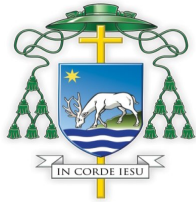


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Sunday 10th March 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE)

Year B, Psalter Week IV

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 10th Mar	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: 40th Wedding Anniversary Shaun & Marisa Fenton
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Murphy Family
Mon 11th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Finnula O'Neil RIP
Tues 12th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Primula Maynard RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 13th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Linda Brennan
	7.30 pm	HG	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Thur 14th	6.30 am	SB	Mass: Fr Ray O'Shea RIP
Fri 15th	Sorry, no Mass today		
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat 16th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Baby Lily Grace Abraham RIP
	<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>		

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Year B, Psalter Week I

Sun 17th Mar	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Joe Murphy RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Nigel Gould RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

There are many examples in literature of people, who, through the course of the story, move from despair to hope, selfishness to generosity, darkness to light. Rarely do they do this entirely through their own efforts. Living the life God intended is impossible if we go it alone. That is why we open our hearts to Jesus as the One who brings light, grace and faith into our lives. Spending time in prayer and reflection, pondering on the scriptures, and celebrating our faith in community can help us experience the transformative light of Christ. This light is not just for us as individuals, even if we experience it through deeply personal prayer. Our life in Christ is not simply an "inward" spiritual exercise. Just as we see the power of one good person on many a character in literature - and as we may have experienced in our own lives - so we are called to reach into the world. Each of us is just one person, but our influence can be transformative if we are the one who brightens another's day, offers a word of comfort, lifts another up, treats our environment and every person with the respect they deserve as part of God's creation. Our gestures do not need to be grand, although some of us may be in a position to do great things. Today, let us think of one way in which we might be one good person in the world.

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WELCOME

A very warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors who join us for Mass whether in our Church or via the livestream. If you are new to the Parish, we welcome you, and ask that you complete a new parishioner form on our website.

LENT 2024

Lent is a time to prepare for Holy Week's commemoration of Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

* Every Tuesday during Lent

Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7.30pm in St Bede's Church

* Every Wednesday during Lent

Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm at Holy Ghost Church

* Every Thursday during Lent

There will be a 6.30am Mass at St Bede's Church followed by breakfast in the Hall afterwards

* Every Friday during Lent

Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm at St. Bede's Church



LENTEN LUNCHESES

Lenten lunches continue to take place in St. Bede's Church Hall on Monday 11th March and Monday 18th March, after the 12 noon Mass. BACCA are hosting lunch on Saturday 16th March. All money raised will go to CAFOD. Sign up sheets for each lunch are in the Cloister.

SCRUTINIES

The Scrutinies are three special rites for adults who will be Baptised at the Easter Vigil. These take place on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent. The second Scrutiny will take place at the 9.00am Mass this Sunday. Please keep in your prayers all who are preparing to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church.

ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL

Alton Day of Renewal invite you to this month's online meeting on Saturday 23rd March from 10.00am - 1.00pm on Zoom. The mini-retreat includes Mass, Adoration, prophetic reflection, praise, testimony, inspiring talk and prayer. Guest speaker Jenny Baker, National leader of Celebrate, Former Vice Chair of Renewal Services will talk about 'Made Holy by Jesus', part of this year's theme: "Chosen to be Holy." Every Baptised person is called to holiness, chosen by the Lord to be fruitful. This is not something we can achieve by our own efforts: the Father gives us the Holy Spirit to transform us into the image of Christ. For full details and advance registration please click the link: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday Retreat at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Saturday 6th April 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

This Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent, is mid-Lent Sunday or Laetare Sunday. Also known as Rose Sunday, either because the golden rose (sent by Popes to Catholic sovereigns) used to be Blessed at this time, or because the use of rose-coloured (rather than violet) vestments was permitted on this day. It is also Mothering Sunday, and we wish all Mothers a very happy day. Let us also remember to pray to the Blessed Mother on Sunday for our Mothers and Grandmothers.

PASTORAL AREA RECONCILIATION SERVICE



The Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service will take place on Friday 22nd March at 7.30pm in St Bede's Church. Please make use of this wonderful opportunity to go to Confession before the Easter Celebrations.

POPE FRANCIS MARCH PRAYER INTENTION

During March, Pope Francis asks us to pray for the new martyrs. *We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.*

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass this year takes place on Tuesday 26th March 2024 at 11am in the Cathedral and Bishop Philip wishes to invite you to it!. The Mass is the special Liturgy in Holy Week during which the Bishop blesses the three Holy Oils for use in the Sacraments: the Oil of the Blessing of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of Chrism. The blessing of the Holy Oils is one of the most ancient ceremonies of the Church and it is always celebrated in the Cathedral with the priests, deacons, religious and lay people of the diocese. The Mass is one of the main Diocesan events of the year and during it, all the priests make a renewal of their commitment to priestly service. It is always a wonderful manifestation of the Church in our Diocese of Portsmouth and an opportunity to thank God for our Catholic faith. Bishop Philip would like to invite you all to join this great celebration. So please save the date in your diary!

FUNERAL

Funeral Service on Wednesday 27th March at 3pm in Holy Ghost Church for Patrick Geary RIP, interment in the Crematorium. We remember Patrick's family at this sad time. May he Rest in Peace.



SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Clergy Assistance Fund, which supports our Priests.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 3rd March amounted to £2,293.98. Thank you for your generosity.

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

The easiest way to make a donation to the Parish is online at: [Donate to Basingstoke St Bede's Church](#) | [Give as you Live Donate](#) or via our contactless terminal by the Hall.