

THE MESSENGER

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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**Masses from St. Bede's Church live-streamed via our webcam
and Masses from Holy Ghost Church live-streamed via Zoom**

Sunday 29th November 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year B, Psalter Week I

Sun 29th Nov	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Joe Murphy RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Kathleen & Patrick Bruen RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Fr Mike Ronan RIP
Mon 30th	ST ANDREW , Apostle, feast		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Goder & Sauleek Families
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Fr Ambrose Walsh RIP
Tues 1st	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Sr. Paddy RIP
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Int. Tina Williams
Wed 2nd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Catherine Denning
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Sick/Housebound in the Parish
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int. Basingstoke Hospital Staff
Public Mass at St Bede's Church resumes on Thursday 3rd December			
Thur 3rd	St Francis Xavier , Priest		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Charles Armstrong RIP
Fri 4th	St John Damascene , Priest, Doctor		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Ned Fagan, Maureen McCauley RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Dec Mbrs Babu Family
Sat 5th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Michael Murphy

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year B, Psalter Week II

Sun 6th Dec	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Ned Fagan, Maureen McCauley RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: John Reid RIP

SB—St. Bede's Church HG—Holy Ghost Church

CHURCH REOPENING: The government has confirmed that collective worship can resume in churches when the national lockdown expires on 2 December. Public Mass will therefore resume at St. Bede's Church on **Thursday 3rd December**. Masses at Holy Ghost will continue to be live-streamed via Zoom and access details are on our website.

PRIVATE PRAYER: St. Bede's Church will be open for private prayer on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 2.30pm until 3.30pm.

"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man."

Pope Francis



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lord, as we journey through this Advent season, give us the wisdom to be good stewards of this time of grace, a time to be more prayerful, a time to listen more intently to Your Word, Amen.



CAFOD WORLD GIFTS



This Christmas why not buy gifts that will change lives and bring happiness! CAFOD's World Gifts are a range of virtual gifts that transform the lives of those living in poverty overseas go to <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>

ATTENDING MASS OR PRAYER AT ST. BEDE'S CHURCH

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

- * Please WEAR YOUR OWN FACEMASK or face covering at all times except when receiving Holy Communion
- * Apply hand sanitizer when entering and leaving the church
- * Toilets remain closed and the Cloister must be kept clear for access
- * Please do not enter the Sacristy area via the side door in the Church as this is an emergency exit only
- * QR Code posters remain displayed in the entrance to the church for you to scan on your mobile for Track and Trace programme purposes.

BOOKING TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

To book tickets to attend Mass on Sunday 6th December go to our website <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk> and follow the booking link.

LET'S DO AFTERNOON TEA

Deacon Tony and Pam would like to invite you for afternoon tea via Zoom on **Sunday 29th November** between 1:30pm and 3pm. Have a cup of tea and cake to hand and join us and other parishioners from the comfort of your home for a catch up. To receive the Zoom meeting details please send an email to stbedessocial@gmail.com. You can also join via telephone as well, just request the number in your email.

ST. BEDE'S SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORM

Under normal circumstances the Parish Priest signs SIF forms at an appointed date in November and early January. This signing of forms is backed up with a date stamped by the Priest to confirm how often your child has attended Sunday Mass during the course of the year. This year because of COVID-19 restrictions, this has not been possible for many and so we are asking everyone to indicate themselves, how often they came to Mass before the lockdown. Unless Fr. Dominic has any specific reservations about an application, he will sign SIF's on Thursday 7th January: 11 am - 12 noon and Saturday 9th January: 11 am - 12 noon.

PARISH DONATIONS

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

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) COURSE



Our parish RCIA programme continues on Wednesday 2nd December from 7.30pm via Zoom. Details will be issued in advance of the meeting. To find out more about the programme please email Deacon Tony at Adarroch@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

WE ARE ACCEPTIONAL

We Are Acceptional is a new group for supporting the faith formation of people with additional needs within the Diocese. The group will provide resources, a confidential space to learn and develop skills, and a supportive community, all centrally available. The group is not only for people with additional needs themselves but also for their parents and catechists. If you are interested in joining or would like to know more email us at acceptional@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

COATS4CALAIS 2020

Each year Coats4Calais provides warm clothing for many of the refugees in Calais throughout the winter months. This is an opportunity for you to clear your wardrobes of your unwanted coats, jackets, scarves, hats and gloves. This year there is a particular need for coats or jackets for teenage males. However any donations will be gratefully received. Items can be received between 16th November and 19th December. They will be very much appreciated. Please contact Joe Shevlin on any of the following: (m) 07881781407, landline: 01256 419427, email: joeshevlin@icloud.com to arrange the drop-off point for the items. More information about this project may be found on the following link: care4calais.org/#coats4calais

CARITAS HOMES WITHOUT BORDERS FOR REFUGEES — NOVEMBER 2020 UPDATE

Recently, the Home Office have advised that inbound flights, bringing refugees to the UK, are to resume in early 2021. This is very welcome news, as the preparatory work of Community Sponsor groups such as ours, have been on hold due to Covid:19 which has prevented refugees being allowed to enter the UK. The decision by the Government, under the existing resettlement scheme, will allow 232 refugees to enter the UK although it is only those groups who have secured a property, who will be welcoming these refugees. Groups, such as ours, who have not secured a property yet, still do not have a date for when they will welcome a family to resettle. Hopefully, it won't be too long before we can start the search in earnest for a property that will help transform the lives of a suffering refugee family beyond their imagination. Please continue to pray for the success our project.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

"O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands." Could God's plans for you involve being a priest or sister? Contact Fr. John Cooke via email at vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869





DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH

VACANCY

St Bede's Catholic Primary School

Closing Date for applications: November 2020

A vacancy for Foundation Governor on the governing body has arisen and expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the ministry.

The term of office is for four years from the date of appointment.

Foundation Governors are personally appointed by Bishop Philip, Bishop of Portsmouth to diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole.

The governors of a Catholic school work as a team, in close co-operation with the headteacher and all the staff. Foundation governors share the responsibilities of all governors:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

In addition to this, foundation governors are appointed specifically to ensure:

- that the religious character of the school is preserved
- that the school is conducted in accordance with its trust deed
- that the religious education curriculum is in accordance with the Bishop's policy for this Diocese

All suitable candidates are welcomed and the school would particularly be pleased to receive applications from those who reflect the wide variety of cultures and ethnicities that are prevalent within the school community.

Anyone interested in the mission of foundation governor should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service.

NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM:

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