

# THE MESSENGER

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### Priest in Residence:

Rev. Paul Leonard

### Parish Priest::

Rev. Christopher Rutledge:  
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### Parish Administrator:

Mrs Jan Hughes  
Thursday and Friday 9 am - 2 pm

### Safeguarding

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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,  
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Sat 6 pm / Sun 9 am, 11 am

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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 readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter contain inspiring but challenging messages for us as Christian stewards.

The Gospel from John includes this well-known verse: "My children... I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

What a succinct description of a stewardship way of life. It sounds so simple. But simple does not necessarily mean easy.

How exactly is Jesus Calling us to love? As He Himself loved. Jesus loved (and loves) by serving us and by making a sacrifice of His very life for us. That is a tall order.

Living a life of service and self-sacrifice is not easy because it requires us to continuously fight against our selfish inclinations. But the more we empty ourselves of "self" by serving others, the more room we make in our hearts for God pour His grace into us.

As we face the hardships that come with living as Christian stewards, we can continue to rejoice in the wonder of the Resurrection this Easter season, finding great joy in following in our Lord's own footsteps and in loving as He loves.

Taken from The Catholic Steward.com

## Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 19 May

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*I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

**Sat 18 6:00 pm Good Estate of Tony Cullinane**

**Sun 19 10:00 am People of the Parish**

Mon 20 *of the 5th Week of Easter*

10:00 am - Mass

Tues 21 *of the 5th Week of Easter*

10:00 am Intentions of Margaret Devine

Wed 22 *of the 5th Week of Easter*

10:00 am - Mass

Thur 23 *of the 5th Week of Easter*

10:00 am Private Intention

Fri 24 *of the 5th Week of Easter*

10:00 am - Mass

Sat 25 *St Bede the Venerable*

10:00 am - Mass

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 26 May

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*The Holy Spirit will remind you of all I have said to you.*

**Sat 25 6:00 pm Alan Clark RIP**

**Sun 26 10:00 am Celebration for Laura Linehan-Hill**



### **WELCOME**

Welcome to Father Jim Joyce who will be celebrating Mass with us this Saturday evening.

### **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, Anne Hill & Timothy Walsh

### **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

**ALEX GEOFFREY LEE from Southampton**

**to**

**KATHERINE ELIZABETH WELBOURN from Odiham**

**On 1st August 2019**

### **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

First Reading: Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 66: 2-3, 5-6, 8 response v 4

Second Reading: Apocalypse 21: 10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14: 23

### **FATHER PETER CODD**

Father Peter will be celebrating his 50th Anniversary of his priestly ordination on 31st May .

Father Peter has always been a huge supporter of Bamenda and has asked that instead of gifts, contributes can be made to the Bamenda Fund. Next weekend we will be having a retiring collection for Bamenda, which we will present to Father Peter on the 31st.

### **HEALING MASS AT ST. JOSEPH'S**

**Saturday 8th June 2019, 10.30 am**  
**Confessions from 9.30am to 10.15am**

The service is an opportunity for us to come together to pray for all those needing healing, in any way. During the Mass everyone is invited to receive the Sacrament of Anointing. Healing takes many forms: spiritual, mental, physical, reconciliation, awareness & acceptance. Many people find they get a sense of peace during the service & leave uplifted. Everyone is welcome. Please stay afterwards for light refreshments and a chat.

### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham near Fareham is hosting a Marriage Encounter weekend from 24-26 May. The weekend is an opportunity for married couples of any age to deepen and enrich their relationship. This is not marriage counselling or crisis solving but a residential weekend away from the distractions of daily life which many thousands of couples in this country have found to be the best thing they did since getting married. Interested? Please go to <https://wwme.org.uk/marriage-enrichment/#about> or phone 02380 275401.

### **ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Thursday 30th May is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be two Masses here at Sacred Heart 10:00 am and 7.30 pm.

### **HELPING OUR NEIGHBOUR**

Following on from the talk from Rosie Lennon at both Masses at the end of April. We are looking to come together as a Pastoral area to help one family from the many tens of thousands who have no home, no life, no country to call their own, without hope or joy in their lives.

There are many different ways you could volunteer your talents to help e.g. find suitable housing, take family members to surgery, dentist or hospital; help with form filling, help them to learn English, show them the local shops; at all levels there are so many opportunities to show kindness and compassion to fellow humans who are living at barely subsistence level.

The refugee "Community Sponsorship" program is Home Office approved and is based on a well-established process already proven in Canada. In our Diocese it will be overseen by Caritas, the social action agency of the Catholic Church.

**Do come along to a non-committal briefing seminar in St Bede's Hall at 7.00pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June** to hear Sean Ryan, National Co Ordinator from Caritas, tell us more about how this inspirational project works, from practical experience gained in the Salford RC Diocese.

Further info. is available from Jan in the Parish Office 01256 577007

### **RETREAT DAY – THE GREAT STORY OF JESUS**

On the **8th June**, we would like to invite you to come to a **retreat day** to encounter even more deeply the Great Story of Jesus and to respond to the living relationship He offers each of us. The retreat will present the whole story of salvation from creation to Jesus's death and resurrection and give opportunities to make a personal response.

#### **Practical Details**

**Location:** St. Bede's, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX

**Date:** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2019

**Time:** 9.30 am – 4 pm (the parish is having a special Vigil Mass at 4.30pm for those who would like to stay)

**Lunch:** Please bring a packed lunch. Hot drinks provided  
Please see our Website for more information.

Please register your attendance with Jan in the Parish Office or by email: [gegan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:gegan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**We hope to see you soon...**

### **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.

