

THE MESSENGER

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Sunday 11th April 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER of Divine Mercy

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 11th Apr	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Pino & Michel Colella RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	2.30 pm	HG	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Jean Murphy RIP
Mon 12th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Canon Patrick Daly RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int. Kevin & Geraldine Powders
Tues 13th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Simon Burrows
Wed 14th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Mary, Edward Moore RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int. Mrs White & Family
Thur 15th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Annamma Joseph RIP
Fri 16th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Doug Herron RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Holy Souls
Sat 17th	9.30am	SB	Mass: Tito Gomes RIP

Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B, Psalter Week III

Sun 18th Apr	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Anne Stones RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Mendonca Family

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We must love God and allow God to touch us if we wish our faith to increase. God touches us in the sacraments and especially when we receive Holy Communion. We consume the Body and Blood of Christ and as an act of reverence can pray, "My Lord and my God!" We grow in our Christian faith when we love our neighbour. The two commandments are deeply interrelated: when we love God, we, love God's children. When we love God's children, we bring forth our love of God. The appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas teaches us that when we touch the wounds of the body of Christ, then our faith is deepened. Our faith in Christ is not something abstract, but real in creation. We touch the wounds of the Body of Christ when we reach out to those who suffer, the sick child, the dying parent, those who wounds are sore and hurting. There we faithfully live the commandment to love our neighbour and love God. We are invited to enter into the wounds of others and be the compassionate presence of Christ through his Body, the Church. He is the head, the source, the one who provides the energy so that His Church may live and witness to this love. We do this through the power of touch.

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NEW PARISHIONERS

A very warm welcome to parishioners who have joined us for Mass or 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
- * The number of parishioners at each Mass will be limited and the maximum stated when you book tickets
- * Avoid entering the Sacristy via the side door in the Church
- * QR Codes are displayed for you to scan using your mobile for Track and Trace.

BOOKING TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

To book tickets to attend Mass on Sunday 18th April please go to our website <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk> where links will be published shortly.

LET'S DO AFTERNOON TEA



Afternoon Tea via Zoom returns at its normal time of 3.00 pm until 4.30 pm on Sunday 11th April. Join Deacon Tony, Pam and other parishioners for chat, a quiz and prayer time. For Zoom meeting details please email stbedessocial@gmail.com.

NEW FORMATION FOR MISSION WEBSITE

Sr Hyacinthe, Leader of our diocese Formation for Mission Team announces that the FFM Team has a new website ... Our team is very excited to launch our new website, which is still a work in progress, but which will allow you to find out everything our team currently offers for the formation of adults, catechists and readers in our parishes. You can find it here: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/> You will be able to discover courses we will be running in the near future, including those to mark the Year of the Word in our diocese.

CaFE COURSE – LET IT BE

The Sacred Heart parish is running a CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) course entitled "Let It Be" which we are all welcome to join. It is about Our Lady, Mary. It starts on 26th April and runs for 5 weeks ending in the week of 24th May. To register for the course please email Joan Kent at jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. A book to accompany the course can be purchased from Jan Hughes at the parish office at Sacred Heart. For contact details click the link [Address & Contact Details | Sacred Heart Hook Catholic Church](#). The book is not essential as each session consists of watching a video followed by a small group discussion

ESSENTIAL TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS

Sr Hyacinthe will be running the popular Essential Training for Catechists in 5 weekly sessions on Monday evenings, starting on Monday 19th April at 7.00 pm via Zoom. It is open to everyone who seeks to understand how to proclaim the faith more effectively to children, young people and adults. The sessions are run over 5 weeks and a diocesan certificate is awarded upon completion of all the sessions. For further details and to register go to <https://www.pffm.org.uk/>

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Second Sunday of Easter is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. It reminds us that Jesus laid down His life on the Cross for you, for me and for the whole world in order to show us His infinite mercy. He makes that mercy available to us in His Church, above all through the sacraments and through prayer. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy, given to us through the appearances of the Lord to St. Faustina Kowalska, is an excellent prayer for that Divine mercy.



ADORATION ON DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

To celebrate Divine Mercy in our parish, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers at 2.30 pm in Holy Ghost Church on Sunday 11th April. It will be live-streamed via Zoom and the church open to parishioners on a first come, first served basis. Please come along with your Divine Mercy images for blessing at the end of the Adoration. Jesus, I trust in you!

EASTER 'LETTER TO EVERYONE' FROM BISHOP PHILIP

In case you missed it, this Easter Bishop Philip sent out across our Diocese a "Letter to Everyone." It is titled "An Offer that will Change Your Life". You can read and download a copy at: [Microsoft Word - BoP PL27 040421 \(Letter to Everyone\).docx \(mcusercontent.com\)](https://www.mcusercontent.com/BoP-PL27-040421-Letter-to-Everyone.docx). Basically it is an invitation, an attempt at reaching out to anyone who has been affected by the pandemic and who is thinking about what's important in their life. It invites them to "come and see", that is to find in the Christian faith and the Christian community all that their hearts long for, including a life-changing relationship with God.

WALK FOR WATER



A final thank you to our clergy and parishioners who have taken part and/or donated to the Walk for Water Challenge. In total, as a parish, we raised over £8,000 which will go towards projects to help end water poverty. The parish Walk For Water page was one of the most successful JustGiving pages of the last month, and was in the top 5% of fundraising pages. Thank you for helping us to raise so much for CAFOD during this Lent.

DIOCESAN LIBRARY AND RESOURCE CENTRE

Just a reminder that, under the care of our Diocesan Formation for Mission team, we have a Diocesan Lending Library able to lend out many helpful resources and courses to parishes. Resources include items for teen and adult faith formation, sacramental preparation, bible study, Word on Fire and St. Paul Centre items. Contact parishstudies@gmail.com to find out more.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

This collection will be for the Clergy Training Fund.

GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION

The collection for the Holy Land amounted to £441. Easter Sunday collection amounted to £4,163 (includes website donations). Thank you for your generosity.