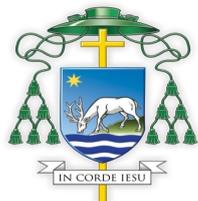


THE MESSENGER

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Sunday 9th May 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B, Psalter Week II

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

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
Mon 10th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Int. Ann Taylor, Maria Driscoll & Families
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Bernadette Lavelle RIP
Tues 11th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Flitcroft Family
Wed 12th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: David Rawden RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Tony Tambascia RIP
Thur 13th	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, solemnity		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Noel Landers RIP
Fri 14th	ST MATTHIAS, Apostle, feast		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Theresa Barry
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int. Diocesan Seminarians
Sat 15th	9.30am	SB	Mass: Doug Sims RIP

Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B, Psalter Week III

Sun 16th May	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Sean Friel RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Dominic Babu 18th Birthday

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Love one another, as I have loved you."

The laying down of life for love is the theme of today's Gospel. In these final weeks of Eastertide we listen once again to the words of Jesus at the Last Supper. Jesus offers Himself as the model of love, willing to go so far as to suffer danger and death to express love. The second reading today explains this more fully. John is writing to the early Christian community and tells them, "My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God." And in the first reading we learn that God loves everybody. Peter has been hesitant to go into the home of Cornelius, because he is a Roman soldier, outside the Jewish faith community. But when he does, then suddenly the Holy Spirit is poured forth upon that home. The people receive the Spirit just as the first disciples did after Jesus rose from the dead. Peter says, "they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have". Loving as Jesus loved will require sacrifice. Love is not just a sentimental, warm, fuzzy feeling: it's a conscious decision to share ourselves with others, to give of ourselves for the sake of another.

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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 Sunday Mass please go to our website <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk> where links will be published each week.

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 9th May. For Zoom meeting details

please send an email to stbedessocial@gmail.com.

VOCATIONS NEWSLETTER - SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH

In this month's vocations newsletter we are asked to pray for Ryan Hawkes. Ryan is from our parish and is in his first year at the Venerable English College in Rome. Ryan writes 'Beginning my time at the English College during the pandemic has certainly been an interesting experience, and one that has presented some obvious challenges, but I'm happy to say that I have had a wonderful first year in Rome. The community and the staff welcomed us 'new men' with open arms and have made it very easy to settle in. Arriving in Rome in the sweltering September heat, I must admit that I was shocked by the busy schedule consisting of personal and community prayer, lectures, private study, and meals, on top of meetings with the spiritual director, our formation tutors, and a psychologist, but I have found all of these elements to be incredibly fulfilling and helpful in my discernment. In particular, I was excited to begin reading Philosophy at the Angelicum and I am grateful to have the chance to meet seminarians, religious, and lay students from around the world.' Ryan asks that we pray for his family and the families of all seminarians. Also to pray for a swift end to the current health crisis, and for those in positions of leadership at this difficult time, especially Bishop Philip and our Prime Minister. To find out more about vocations go to [Portsmouth Vocations](#)

PRAYING WITH THE POPE

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. The Rosary is broadcast daily at 6 pm Rome time (5 pm UK time) on Vatican News.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

As we approach the feast of Pentecost, please continue to pray for our candidates who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please also keep in your prayers their parents and sponsors and our Catechists. Last year Confirmation was sadly postponed and our candidates have had to wait a year to receive the Sacrament. This year things are being done a little differently. Instead of candidates going to the cathedral, all parish priests across the Diocese will be able to confer the Sacrament during Pentecost weekend. Confirmation Masses will be taking place in St. Bede's Church on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd May at 6.00 pm. Both Masses are fully booked.



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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY 23rd MAY

We will celebrate Our Diversity in the Pentecost Liturgy at the 9 and 11 am Masses on Sunday 23rd May. Please feel free to attend Mass in your National/Cultural Dress. There will be music in other languages.

PENTECOST NOVENA (nine days)

Friday 14th May—Sunday 23rd May

14th May 8.50 am Adoration

9.10 am Novena Prayers

9.30 am Mass

Sunday 16th May—Private Novena Prayers



YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

In our Diocese of Portsmouth, we will begin a Year of the Eucharist starting on the Feast of Corpus Christi, 6th June 2021. This will be a unique opportunity for the Diocese as a whole, for parishes and schools, clergy and faithful, families and individuals to rekindle our love for Jesus Christ really and truly present and active in the Holy Eucharist. The Holy Father has made the year 2021 a Year of St. Joseph and so as we begin a Year of the Eucharist, Bishop Philip recommends prayerful reflection on the passages in the Gospels that speak of St. Joseph and which can draw us closer to the Child he loved and cared for.

REPOSITORY OPENING HOURS

Just a reminder that the shop will open on Wednesday's starting 19th May from 9.30 am – 12.30 pm. We need volunteers to help run the Repository after the Sunday Masses on a rota basis. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 2nd May amounted to £2,452. Thank you for your support and generosity to the parish.