

# THE MESSENGER

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**23rd December 2018**  
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**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
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**Christmas Blessings on behalf of  
Fr. Chris and the Parish Staff**

**PARISH LITURGY**

<b>23rd December</b>	9.00 am	SB	Pat Farrelly, Eileen & Harold White RIP
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	SB	Dec. Mbrs Hynes & Murphy Families

**Mon 24th**

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

5.45 pm	SB	Carol Service
6.00 pm	SB	Christmas Vigil Mass—Page 94
9.00 pm	HG	Mass in Polish
9.30 pm	SB	Carols
10.00 pm	SB	The Nativity of the Lord—Page 97

**Tues 25th**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

8.00 am	SB	People of the Parish—Page 100
10.00 am	SB	People of the Parish—Page 102

**Wed 26th**

*Feast of St. Stephen*

10.30 am	SB	Ints of our Altar Servers
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**Thurs 27th**

10.30 am	HG	Anthony Mendoca RIP, Caroline D'Souza RIP
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**Fri 28th**

10.30 am	HG	Fr. Michael Campbell RIP
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**Sat 29th**

No Mass

**30th December**

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

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9.00 am	SB	Martin Cleary RIP
11.00 am	SB	Cathy & Joan O'Brien
6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish

**Mon 31st**

No Mass

**Tues 1st Jan 2019**

**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God—Page 109**

11 am	SB	Fr. Duane Dockerty RIP
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**Wed 2nd**

*Feast Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen*

9.30 am	HG	Daniel Foran RIP
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**Thur 3rd**

*The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

9.30 am	SB	Eunice O'Connor RIP
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**Fri 4th**

9.30 am	HG	Nancy O'Neill RIP
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Adoration after the 9.30 am Mass till 11 am

**Sat 5th**

9.30 am	SB	Cyprian Ekechukwa RIP
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Confessions until 10.45 am

**6th January**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**Year C, Psalter Week II— Page 115**

9.00 am	SB	Dec. Mbrs Colella & Bibo Families
11.00 am	SB	Damien O'Brien RIP
6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish

**PASTORAL AREA CLERGY**

**St. Joseph, Basingstoke** 01256 323595

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Deacon Patrick O'Connell

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Deacon Anthony Cairns

**St. John the Baptist, Andover**

Fr. Austin Gurr 01264 352829

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



### CHRISTMAS EVE (Monday)

5.45 pm Carols  
6 pm Vigil Mass  
9 pm (Polish Mass at Holy Ghost Church)  
9.30 pm Carols  
10 pm Mass during the Night

### CHRISTMAS DAY (Tuesday)

8 am Mass at Dawn (Quiet Mass)  
10 am Mass during the Day  
(Church will remain open until 4 pm)

### ST. STEPHEN'S DAY (Wednesday)

10.30 am Mass for Altar Servers Intentions  
(All Masses at St. Bede's Church)

### CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

We welcome all Visitors to Our Parish over the Christmas Season who are visiting Family and Friends. Our Liturgies will be broadcast, so you can inform Family and Friends across the world, that they can log into our webpage [www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](http://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk).

*Thank  
You!*

Fr. Chris and the Parish Staff wish to express gratitude to everyone who contributed of their time and talents in preparing the Churches and helping in our Worship of God, from Musicians and Singers, to Cleaners, Flower

Arrangers, those who plan our Liturgies, Crib, Christmas tree builders and not forgetting Altar Servers. May Christ the Saviour whose coming we now celebrate Bless You and all your Loved Ones now and in the New Year ahead. Thank you also for your many cards and gifts which are being eaten/drank and enjoyed.

### SYRO MALABAR

Carols, Reconciliation and Prayers will take place at Holy Ghost Church between 5—8 pm on Monday 24th December.

### CRIB OFFERINGS

The Christmas Crib Offerings during Christmastide are for Christian Communities in the Holy Land, via the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.

The Holy Land is a very troubled area of the Middle East and the Christians are very appreciative of our support and prayer. Christians in the Holy Land including Bethlehem, are experiencing extreme difficulties and dangers of peace and stability and the absence of justice at this time.

### CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Tradition holds that the Christmas Offerings given at the Vigil and Christmas Day Masses are your opportunity for personal gift to your Parish Priest. This is a major source of his annual income.

### DIARY:

Sunday 23rd Dec: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg:  
6.30 pm Quiet  
Refreshments after the 9 am Mass  
Repository open after all Mass  
Sun 30th Dec: BACCA meet after 11 am Mass

### TODAY IS A DAY OF PRAYER FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

O good St Gerard, powerful intercessor before God and wonder worker of our day, confidently I call upon you and seek your aid. On Earth you always fulfilled God's designs, help me now to do the holy will of God. Implore the Master of Life, from whom all paternity proceeds, to render me fruitful in offspring, that I may raise up children to God in this life, and in the world to come, heirs to the Kingdom of His Glory. Amen.

### FUNERAL

Requiem for Joan Gomes RIP takes place on Wednesday 9th January at 12.30 pm at St. Bedes  
Funeral Service at the Crematorium on Friday 11th January at 11 am for Eunice O'Connor RIP.  
Requiem for Rita McElhinney RIP on Wednesday 16th January at 11 am in Holy Ghost Church.  
We remember their Families and Friends at this sad time. We pray for all our Parishioners who have died during this year, may they Rest in Peace.

### ST. BEDE'S SCHOOL SUPPORTING STAMP

Fr. Chris will be available to sign the supporting Supplementary Forms on Saturday 5th January 2019 between 11 am—11.30 am. This is the last chance to have these forms signed.

### REFRESHMENTS

A total of £73.47p. was raised after the 11 am Mass last Sunday. All proceeds will go towards The Winter Shelter Project. Grateful thanks to all who attended and donated mince pies.

### RECYCLING (CAFOD)

Recycling collection, jewellery, foreign money, mobile phones and stamps. Please bring any items on a Sunday for recycling. All proceeds will go towards CAFOD.

### KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

Lucky Me Winners are: Congratulations to Judith Aylmer who won £100, Pat Munn who won £50, and Catherine O'Brien £25.

### COLLECTIONS

Parish Collection last week amounted to £2,399.25p. Second collection for Christmas Flowers amounted to £229.10p., Grateful thanks.

**AND FINALLY:** Parish Office will be closed from 11 am on Monday 24th December, reopening on Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

**Christmas Blessings to you all.**

