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From the Parish Priest

One thing is certain. We are all sinners in need of God's forgiveness. The Gospel for today shows us three areas of our human life which can so easily lead to misuse and sin; gluttony, seeking power and thinking that we are invincible. To each of these temptations by the devil, Jesus gives an antidote and sharp rebuke to the devil. To the first, Jesus reminds the devil that it is not just food which gives life, but everlasting life is found in obedience to God and following his Words and commands. With the second temptation to exercise power in a material sense, Jesus tells the devil that the power to overcome and gain victory lies within the individual as the strength of God, which a person can exercise through determination and the following of conscience. The third temptation to think oneself to be invincible has led so many people to leave God and trust in their own way in life. To do this is a serious abrogation of humanity as made and sustained by the God who shows us the way to Salvation in his Son.

Fr Bruce

Sat 9 Mar	10 am 6 pm Vigil Mass	Confession FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Robin Horscroft R.I.P.
Sun 10 Mar	10 am Mass		Special Intention (Johnston)
Tues 12 Mar	12 noon Mass	Of the 1 st week of Lent	For the Parish
Wed 13 Mar	9 am Mass	Of the 1 st week of Lent	For all religious novices
	7.30 pm Mass	BEING HELD ELSEWHERE	CONTACT OFFICE
Thurs 14 Mar	9 am Mass	Of the 1 st week of Lent	Candidates for the Sacraments
	9.30 am - 10.30 am	Adoration	
Sat 16 Mar	10 am 6pm Vigil Mass	Confession SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	George Benzie R.I.P.
Sun 17 Mar	10 am Mass		For the Parish

DIARY DATES

Sun 10 Mar – Children's Lent Preparation day – after Mass to 3.30pm

Wed 13 Mar – House Mass – 7.30pm (For details, see notice in porch or contact office)

Fri 15 Mar – CAFOD Family Fast Day
- Stations & Talk – 7.30pm

Sat 16 Mar – Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training – 10am - 12 noon

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Mon 15 April – Penitential Service – 7.30pm – **St Joseph's Church**

We welcome Xanthe & Meredith Corrigan, being baptised at 11.30am on Sat 16 March, and their family and friends.

Pope's intention for March

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

It has been decided to reintroduce the **List of the Sick** who would like prayer on the newsletter. We must have their permission for them to be included. If you would like to be included, please contact the Parish Office. Please pray for **Bernard & Victoria Kilkenny, Elizabeth Sage & Linda Verner** who ask for our prayers.

Confession: Please remember that this great sacrament should be celebrated during Lent. It is a good place to begin again this important way of life on a regular basis.

We welcome our Step into the Gap volunteer speaking about CAFOD and Family Fast Day which is Friday 15 Mar at Sunday's Mass.

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY

Ent: 165 Off: 251

Sanctus: 576 (Laudate)

Lamb of God: Said

Comm: 256 Rec: 307

NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Fr Innaiah will be celebrating Mass on Sun 17 March. Fr Bruce will be saying Mass for him at St Colman's Church, Cosham & St Paul's, Paulsgrove.

J&P Cake Stall for Mothering Sunday 31st March - donations of cakes, jams, etc., needed on the day - all proceeds to parish charities.

NEW HOUSES and NEW RESIDENTS in the PARISH If you notice a new resident moving into your street or new housing being built near you, please let Fr Bruce know by contacting the Parish Office. This will enable the Parish to welcome the new residents by sending a card of welcome.

Car Parking: please be careful when you park your car especially against the Church. Remember to back up gently and not to leave in haste. There is a 5 mph speed limit in the car park as there are children and vulnerable adults in the car park after Mass. Thank you.

LENT TALKS on FRIDAY EVENINGS at 7.30pm

Please support **Stations of the Cross and the Lent Talks** which follow. The Talks will be in the Hall and I hope that we shall be joined by members of other Churches in the area.

There are a number of lively Speakers covering a lively number of topics. I am grateful to them for sparing the time to come and give us these lent Talks. Please try to support these talks. We shall be joined by other members of local churches. All are welcome.

15th March – Fr Peter Codd
**Serving the Homeless
– A Joy or a Sorrow?**

22nd March – Sr Margaret Scott
Gospel Women at the United Nations

29th March – Br Ben Foy
**Catholic Christians encountering
LGBT People – How?**

5th April – Elsa Hewitt
**Our Work with the Orphans of Mexico
– An Update**

12th April – Nicholas Fogg
Weeds from the Same Dunghill

Andrew's charity fund-raising can be given here:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/teampanandahalfmarathon>

The Foodbank has produced an AdLent Calendar of items needed. Please see poster in Hall Porch.

Significant Wedding Anniversary this year?

If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 6th July 2019 at 11am.

If you would like to come, please visit the Cathedral website :

<http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/> and complete the on-line form, or send an email to

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.

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Parish office, who will have the form you need to complete.

To help celebrate the occasion, please could you provide a **COPY** of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you complete the form online. Alternatively, scan and send via email to above email address. Again if you have no access to the internet you can post a **COPY** along with completed form by post to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX. Please mark envelope Significant Wedding Mass

Bookings for Hall and Parish Rooms An increasing number of users of the Parish Hall who have booked are complaining that they arrive to find other people using the facilities. It is important that **anyone** who wishes to use the Parish Hall, etc., especially for parish events, checks and books with Maureen Hudd. Please contact her by telephone on 01635 30108 or email Maureen.hudd@btinternet.com

WELCOMING:

Sat 16 Mar: Louise Collins

Sun 17 Mar: Gill & Taylor families

CLEANERS:

Fri 15 Mar: Clare Heald & Pauline Byrne

COUNTERS:

Sun 10 Mar: Graham Spellman & Olwyn Brian