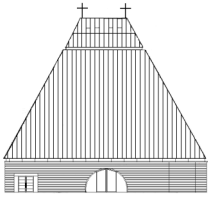


THE MESSENGER

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'Whoever surrenders
unconditionally to the
Lord will be chosen
by Him as an
Instrument for
building His Kingdom'
St Teresa Benedicta of
the Cross

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year B—Psalter Week II— Sunday 10th December 2017

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Our readings from Holy Scripture on this Second Sunday of Advent remind us of what we are supposed to be doing during Advent, in fact throughout our lives. The reading from Isaiah anticipates the coming of Christ and John the Baptist as it proclaims "... prepare the way of the Lord." This is a time of preparation for us.

That message is repeated in our Gospel from St. Mark. Today's Gospel is the absolute beginning of Mark's Gospel and it immediately gives us that same signal by declaring, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths." Of course, we all realize that the path to the Lord may not always be straight for us, but now is a time to correct that.

God is waiting for us. St. Peter in his Second Letter, from which our Second Reading is drawn, indicates that God, however, "is patient with you." You might say on this Second Sunday of Advent that the Lord is giving us a second chance to respond to His call. One of the basics of St. John the Baptist's messages was that we need to get ourselves right with the Lord, perhaps turn our lives in a different direction. We can change; now is the time to do that. Pope St. John XXIII once stated during a homily in Advent, "We are all part of an immense Family. This is proven by what is in our hearts during Advent and Christmas." Now is the time to put love in our hearts and to truly prepare the way of the Lord.

Taken from the Catholic Steward.com

MASS AND SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday 10th Dec	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Dec. Mbrs Liddell Family (Fond)
	6.30 pm	SB	John Reid RIP
Mon 11th	12 noon	HG	Felix (Nick) Grygier RIP (Fond)
Tues 12th	9.30 am	SB	Mary & Harold Vickers RIP (Fond)
Wed 13th	9.30 am	HG	Kevin Martin RIP (Martin)
	4.00 pm	SB	Body in Church Joe Murphy RIP
Thur 14th	11.00 am	SB	Requiem Joe Murphy RIP
Fri 15th	9.30 am	HG	Pat Scannelli RIP
	Adoration after Mass at Holy Ghost Church until 11am		
Sat 16th	12.30 pm		Crematorium Lisel Holbrook (Holly) RIP
	9.30 am	SB	Maura Hanafee RIP (Fond)
	Confessions after the 9.30 am Mass till 10.45 am		

Sunday 17th Dec

9.00 am	SB	Ned Fagen, Maureen McCauley RIP
11.00 am	SB	Salvatore Agro RIP (Maria)
6.30 pm	SB	People of the People

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 23rd December:

Vigil Mass at 6.00 pm

Sunday 24th December—10.00 am Mass:



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve:

Carols 5.30 pm

Vigil Mass 6.00 pm

Mass during the Night:

Carols 9.30 pm

Mass 10.00 pm

Christmas Day: Dawn Mass at 8.00 am

Mass during the day at 10.00 am

(There is NO Evening Mass)

Tuesday 26th St. Stephen's Day 10.00am

All Masses celebrated at St. Bede's Church

CHRISTMAS MASS IN OTHER LANGUAGES

at Holy Ghost Church

Syro Malabar Rite Mass on Christmas Eve 3.30 pm

Polish Mass on Christmas Eve at 9 pm

Obligation

Catholics are under obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation. Some have asked, whether a Sunday Evening Mass on Christmas Eve would fulfil both the obligation for a Sunday Mass and the obligation for Christmas Day.

The answer is NO because Sunday 24th December am is 4th Sunday of Advent. Sunday 24th December evening is Mass Proper to the Vigil and December 25th is Christmas Day a Holy day of Obligation.

FUNERALS SERVICES

Requiem Mass for Joe Murphy RIP
Thursday 14th December at 11 am in St. Bede's Church.

Reception of Body into Church at 4 pm in St. Bede's Church on Wednesday 13th December.

Funeral Service for Lisel Holbrook RIP (Holly)

Friday 15th December at 12.30 pm at the Crematorium

Funeral Service for Queenie Burrows RIP

Monday 18th December at 3.30 pm at the Crematorium
We remember their Family and Friends at this sad time, May They Rest in Peace



PARISH DIARY:

Sun 10th : Music: 9 am Choir ; 11 am Cantorg
6.30 pm Lord's Flock

Tues: Repository open 9 am—3 pm

Tues: Toddler Group 1.30—3.15 pm

Wed : Choir practice: 7.30 pm at SB

Wed: Body in Church 4 pm at SB Joe Murphy RIP

REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments will be served after the 11 am Mass next Sunday (17th December) - All proceeds will go to the Night Shelter Project.

We would welcome any donations of mince pies, cakes please. Thank you Sammi.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Advent Reconciliation Service will take place here at St. Bede's Church next Sunday at 2.30 pm.

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.

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.

BISHOP PHILIP

Bishop Philip invites you to sign up for his FREE weekly e-Newsletter to keep in touch with the latest news and forthcoming events around the diocese. Visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews to sign up.

NIGHT SHELTER IN BASINGSTOKE

Following items are requested please, small bottles of water, jams and marmalades, brown sauce, ketchup, UHT fruit juice, squash, instant coffee, UHT milk, soft sweets or chocolate, UHT custard, breakfast bars, biscuits,

GRASSED CAR PARK

Grassed car park will be closed for the winter.

WELCOME

To Rev. Arthur Botham, Marnel and Merton Schools who will be here in the Church during the week for their Christmas Carol Services



COLLECTIONS

Sunday collection to £2,773.01p. grateful thanks.