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Sunday 18th April 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B, Psalter Week III

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

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. Mendoca Family
Mon 19th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Kurian Philip RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int. D'Souza Family
Tues 20th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Louise Grey RIP
Wed 21st	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Lloyd & Murphy Families
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: John Okpaloafa RIP
Thur 22nd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Carmel Harding RIP
Fri 23rd			ST GEORGE , Patron of England, <i>solemnity</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dolly Hooper RIP
	12 noon	HG	Requiem Domenica Coviello RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Sick in the Parish
Sat 24th	9.30am	SB	Mass: James Lambe RIP

Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B, Psalter Week IV

Sun 25th Apr	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Tony Palmer RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Anna, Jack Bowman RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Grace Ogunun Okpaloafa

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Perhaps the greatest proof of the authenticity of the disciples experience lies in their lived-out response to events. "You are witness to this," Jesus tells them—witnesses that He is the Christ who suffered, died, and rose, for the forgiveness of sins for all people. That was precisely what so many of them did: witnessed not simply by their words but by their actions. Our faith has to have the same elements we see in those disciples: the honesty of their struggle to accept the news of Jesus' resurrection, so that it can also become real for us, so that we too can "see for ourselves"; a genuine personal encounter with the risen Lord, with His love, His presence; and a desire to witness, to share this good news with the people of our time. Like them, we do this by our lives - by giving of ourselves in a genuinely self-sacrificing way, so that others may find life. We are called to bear witness to the truth that Jesus' cross is the way to life. This is no denial of the death of Jesus, but an affirmation that He shows us the way to life, precisely by His dying. There are no shortcuts to that struggle for faith, or to that personal encounter with Jesus. There can be no passing the buck to others to do the work. We are His witnesses today.

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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 25th April please go to our website <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk> where links will be published shortly.

WELCOME BACK

We welcome back our school children, teachers and staff after the Easter break.

LET'S DO AFTERNOON TEA



Join Deacon Tony, Pam and other parishioners via Zoom for afternoon tea with chat, a quiz and prayer time from 3.00 pm until 4.30 pm on Sunday 18th April. For Zoom meeting details please send an email to stbedessocial@gmail.com.

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

SCRIPTURE & SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE

The Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality in Oxford is run by a team of Discalced Carmelite friars and lay people who invite you to join them for a Scripture & Spirituality Conference on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th July 2021. This year's conference focuses on St. John of the Cross and his life changing teachings of how love can transform each and everyone of us. Through six thought provoking talks, each of us can learn how to become beacons of light to greater reflect Christ and offer hope to a world in much need of healing. Six renowned speakers, authors and experts, will help bring St John's teachings to life and transform how we grow in our love and spirituality. Read more about the conference here [Scripture & Spirituality Conference 2021 | Carmelite Friars](#). "To love, is to be transformed into what we love. To love God is therefore is to be transformed into God." (St. John of the Cross)

POPE FRANCIS APRIL PRAYER INTENTION

Fundamental Rights—We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis, that they may see their sacrifice and their work bear abundant fruit .



The Holy Father says: "Defending fundamental human rights demands courage and determination. I'm referring to actively combatting poverty, inequality, the lack of work, land and housing, and the denial of social and labour rights. Often, in practice, fundamental human rights are not equal for all. There are first-, second-, and third-class people, and those who are disposable. No. They must be equal for all. In some places, defending people's dignity can mean going to prison, even without a trial. Or it might mean slander. Every human being has the right to develop fully, and this fundamental right cannot be denied by any country. Let us pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis, that they may see their sacrifice and their work bear abundant fruit."

RECLAIM OUR COMMON HOME

CAFOD has a new campaign called Reclaim Our Common Home with a petition asking politicians to consider the poorest communities when addressing global poverty and climate change at the G7 summit and the UN climate talks this year. Please sign the petition at cafod.org.uk/reclaim.

ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL



We are continuing our 2021 Programme: "ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT" which is in response to the invitation from Pope Francis "I ask all of you that you organise seminars to share Baptism in the Spirit." ADORÉ

invite you to join them for an online spiritual mini-retreat morning on Saturday 24th April, 10.00-13.00 with Mass, Adoration, Reflection, Praise, Talk, Prayer and Discussion. Theme: "Receiving God's Gift" - to receive new life you must turn away from those things which block your relationship with God and accept Jesus as your Lord. Speaker: Peter Hobbs. Please register in advance at [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to Aidan-Keenan Drah and Rory Fitzpatrick who will be Baptised on Sunday 25th April.

FUNERAL

Requiem for Domenica Coviello RIP at Holy Ghost Church on Friday 23rd April at 12 noon. We remember all our Parishioners who have died during the past year. May they rest in Peace.



PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 11th April amounted to £2,561.18. Thank you for your generosity. The second collection this weekend is for the Clergy Training Fund.