

# THE MESSENGER

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### Priest in Residence:

Rev. Paul Leonard

### Parish Priest::

Rev. Christopher Rutledge:  
Coordinating Pastor and Dean

### Parish Administrator:

Mrs Jan Hughes  
Thursday and Friday 9 am - 2 pm

### Safeguarding

Maggie Wood c/o Parish Office

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### Confessions

Saturday evenings 5:15 - 5.45 pm.

### PASTORAL AREA CLERGY

**St Bede, Basingstoke** 01256 465214

Fr. Chris Rutledge

Sun 9 am, 11 am, 6.30 pm

**St. Joseph, Basingstoke** 01256 323595

Fr. Chris Whelan, Fr Emmanuel Rinda,  
Deacon Pat O'Connell

Sat 6 pm / Sun 9 am, 11 am

**Sacred Heart, Hook** 01256 577007

Fr. Paul Leonard

Sat 6 pm / Sun 10 am

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Fr. Patrick Tansey

Sat 6 pm / Sun 9.30 am

**St. John the Baptist, Andover** 01264 352829

Fr. Austin Gurr

Sat 6 pm / Sun 10.30 am

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's Gospel passage reminds us that life is precious and the gift of time on this earth is just that — a gift. None of us knows how much time will be granted to us, so it is urgent that we use this gift intentionally to glorify God and serve our neighbour.

Jesus offers the parable of the fig tree to further illustrate this truth. The owner of the orchard came searching for fruit on a fig tree he had had planted in his orchard. Finding no fruit on the tree after three years, he told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener intercedes and asks for one more year to cultivate and fertilize the tree in hopes it would bear fruit in the future. The fig tree was not dying; it simply wasn't doing much of anything at all. Can this be said of us and our lives as well?

The season of Lent is a time to reflect carefully on the way we spend our time. Do we give first priority to God, tending to our spiritual growth and sacramental life with diligence? Do we give next priority to our loved ones, focusing intentionally on them each day without distractions from phones, screens or thoughts of work? If not, now is the moment to repent of our waste of time or of misplaced priorities on our use of time. God is merciful but just. Let's turn to Him and ask Him to make our lives fruitful while we still have time to do so.

Taken from The Catholic Steward.com

### Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel

#### Third Sunday of Lent - 24 March

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*Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.*

Sat 23 6:00 pm Mary Maguire RIP  
Sun 24 10:00 am People of the Parish

Mon 25 *of the 2nd week of Lent*  
10:00 am Sr. Doris RIP

Tues 26 ST JOSEPH  
10:00 am Tom Buckley RIP

Wed 27 *of the 2nd week of Lent*  
10:00 am Sr. Celestina RIP

Thur 28 *of the 2nd week of Lent*  
10:00 am - Mass

Fri 29 *of the 2nd week of Lent*  
10:00 am - Mass

Sat 30 *of the 2nd week of Lent*  
10:00 am - Mass

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent - 31 March

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*Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.*

Sat 30 6:00 pm People of the Parish

Sun 31 10:00 am Tony & Jackie Hopgood 25th Wedding Anniversary



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### LENT 2019

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

**During Lent we do not sing or say** either the Gloria or the Alleluia, flowers do not decorate the Church and

Baptisms are held over until Easter.

### **LENT 2019**

"I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish that He didn't trust me so much" *'Mother Teresa'*

#### **Every Sunday in Lent**

4:00 pm Stations of the Cross in the Church

#### **Every Tuesday in Lent**

7:30 pm Essential Training for Catechists in the Church

#### **Every Friday in Lent**

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross in Maryfield Convent

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK IN OUR PARISH**

Lord, have all those who are unable to be with us at Mass in Your safekeeping as we remember:

Joan Coleman, Jean Williams, Sean Dillow, Helena Allen,  
Yvonne Beaumont, Debbie Cavedon, Jerry Gilmore  
June Walsh, Margaret Sauce & Charles Paice

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

First Reading: Joshua 5: 9-12

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33: 2-7, response v 9

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

### **CAFOD**

**Thank you all SO much for your generous donations,** The CAFOD Lent Fast Day Collection came to **£636.03** (not including the possible Gift Aid claim made by CAFOD).

### **CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND**

This obligatory Collection is taken at all our Masses next weekend.

### **CLOCKS GO FORWARD NEXT WEEKEND**

**Remember!** The clocks go *forward* one hour on Saturday Night. (A cruel trick to play on all mothers for Mothers' Day on Sunday!)

**Third Sunday of Lent** "I AM sent me to you." Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

### **CAR PARKING**

With our numbers increasing on a Sunday morning, parking is becoming difficult. The sisters from Maryfield Convent have always been very kind and allowed their car park to be used as an overflow. Please be respectful and remember that the convents guests and staff also use this car park. **Please make sure that you are not blocking in any cars and there is always access for emergency vehicles.**



### **SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or Anniversary over 60 years? If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 6th July 2019 at 11 am.**

If you would like to come, please fill in the form on the Diocesan website, [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) email to [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). Please note this address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient, or please contact the Parish Office for the form.



### **KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA**

#### **- 'NATIONAL ROSARY CAMPAIGN'**

The Knights are praying the Rosary on the first Tuesday of every month from February until November 2019; at 7.30pm in St Joseph's Church.

The campaign is in conjunction with the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC). Please join them in praying the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament.

**Next Tuesday 02 April**

### **STATUE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**

#### **COMES TO THE CATHEDRAL**

Next year, on 25th March 2020, the Feast of the Annunciation, England is going to be rededicated as the 'Dowry of Mary' and in preparation for this the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will be visiting our Cathedral in a few weeks' time, from 4th to 7th April. The title "Dowry of Mary" goes back to St. Edward the Confessor (d. 1066). It was in 1381 that our country was 'officially' dedicated to her by King Richard II. The aim of the rededication in 2020 is to seek the help of the Mother of God in building a strong spiritual foundation for the New Evangelisation. We call upon Our Lady to guide and protect our country in the years to come, that our people may work together to face the challenges of our times, as we work to build a Common Good.

During the course of 2018 to 2020 as part of the preparation for the re-dedication, the statue of Our Lady from the Slipper Chapel at the Catholic National Shrine in Walsingham is being taken to every Cathedral in England for a **three-day triduum of prayer**. Each visit takes place between a Thursday and Saturday. Here in the Diocese of Portsmouth, the Statue will be at the Cathedral from 4th to 7th April.

### **BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL**

As your local Catholic Secondary school, we have lots of news we would like to share with you. Many of you will have happy memories of time spent as a pupil or parent at Bishop Challoner and we would like to keep you up to date with how well we are doing. You can access our website at [www.bcs.hants.sch.uk](http://www.bcs.hants.sch.uk) or you can go straight to our fortnightly newsletters at [www.bcs.hants.sch.uk/newsletters/](http://www.bcs.hants.sch.uk/newsletters/). We keep all our local parishes and faith communities in our prayers and I would ask that you pray for our continuing success and for our young people to, as Bishop Richard Challoner put it, 'do ordinary things extraordinarily well.' John Wright, Headteacher.