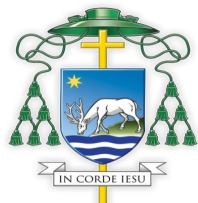


THE MESSENGER

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**Christmas Blessings on behalf of Fr. Chris,
Fr. Leo and the Parish Staff**



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Sun 22nd Dec	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Oscar Herman Dover RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	Dec. Mbrs Hynes Family

Mon 23rd	12 noon	HG	Int. Tina Williams
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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 am

CHRISTMAS EVE — Tuesday 24th December

Carol Service	5.30 pm	SB	
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	SB	People of the Parish
Polish Mass	9.00 pm	HG	
Carol Service	9.30 pm	SB	
Mass during the Night	10.00 pm	SB	People of the Parish

CHRISTMAS DAY — Wednesday 25th December

Mass at Dawn	8.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
Mass during the Day	10.00 am	SB	People of the Parish

NO EVENING MASS

Thur 26th	11.00 am	SB	<i>St Stephen's Day</i> Int. Altar Servers
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Fri 27th	9.30 am	HG	<i>St John, Apostle</i> Tony Tambascia RIP
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Sat 28th	9.30 am	SB	<i>The Holy Innocents</i> Thanksgiving El Shaddai
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Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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Sun 29th Dec	9.00 am	SB	Martin Cleary RIP
	11.00 am	SB	John Togher RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish

Mon 30th	12 noon	HG	Dec. Mbrs Vanni Family <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 am</i>
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Tue 31st	9.30 am	HG	Dec. Mbrs Bibbo & Colella Families
Wed 1st Jan	11.00 am	SB	<i>Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i> For Peace in our World

Thur 2nd	9.30 am	SB	Int. Fr. Duane Docherty OFM
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Fri 3rd	9.30 am	SB	Bernie Martin RIP <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11 am</i>
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Sat 4th	9.30 am	SB	Nancy O'Neil RIP <i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am</i>
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Sun 5th Jan	9.00 am	SB	Getrude Wong RIP
	11.00 am	SB	John Reilly RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish

Celebrating Christmas

***We welcome all Visitors
to our Parish over the
Christmas Season who are
visiting Family and Friends.***

***Thank you to everyone who contributed
their time and talent in preparing our
Churches and helping in our
Worship of God.***

***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 the many cards
and gifts which are being eaten/drank
and enjoyed.***

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

It is the custom of this Diocese that the collections taken at the Christmas Masses are given to the Priests of the Parish for their personal use. It forms a significant part of their annual income.

CHRISTMAS 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 Christians are very

appreciative of our support and prayer.

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

We are introducing a Baptism Preparation Sessions in January 2020. If you wish your child to be Baptised you will be required to attend a Baptism Preparation Course. The course will help you to get the most from the Sacrament of Baptism, and help you bring your child up as a Catholic, and carry out the promises you make. The First Baptism session will take place on Sunday 12th January when you will be introduced to the Community at the 11 am Mass. The Preparation then starts at 12.30 pm until 2pm. Session 2 will be on 19th January and then Baptism on Sunday 26th January at 12.30 pm here at St. Bede's Church.

For those who have expressed a wish to have their child Baptised, you should have heard from the Parish Office but if not, please contact Liz Murphy on Tel. No. 01256 465214. Baptism dates are: 26th January, 23rd February at 12.30 at St. Bede's Church, this is after the Baptism Preparation Sessions, which you must attend.

WINTER SHELTER LIFE LINE APPEAL

Many thanks to you wonderful parishioners for your very generous response to the recent appeal. We now have copious supplies, so now ask that no more donations are brought to Church.

DIARY:

Sunday 22nd Dec: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg:
6.30 pm Quiet
Pastoral Reconciliation Service 2.30 pm
Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB

Sunday 29th Dec: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Popley:
6.30 pm Richenda
BACCA meet after 11 am Mass
Refreshments after 11 am Mass
Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Only if people change will the world change; and in order to change, people need the light that comes from God, the light which so unexpectedly [on the night of Christmas] entered into our night." Pope Benedict XVI

CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM THE BISHOP

The Year of God's Word has begun and Bishop Philip has sent us copies of the Gospel of Luke. Please take a copy from the Cloister. Bishop Philip hopes you enjoy it.

FROM BISHOP PHILIP

Bishop Philip has appointed Fr. Paul Leonard as the Priest in Charge of Sacred Heart Parish, Hook. Please keep him in your prayers. Fr. Chris Rutledge will continue to be the 'canonical' Parish Priest.

ST. BEDE'S SCHOOL ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION

As required by the regulations, the governing body of St. Bede's Catholic Primary School, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9SL, will be conducting a consultation on its proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2021—2022. The consultation period runs for a minimum period of 6 weeks from 16 December 2019 until 27 January 2020. Copies of the proposed arrangements can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the school website: www.stbedesprimary.co.uk

LUCKY ME WINNER

Congratulations to the following winners of this months KSC Grand Christmas Draw:

£100: Dr. Stephen Flitcroft of Basingstoke

£50: Ted Burns of Basingstoke

£25: Mrs Lynda Goode of Farnham

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Parish Collection amounted to £2,206.84. Last Sunday's St. Michael's Hospice sale raised £200. Grateful thanks.

AND FINALLY: Thank you to all involved in our Sunday Masses and Celebrations throughout the year, from Eucharistic Minister, Readers, Musicians and Singers, to Cleaners, Flower Arrangers, Refreshment Rotas, Hospital Volunteer Chaplains, those who plan Liturgies, Altar Servers, Crib and Christmas tree builders, the Webteam and not forgetting the Parish Staff.

PARISH OFFICE will reopen on Friday 3rd January 2020.

