

# THE MESSENGER



## Sacred Heart

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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  
**Email:** [safeguardinghook@gmail.com](mailto:safeguardinghook@gmail.com)

### 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

**St Michael, Tadley** 0118 9814572  
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

The concept of hospitality is fundamental to a stewardship way of life. When we envision hospitality, we naturally think of offering a sincere and warm welcome — to those new to our parish, for instance. We picture inviting them in and making them feel at home and at ease in our presence, communicating to them that they are highly valued.

Today's Gospel reading from John invites us to think of hospitality in a slightly different way. In it, we hear Jesus speaking this to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."

Jesus is asking that we permit the Blessed Trinity to come and dwell within us. This is a stunning request. It tells us that our first and most privileged form of hospitality should be directed towards God Himself.

How does one show hospitality to God? How do we make God "at home and at ease" within us? How can we communicate to God that He is "highly valued" by us? Jesus tells us how: we are to keep His word, to follow His teachings.

In order to keep His word, we must know His word. This takes discipline and effort on our part. We must make study of Scripture and Church teaching a priority in our daily lives.

If we want our parish to be a place of genuine Christian hospitality, we must be sure that our own hearts are hospitable dwelling places for the Blessed Trinity. Then, our smiles and words, our greetings and ministries, will radiate with the warmth of God's love. And, our parish family will become at least a little bit like Heaven on earth. This is the simplicity and glory of a stewardship way of life.

Taken from The Catholic Steward.com

## Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel

### 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

Mon 27 *ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, feast*  
10:00 am - Mass  
Tue 28 *of the 6th Week of Easter*  
10:00 am **Matthew Haddad RIP**  
Wed 29 *of the 6th Week of Easter*  
10:00 am - Mass  
Thur 30 *THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, solemnity*  
10:00 am **People of the Parish**  
7:30 pm **People of the Parish**  
Fri 31 *THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, feast*  
10:00 am **Thanks Giving Anniversary of**  
**Father Peter Codd's Ordination**  
Sat 1 *of the 6th Week of Easter*  
10:00 am - Mass



### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 2 June

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*May they be completely one.*

Sat 1 6:00 pm Mary O'Driscoll RIP  
Sun 2 10:00 am Deceased Members of the Gaiger Family





### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to  
Father Peter Codd  
who celebrates the 50th Anniversary  
of his Priestly Ordination  
on Friday 31st May

### **FATHER PETER CODD**

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. This weekend we will be having a retiring collection for Bamenda, which we will present to Father Peter on the 31st.

### **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:

Sister Connie, Joan Coleman, Jean Williams,  
Sean Dillow, Helena Allen, Yvonne Beaumont,  
Debbie Cavedon, Jerry Gilmore, June Walsh,  
Margaret Sauce, Anne Hill & Timothy Walsh

### **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

First Reading: Acts 7: 55-60  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 96: 1-2, 6-7, 9 response v 1, 9  
Second Reading: Apocalypse 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20  
Gospel: John 17: 20-26

### **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.

### **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...**

### **SECOND COLLECTION**

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the 'Catholic Communications Network'.

*More information in next week's newsletter.*

### **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

### **PRAYING WITH OTHERS**

Our diocesan vision is Bringing People Closer to Jesus Christ through His Church but the heart of this is prayer. Fr Paul would like to remind us that we need to be people of prayer, a holy people. Our Diocese is blessed with a team of Intercessors and a religious community of Marian Franciscan sisters on Alderney at the Adoremus Centre who are constantly praying for us. Fr Paul would like to encourage parishioners and parishes to form prayer groups and to pray with each other for particular needs. It is wonderful to see more parishioners praying with others for example through Alpha Courses, cell group meetings, small groups, parish prayer groups and after Mass on Sundays. Meanwhile, we are launching a new short training course on praying with others, including training in the new diocesan guidelines for healing ministry. I would like to encourage all those who pray with others and/or are involved with healing ministry to attend this training. We have organised two initial dates:

**Friday 14th June (10.30am – 3pm)** at St. Bede's Basingstoke or  
**Saturday 22nd June (2pm – 6.30pm)** at St. Peter's, Winchester.

Please book a place for either of these sessions by emailing Grania ([gegan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:gegan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)).

If you cannot attend either of these dates please email Clare Simpson ([csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)) who can organise more training in the Autumn.

### **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.