

THE MESSENGER

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Sunday 2nd May 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 2nd May	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Maria Stafiej RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: SVP/Members & Clients
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 3rd			Ss PHILIP & JAMES, Apostles, feast
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Gladys Deards RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Friday Ogbuka RIP
Tues 4th			THE ENGLISH MARTYRS (1535-1680), feast
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: John Monaghan RIP
Wed 5th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Jane Mooney RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int. Yvonne
Thur 6th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: In thanksgiving Wedding Anniversary Mr. Mrs. Lloyd
Fri 7th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Reid Family
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int. Parishioners
Sat 8th	9.30am	SB	Mass: Sue Razzell RIP

Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B, Psalter Week II

Sun 9th May	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. George Fowler
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Alicja Jadach

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today, in the Gospel reading about the vine, Jesus teaches us a new way to live in relationship with God. He uses the well known image of the vine. In an agricultural society, people will understand how to get the best out of a vine. If the grapes are to develop so that they can be turned into good wine, they need careful management. The vine cannot be left to do its own thing or it will simply produce lots of leaves and poor quality grapes. There is an obvious connection between root and branch, leaf and fruit - they share the one life. Cut off from that life, they shrivel and die. This same interdependence Jesus describes for us as the relationship which gives us eternal life. We are one with Him and with each other, sharing the one life, His life, and in this way we can live with Him and like Him and produce the fruits of His love. But, Jesus warns us, the vine cannot be left to its own devices; it needs a vinedresser to manage its growth and encourage its fruitfulness, and God is such a vinedresser. God knows us and knows what part of us needs to be cut away and what needs encouragement. We are in partnership with God to produce the best version of ourselves, the best fruit, the best wine.

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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 9th May please go to our website <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk> where links will be published shortly.

LET'S DO AFTERNOON TEA



Please note there will be no Afternoon Tea on Sunday 2nd May but join Deacon Tony, Pam and other parishioners via Zoom for afternoon tea with chat, a quiz and prayer time on Sunday 9th May from 3.00 pm - 4.30 pm. For Zoom meeting details please send an email to stbedessocial@gmail.com.

CARMELITE SPIRITUAL DIRECTION PROGRAMME

This two-year course beginning in September, is a unique combination of online and residential learning facilitated by seasoned practitioners at the Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality in Oxford. It offers unparalleled formation in the spiritual life and training for those who wish to accompany others on their spiritual journey, while providing a forum for the mutual enrichment of Christians from different denominations. For more information visit the website at [Spiritual Direction Programme | Carmelite Friars](#)

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The next Baptism programme will take place on Sunday 9th and Sunday 16th May from 1.15pm via Zoom. To register please email baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

REPOSITORY UPDATE

Thank you to Jackie Kinge who is stepping down from running the Repository. Jackie has been doing this for the past 9 years and we thank her for all her enthusiastic efforts. Wendy Daly has taken over from Jackie, and hopes to open the Repository on Friday 7th May between 2.30 – 4 pm in the courtyard for Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts. Thereafter, the shop will open on Wednesday's starting 19th May from 9.30 am – 12.30 pm. We will need volunteers to help run the Repository after the Sunday Masses on a rota basis. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office.

*May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place
all our hope in you.*

Psalms 32



FORTHCOMING FEAST DAYS

On Monday 3rd May we celebrate the feast of two of the Twelve Apostles, Philip and James who have shared a feast day since ancient times. Then on Tuesday 4th May it is the Feast of the English Martyrs. Bishop Philip suggests a prayer to say on this feast day, which is the Collect of the Mass for the day:

Almighty God, who in our country raised up martyrs from every walk of life to vindicate the authority of your Church in teaching and worship, grant through their intercession, we pray, that all our people may be gathered once again to celebrate the same sacraments under the one Shepherd, Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

MAY - A MONTH OF PRAYER

Catholics across the globe are encouraged to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying for an end to the pandemic. The initiative involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world and takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5). Pope Francis will open the Marian month of prayer on 1st May with a Rosary broadcast on Vatican News. Thereafter the Rosary will be broadcast daily at 6 pm Rome time (5 pm UK time). "Give me an army saying the rosary and I will conquer the world." - Pope Blessed Pius IX



POPE FRANCIS MAY PRAYER INTENTION

The World of Finance - Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

ONLINE CATECHESIS: HAVE YOUR SAY

Our Diocesan Formation for Mission team are inviting all Catechists to join them via Zoom for an open discussion on online catechesis on Tuesday 18th May from 7pm - 8.30pm. Joining other Catechists from across the diocese, this will be an opportunity to share ideas and tip and ask to questions. For more information on how to register see this week's e-News.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 25th April amounted to £2,297. Thank you for your support and generosity to the parish.