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Sunday 4th April 2021
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 4th Apr	8.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Canon Paul Chidgey
	10.00 am	SB	Mass: Eric Rowan RIP
	12 noon	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
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Mon 5th	12 noon	SB	Mass: St. Bede's Volunteers
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int. Altar Servers
Tues 6th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Rose, Michael Mullen
	11.30 am	SB	Funeral Service for Doug Sims RIP
Wed 7th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: 60th Wedding Anniversary Pat & Carl Grey
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Johnny Jenkinson RIP
Thur 8th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: 90th Birthday Kevin Patrick Corr
Fri 9th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Marivic Limbo RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int. D'Souza Family
Sat 10th	9.30am	SB	Mass: Thanksgiving Casano Family

Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Year B, Psalter Week II

Sun 11th Apr	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Pino & Michel Colella
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Jean Murphy RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

For John the Evangelist, the story of Jesus ends on the cross. The crucifixion is the lifting up of Jesus in glory: it is His death, resurrection, ascension and giving of the Spirit all summed up in one event. The following episodes are part of the story of the disciples. Our Gospel passage today relates the circumstances surrounding the discovery that Jesus' tomb is empty. It opens with the three characters - Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter and the anonymous disciple whom Jesus loved - literally and symbolically in the dark. At the beginning, they do not understand the reason why Jesus' body is missing: at the end, Mary and Peter still do not know, but the unnamed disciple comes to believe. Peter may well have a position of authority and his companion defers to him by allowing him to enter first. There are clues in the text that God has been at work. We are told that "the stone had been moved away": and that the cloth which had been over Jesus' face was "rolled up": this is a biblical way of expressing divine action. The signs of death - the stone, the cloths - have been deprived of their meaning. Contrast this scene with the raising of Lazarus, who is restored to the life he lost; Jesus is now in a different plane of existence altogether.

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THANK YOU

Thank you to all who are involved in the many different aspects of the life of the parish. Particular thanks also to everyone who worked in so many different ways to enable us to celebrate the Easter Triduum. Thank you also for your cards and good wishes.

Fr. Dominic, Fr. Leo and Deacon Tony

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Joe and Oliwia at St. Bede's and Mo at St. Michael's who will receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. We welcome you into the Catholic Church. Thank you to our Catechist team who run the RCIA programme.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We wish all our teachers, staff and students a happy and restful Easter break.

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 11th April please go to our website <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk> where links will be published shortly.

LET'S DO AFTERNOON TEA



Afternoon Tea will be taking a break on Easter Sunday but will resume at its normal time of 3.00 pm until 4.30 pm on Sunday 11th April. Please email stbedessocial@gmail.com for details.

BAPTISM PROGRAMME

The next Baptism preparation programme will take place on Sunday 11th and 18th April at 1.15 pm via Zoom. To register please email baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

LANGUAGE MINISTRY



We are starting a new multi-lingual ministry to reach out to those in our parish and community who may struggle with English as a second language. If you are fluent in a language other than English and wish to help please email languageministry@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk.

We look forward to hearing from YOU soon!

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."

St. Augustine

EASTER 'LETTER TO EVERYONE' FROM BISHOP PHILIP

This Easter, rather than sending a Pastoral Letter, Bishop Philip is sending 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 \(mcusercontent.com\)](#). 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.

HAVE YOU JUST FINISHED THE ALPHA COURSE?

Judith Aylmer is starting a group to look at the Sunday readings on Thursday 8th April at 7.30pm on Zoom. If you have just been on the Alpha course, this could be your next step. If you are interested, please contact Judith on jaylmer9@gmail.com.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE WALK FOR WATER



Across the Diocese over £30,500 has been raised and over 10,200 miles walked. As a parish, our clergy and parishioners who have taken part in the Walk for Water Challenge have raised over £8,000 and walked over 3.1 million steps! For the latest information from across the Diocese go to [CAFOD Portsmouth Blog | Updates from CAFOD in the Portsmouth Diocese \(wordpress.com\)](#)

FIRST PROFESSION AT DOUAI

Congratulations to Tom Messenger, now known as Brother Aidan. He made his first monastic profession at Douai Abbey on 27th March. Brother Aidan was an active member of our parish for many years. Ad multos annos! Full details and a photo feature in this week's e-News.

NEW CANON APPOINTMENTS

Congratulations to Fr. John Cooke who has been appointed as a Canon by Bishop Philip. "A chapter of Canons... is a college of priests, whose role is to celebrate the more solemn liturgical functions in a Cathedral or a collegiate church." We remember Fr. John with great fondness here at Holy Ghost Parish. Also congratulations to Mgr. Canon Vincent Harvey who has been appointed as a "Canon of Charity". This Charity will give support, spiritually and where possible practically, on behalf of the Chapter to the work of charitable outreach.

EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION

This collection supports our parish priests. If you would like to give to the collection, which is the main source of income for Fr. Dominic and Fr. Leo, please click the link [Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust are fundraising for St Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate](#) Many thanks for your generosity.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 28th March was £2,224. Thank you for your generous support to the parish.