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BISHOP PHILIP EGAN VISITATION

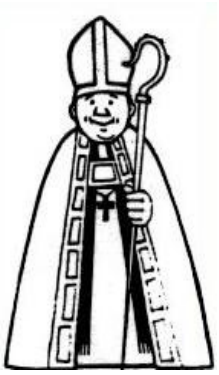
Bishop Philip will be here with us at St. Bede for his Visitation next Sunday, 1st December (First Sunday of Advent). He will celebrate all three Masses and in addition at 5pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with prayers for Vocations. As part of his visit he will also meet with our Confirmation candidates. The Bishop comes to us in his role as Chief Shepherd to his flock in Basingstoke. The full timetable for Bishop Philip's visit is as follows:

Saturday 30th November

3.00 pm	Bishop arrival & discussion with Fr. Chris
5.00 pm	Bishop meets Senior Leadership Team
6.00 pm	Bishop departs

Sunday 1st December

8.30 am	Bishop arrives
9.00 am	Mass—Bishop to Celebrate and Preach
11.00 am	Mass—Bishop to Celebrate and Preach
12.45 pm	Bishop to meet youth of the Parish
1.30 pm	Bishop to have lunch with the clergy
5.00 pm	Adoration and prayer for vocations
6.30 pm	Mass—Bishop to Celebrate and Preach
7.45 pm	Bishop departs



Refreshments will be available after 9 am and 11 am Masses, so come and join us so that we give Bishop Philip a warm welcome to our Parish.

Sunday 24th November 2019

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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Morning Prayer before all weekday Masses

Sun 24th Nov	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Victoria & Robert Leckie RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	Kathleen & Patrick Bruen RIP
Mon 25th	12 noon	HG	*St Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr*
			Joe Murphy RIP
	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 am		
Tues 26th	9.30 am	HG	Dea Arantes RIP
Wed 27th	9.30 am	HG	Caroline D'Souze RIP
Thur 28th	12 noon	HG	Requiem Tony Tambascia RIP
Fri 29th	9.30 am	SB	Alice O'Hare RIP
	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11 am		
	7.15 pm	HG	Sidney Purkiss RIP
Sat 30th	9.30 am	SB	*St Andrew, Apostle, Feast*
			Antonia Bogacka RIP
	12 noon	HG	Edward O'Brien RIP
	Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am		

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Sun 1st Dec	9.00 am	SB	Int. Bishop Philip
	11.00 am	SB	Goder & Sauleek Families
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish

"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the world." - Saint John Paul II

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Today we come to the last Sunday of the liturgical year, and we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This solemnity, which was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, reminds us that Christ reigns as King of the entire world forever, and it encourages us to respond to this reality. This year, let us rededicate ourselves to bearing witness to the reign of Jesus Christ and his Sacred Heart.

CARITAS HOMES WITHOUT BORDERS FOR REFUGEES

Following approval by Hampshire County Council, the good news is that we are getting close to submitting our formal application form to the Home Office! Now we need to step up our fundraising activity so we reach our financial target as quickly as we can. We will be coming out with some news in the New Year about our plans. A video providing more information about Community Sponsorship can be found by using this YouTube link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f25abeF9G0U

NEW BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

From January 2020 a formal programme of Baptismal Preparation will be introduced at St. Bede's Church. The next date for Baptisms will be Sunday 26th January 2020 at 12.30 pm. If you would like your child to be Baptised you will need to attend the full programme and register with the Parish Office to attend the course.

EXTRA MASSES AT HOLY GHOST CHURCH

Extra Masses will be celebrated at 7.15 pm on Fridays, and 12 noon on Saturdays at Holy Ghost Church from now until Christmas. Check the weekly newsletter for details. If popular we will continue with the extra Masses in the New Year.

WINTER SHELTER "LIFE LINE" APPEAL

The shelter for people, who would otherwise spend the winter sleeping rough on the streets in Basingstoke, will open its doors again on 1st December. The shelter provides friendship, a hot evening meal and a warm and dry bed, something most of us take for granted! We will be holding our annual "Life Line" appeal in the Cloister on Sunday 8th December. Please take a card from the line and buy the item shown on the card, such as socks, underwear, gloves, scarf etc. We have worked out that it costs approx. £15 per bed per night to provide the shelter for 3 months. Could you sponsor a bed for 1 or more nights to stop someone having to sleep in a shop doorway in our town during the coldest months of the year? Further info from Pat Murphy: pfm190654@outlook.com

ST. BEDE'S SCHOOL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Fr. Chris and Liz will be available next Saturday, 30th November, between 11 – 12 noon to sign Supplementary Information Forms. Please remember to bring your Child's Baptismal Certificate and Mass Attendance Card. Another date will follow in January 2020.

DIARY:

Sunday 24th Nov:	Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg:
	6.30 pm Lord's Flock
	Refreshments after 9 & 11 Masses
	Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB
Tues 26th	Toddler Group 1.30 pm —3.15 pm SB
Wed 27th	Choir 7.30 pm SB
	RCIA 7.30 pm—9.00 pm Burgess Road
Thur 28th	Repository Shop open 9.00 am—3 pm
Fri 29th	Confirmation 6.45 pm to 9.00pm SB
Sunday 1st Dec:	Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Popley:
	6.30 pm Lord's Flock
	Polish Rosary at 4 pm
	Adoration and prayer for vocations 5pm

Welcome to Bishop Philip who celebrates all Masses today.

MISSIO RED BOX COLLECTION

The Missio Red Boxes will be collected at all Masses today, Sunday 24th November.

LUCKY ME WINNER

Congratulations to Chris Lewington of Basingstoke who is this months 'Lucky Me' draw winner.

60TH ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our congratulations to St. Joseph's Parish, Basingstoke who celebrate their 60th Anniversary of the Parish this weekend.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

There will be a selection of Christmas for sale after Mass on 1st December. All proceeds raised will go to CAFOD.

YEAR OF THE BIBLE STARTS SOON

Bishop Philip writes "The Year of the Bible, called 'The God who Speaks,' will be an opportunity for all of us in the Diocese to promote the Bible and renew the place the Word of God at the centre of our Catholic life and faith. It is a national campaign, and soon I will be sending out a brochure to parishes, with more details, ideas, resources, and a timeline. In our Diocese, the Year will form the first phase of our two-year period of Spiritual Renewal and will be followed next year by a 'Year of the Eucharist.' In addition, I will be distributing to everyone in the Diocese a pocket-sized copy of one of the Gospels, together with a prayer card and Prayer of Renewal to be recited at every Mass in the Bidding Prayers or before the Final Blessing." Look out for more details in the New Year.

FUNERALS

Requiem for Tony Tambascia RIP will take place at Holy Ghost Church on 28th November at 12 noon. Funeral Service for Lorraine Kirby RIP will take place on Tuesday 3rd December in Basingstoke Crematorium at 1.15 pm. We also pray for Mary Johnson RIP who died on Thursday, funeral arrangements to follow. May They Rest in Peace.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Parish Collection amounted to £2,325.36p. Grateful thanks.