bede's, Basingstoke](#)