

THE MESSENGER

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Sunday 1st November 2020

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Year A, Psalter Week III

Sun 1st Nov	9.00 am	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Mass: Dec. Mbrs of Holy Ghost Parish
	6.00 pm	Mass: Mike Targett RIP
Mon 2nd	All Souls	
	12 noon	Mass: May Tobin RIP
		<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11 am</i>
Tues 3rd	Blessed John Body, Martyr	
	9.30 am	Mass: Maureen Murphy RIP
Wed 4th	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop	
	9.30 am	Mass: Int. Mary Lee
Thur 5th	Feria	
	9.30 am	Mass: Ranulfa Felisilda RIP
Fri 6th	Feria	
	9.30 am	Mass: Gabrielle Hinton RIP
		<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 11am</i>
Sat 7th	Our Lady on Saturday	
	9.30 am	Mass: Stephen Hornblow RIP
		<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am</i>

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Year A, Psalter Week IV

Sun 8th Nov	9.00 am	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Mass: Dec. Mbrs SVP
	6.00 pm	Mass: Tony Tambascia RIP

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

The opening words of today's second reading are full of confidence: "Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us." We could ponder these words for hours in order to savour God's love. They emphasise our dignity since we are children of God and can look forward to the day when we will see God face to face. Then we will understand fully what we have only glimpsed in a shadowy way during life. As we walk by faith and not by sight, we catch hints and suggestions of God's grace and allow God to illuminate the path so that we can keep faith and carry the cross towards resurrection.

A rich imagine of heaven is presented in the first reading. Gathered around the altar on which stands the Lamb of God, are the people from every tribe, nation and language. They sing the praise of God, perhaps singing the majestic hymn "Praise to the Holiest in the Height" which St John Henry Newman wrote and included in his poem The Dream of Gerontius. The people of all the nations are surrounded by angels who adore God and wear their white baptismal robes. Many have carried the cross of persecution and martyrdom and remained faithful to the end.

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ATTENDING PUBLIC MASS AT ST. BEDE'S CHURCH

When attending church for Mass or for prayer, we need to keep each other safe and observe the following guidelines:

- * Please WEAR YOUR OWN FACEMASK or face covering at all times except when receiving Holy Communion
- * Apply hand sanitizer when entering the church
- * Dispensation from the Sunday obligation remains and we actively encourage you to attend Mass any day of the week where possible
- * Toilets remain closed and the Cloister must be kept clear for access
- * Volunteers are needed to assist before and after each Mass, weekday and weekends (guidelines stipulate that volunteers must be below the age of 70 for this)
- * Please do not enter the Sacristy area via the side door in the Church as this is an emergency exit only
- * Details will now be taken for everyone attending weekday Masses for Track and Trace purposes.

EXTRA SEATING CAPACITY

We have now been able to open our church hall to provide extra space for those who want to join us for Mass. Seating capacity at each Mass is now increased to 110.

BOOKING TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

To book tickets to attend Mass on Sunday 8th November please go to our website at <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk/attending-mass-at-st-bedes/> Click on the date and you will be taken to the Eventbrite page to book tickets. Please remember to cancel your tickets if you find that you are no longer able to attend.

APP TO AID TRACK AND TRACE PROCESS

The government has launched a new system to aid the Track and Trace process and places of worship are on the list of venues. Our parish has created a QR Code poster that is displayed in the entrance and other areas of the church. If you have the NHS App on your phone you can scan the QR Code on the way into the church in order to register your details with the Track and Trace programme. For anyone who is unable to use the NHS App, details will be logged as before and retained in line with government guidance.

ST BEDE'S CHURCH OPENING TIMES

The church is open on Monday from 11.00 am until 1 pm, Tuesday to Saturday from 9.00 am until 11.00 am and on Sunday's from 8.30 am until 12 noon and 5.30 pm until 7.00 pm. Please check the latest newsletter for daily Mass, Confession, Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament times.

PARISH DONATIONS

The safest way to make a donation to the parish is electronically via Standing Order, or you can make your donation online via our website at <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk/virtual-collection-basket/> Many thanks for your generous support to the parish.



THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

On All Souls Day and throughout the month of November we will be praying for all those it pleased the Lord to call to Himself. We will have the names of loved ones in the Baptismal Font, with the pascal candle lit for them. You can email names of your loved ones to stbedes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call via phone leaving a message with the name of your loved ones. If you would prefer to walk in and leave the names at the Baptismal Font please do so but remember social distancing guidelines. Please do not include any cash.



BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Members of the Pastoral Area clergy will go to Worting Road and Holy Ghost Cemeteries to pray together on 8th November at 2pm. **Please note this will be without any public present in line with COVID-19 guidelines.**



BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

Due to COVID-19, this year we will be live-streaming the parish Bereavement Service from St. Bede's Church. This will be taking place on 21st November at 2.30pm. Please join us via the webcam as we remember and pray for those that have died this year.

BAMENDA SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend we celebrate our Diocesan link, since 1974, with the Archdiocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. Please pray for Bamenda, for the six wonderful priests we have on loan from the Archdiocese working in our Diocese, for peace and justice to be restored in the region and for the safe reopening of their schools. Our second collection is the main source of annual income for the various projects our Bamenda Committee will support during the coming year. Donations can be made securely online via the at <https://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/donate.php> If you are able to set up a standing order, please download a form from the same Donate page. Thank you.

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The final Baptism Preparation Programme for this year is to be held via Zoom on Sunday 8th and 15th November from 2:30-4pm. Please apply ASAP to the Baptism email address at baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk. Please note there will be no programme or Baptisms held during Advent.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) COURSE

Our parish RCIA programme continues on Wednesday 4th November from 7.30pm until 9pm in the hall at St Bede's Church. All are most welcome to come along. Social distancing will be observed and please ensure that you wear a face covering. For further details please email Deacon Tony at Adarroch@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place before all weekday and Saturday Masses from 9.00 am. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with the Lord in prayer before Mass begins.

