

# THE MESSENGER

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## Sunday 25th April 2021

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B, Psalter Week IV

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

<b>Sun 25th Apr</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Tony Palmer RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Anna, Jack Bowman RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Grace Ogunu Okpaloafa
<b>Mon 26th</b>	12 noon	SB	Mass: Ivory Carla Lapitan RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Rose Easton RIP
<b>Tues 27th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Teresita Baligod Pagulayan RIP, Paterno Perez RIP
<b>Wed 28th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Chris Ewings RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int. Joanna Smart
<b>Thur 29th</b>			<b>St Catherine of Siena</b> , Religious & Doctor of the Church
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Arthur Goonan RIP
<b>Fri 30th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Domenico Scannelli RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Allan Sesdoyro RIP
<b>Sat 1st</b>	9.30am	SB	Mass: Int. Pat Murphy Family

Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am

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

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B, Psalter Week I

<b>Sun 2nd May</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Maia Stafiej RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int SVP/Members & Clients
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

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#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Shepherding was very different in Jesus' day. Shepherds did not "drive" their sheep: they walked with them, or went ahead if the path was narrow. Shepherds knew each sheep by name and understood their needs. If a wolf appeared, they would see it off. The sheep knew their shepherd and trusted that the shepherd was not trying to take away their freedom. On the contrary, the shepherd was expanding their horizons, for the springtime grass which carpeted the Judaeian hillsides soon turned brown, so shepherds would need to keep leading them to fresh pasture. When the time came to move on, they would call to them and, hearing their names, the sheep came willingly. Waiting for the stragglers, the shepherds set off and, wherever the shepherd went, the sheep would be sure to follow. In today's Gospel, Jesus describes Himself as that kind of shepherd, leading us, His flock, to where He knows we will find personal nourishment and fulfilment. We are known to Him as individuals. We can trust Him, for Jesus gave His life for us. No one made Him do it; He did it because He loves us. That is the difference between a job and a vocation: the feeling of being called to something; doing it because you care; not looking for reward or recognition, just wanting to give.

*Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications*

## 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 2nd May please go to our website <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk> where links will be published shortly.

## STEPHEN FLITCROFT - FACILITIES MANAGER

Stephen will be retiring at the end of the month after diligently serving the parish and diocese for the past 4 years as Facilities Manager. We will miss Stephen's skills and willingness to help, and we thank him for all his hard work for the parish. He will be greatly missed by the staff and parishioners. We wish Stephen, a long, healthy and happy early retirement.



## LET'S DO AFTERNOON TEA



Join Deacon Tony, Pam and other parishioners via Zoom for afternoon tea with chat, a quiz and prayer time on Sunday 28th April starting at the slightly later time of **3.15 pm**. For Zoom meeting details please send an email to [stbedessocial@gmail.com](mailto:stbedessocial@gmail.com). Please note there will be no Afternoon Tea on 2nd May.

## ROSARY MISSION

Mgr. Philip Moger, the new Director of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, wishes to invite us all to join in a Rosary Mission across the month of May. The intention is to pray for the following:



- 1) Protecting our families and the family of nations, especially in this Year of St Joseph
- 2) A deepening of faith, hope and love and the protection of life
- 3) Peace in the world
- 4) Deliverance from Coronavirus; for those working for a cure; for those who have died; for those who are suffering and those who care for them.

Each night at 8pm there will be the foundational Rosary – to Jesus through Mary - led from a different Parish/Shrine. For more details see this week's e-News.

## PENTECOST CHALLENGE FOR FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

Monsignor Vincent Harvey is taking part in this year's Pentecost Challenge for the Friends of the Holy Land to walk, cycle, run or swim the 84-mile pilgrimage route from Bethlehem to Nazareth. He is hoping to raise £1,200 for the education of disabled children in the West Bank (Palestine). Find out more about his challenge and progress at [Friends Of The Holy Land: The Pentecost Challenge 2021](#)

## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Bishop Philip writes 'This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations for the Sacred Priesthood diaconate and religious life. Please pray especially for more priests for our diocese and from your own parish; for all who are discerning vocation at this time; for our seminarians and all those responsible for their formation; for our Vocations Director, Vocations Promoter and Director of the Diaconate; for our Vicar for Religious; for "can do" people of faith and action and, finally, for yourself too, that you may respond to what God is calling you to be in the life and service of the Church to help in bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church in our wonderful diocese.'

## FIND OUT MORE ABOUT VOCATIONS

Your vocation is what God calls you to do with your life. Everybody is called by God to know, love and serve Him. To fulfil the will of God, in our life, is the key to our happiness. Visit our Vocations website to find out more about responding to one of the many states of life and ministry in the Church and how you can support others on their journey [Portsmouth Vocations](#) 'Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away, and he gives you everything.' Pope Benedict XV

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

After a long wait it is with great joy that our current Confirmation Candidates will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation during Pentecost weekend. Masses will take place in St. Bede's Church on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd May both at 6.00 pm. Please pray for our young people, for their parents and sponsors and for our catechists.



## NO EVENING MASS ON SUNDAY 23RD MAY

Due to the Confirmation Mass taking place at 6.00 pm on Sunday 23rd May there will be no public evening Mass.

## 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.

## BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to Ryan Godhino, Aidan-Keenan Drah, Wojciech Tarlowski and Rory Fitzpatrick who will be Baptised this weekend.

## CLERGY TRAINING FUND

The Clergy Training Fund supports our seminarians through their training for the priesthood. Our diocese is blessed with 12 seminarians currently in training, two of whom are due to be ordained later this year. To donate online to the fund please use this link [Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocese are fundraising for Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust | Give as you Live Donate](#)

## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 18th April amounted to £2,335. Thank you for your generosity to the parish.