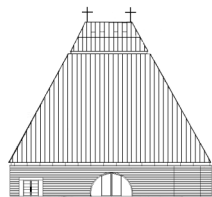


# THE MESSENGER

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost, St. Bede and Sacred Heart

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'It is not true that some human beings are by nature superior and others inferior. All men are equal in their natural dignity'.  
Pope, St. John XXIII

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Year A—Psalter Week 11 - Sunday 26th November 2017

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We celebrate today what is popularly and traditionally called the Feast of Christ the King. This is also the beginning of the last week of our Catholic Liturgical Year, as the New Year begins with Advent next Sunday. We often mention that time is a gift to us; this idea of measuring Church time is also a gift, but do we truly appreciate it?

People tend to say "I go to church." In reality, Christ does not call us to "go" to church; He calls us to be Church. We should live our lives in such a way that it is clear we are Catholic and Christian and part of Christ's Kingdom, for He is our King. Were you aware that the name "Christ" is a royal title in itself? In Greek it means "the anointed king."

St. Paul referred to the Lord as "King of Kings and Lord of lords," a phrase with which we are familiar. If we accept Christ as our King, and if we live our lives as His disciples and followers we are certainly part of His Kingdom. Pope Pius XI instituted today's solemnity in 1925 at a time when many countries were struggling with total loyalty to secular royalty. Pius XI wanted Catholics to recognize that their loyalty was to a higher power, their spiritual King in Heaven.

Pius XI wrote at that time, "For Jesus Christ reigns over the minds of individuals by His teachings, in their hearts by His love, in each one's life by the living according to His law and the imitating of His example."

*Catholic Stewardship*

### MASS AND SERVICES THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday 26th</b>	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Dec. Mbrs Colella Family
	6.30 pm	SB	Bernie Breslin RIP (Strong)
<b>Mon 27th</b>	9.30 am (Funeral Service at the Crematorium)		Alexander Tilley RIP
	11.00 am	HG	In thanksgiving Gibson family (Please note change of time)
<b>Tues 28th</b>	9.30 am	SB	George Wildash RIP (Keane)
<b>Wed 29th</b>	9.30 am	HG	Holy Souls
<b>Thur 30th</b>	Adoration between 8—9 am in St. Bede's Church		
	9.30 am	SB	Dr. Michael Phealan RIP (Knowles)
<b>Fri 1st Dec</b>	9.30 am	HG	Goder & Sauleek Families RIP
	Adoration after Mass at Holy Ghost Church until 11am		
<b>Sat 2nd</b>	9.30 am	HB	Carmel Hyland RIP (SVP)
	Confessions after the 9.30 am Mass till 10.45 am		
	FHC Session 10—12 noon		
<b>Sunday 3rd December</b>	9.00 am	SB	Charles Armstrong RIP (Fond)
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	SB	Paul, Mary Cassar & Bernie

## NOVEMBER

November is the Month of the Holy Souls, there will be a basket in front of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Bede's Church and in front of the Altar at Holy Ghost Church. Please place all those names of members of your Family and Friends you wish to remember. May they Rest in Peace.  
(Do not put money into the basket and envelopes).

## ADVENT IS COMING

Advent is coming, it starts next Sunday 3rd December. Some thoughts to prepare for Christmas.

- ◆ A place to go to get away from all the adverts.
- ◆ A day of silence to just be with the Mystery of Incarnation
- ◆ A chance to be of service to the poor
- ◆ A little more time to be with Family and Friends.
- ◆ Some time to meditate on the fact that Jesus was born poor.

## GIVING TREE 2017

Advent Giving Tree will be up in the Cloister this weekend. This is an opportunity to give Christmas presents for the children in the care of Social Services. Take a label and return the present back under the tree by Sunday 10th December



## BASINGSTOKE FOODBANK

This Christmas please help local people in crisis by giving non-perishable items(s) from the list below. Please note: No items containing alcohol are being accepted. Tinned meat (eg ham, mince, corned beef, chicken. Tinned tomatoes, tinned spaghetti/ravioli, cereals (hot or cold) milk (powdered or UHT full fat), coffee/drinking chocolate, fruit juice, (HT), rice, oat biscuits/crackers/crisp breads, cooking sauces, puddings/rice pudding/custard, tinned vegetables, instant mash packets, tinned fruit, biscuits, sweet & savoury spreads, toiletries, Christmas crackers.

## CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

'One Church' In partnership with the Basingstoke Foodbank invites you to join us for a Traditional Christmas Day Lunch 2017. The lunch is free, but you do need to register by phoning or emailing:

Mrs. Joy Williams, 9 Montague Place, Basingstoke RG21 3DSA or telephone (01256 326746) or email: joyamwilliams@gmail.com

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Do you support Catholic Schools and the right of Catholic to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard.

The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic Schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to U-turn on their promise to Catholics.

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic Schools.

## PARISH DIARY:

**Sun 26th November:** Music: 9 am Choir; 11 am Cantorg: 6.30 pm Priest Led

BAAC meet after the 11 am Mass

**Tues:** Repository open 9 am—3 pm

**Tues:** Toddler Group 1.30—3.15 pm

**Wed :** Choir practice: 7.30 pm at SB

## IF YOU ARE GOING INTO HOSPITAL

If you wish to receive Holy Communion whilst in Hospital, please contact Liz Murphy in the Parish Office. The Hospital Volunteer Chaplains visit the hospital on a Wednesday to give Holy Communion to those who request it.

## REPOSITORY

The Repository is open on Tuesdays between 9 am—3 pm, also after all Masses on Sundays. Christmas stock is now available.

## FUNERAL SERVICE

Funeral Service at the Crematorium on Monday 27th November at 9.30 am for Alexander Tilley RIP. We remember his family at this sad time. May He Rest in Peace.

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Please pray for all those who are sick:

*Lord, have all those who are unable to be with us for Mass in Your safekeeping.*

*Support them in Your love.*

*Be near them in moments of sickness and anxiety.*

*Bless all those who care for those in need.*

## BAPTISM

Congratulations and Welcome to Lara Karina Vijaya Bamford, who is being Baptised this weekend.

## ST. BEDE'S SCHOOL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Fr. Chris will be available on Saturday 16th December between 11—12 noon. Fr. Chris will be in the meeting room, just off the Cloister. Please remember to bring your Child's Baptismal Certificate and Mass Attendance Card.

## ST. BEDE'S SUPPORTING STAMP

Stamps are no longer needed, as this year's applications are being processed.

## ST. VINCENT DEPAUL (SVP)

Sadly, there is no Senior's Christmas Party this year.

## ST. BEDE'S CHURCH

Yes, it is eleven years since Monsignor Canon Vincent Harvey celebrated the First Mass here at St. Bede's Church on Saturday 2nd December. We thank God for our Parish-ioners, for all the Priests who have celebrated Mass here, for our present Parish Priest, Fr. Christopher Rutledge.

## GRASSED CAR PARK

Grassed car park will be closed for the winter.

## COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection amounted to £2,586.38p grateful thanks.