

THE MESSENGER

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Sunday 13th December 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 'GAUDETE'

Year B, Psalter Week III

Sun 13th Dec	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Breda Corr RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Simon de Mars RIP
Mon 14th	St John of the Cross , Religious, Doctor of the Church		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Marie Payne RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Sick of the Parish
Tues 15th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Graham Healey RIP
Wed 16th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Maura Hanafée RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Patricia & Geoffrey Manley RIP
Thur 17th	Liturgy of the Day ('O Wisdom')		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Brian & Peggy Moore
Fri 18th	Liturgy of the Day ('O Adonai')		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Ursula & Jim Smith
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Elizabeth Margaret Plummer RIP
Sat 19th	Liturgy of the Day ('O Root of Jesse')		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Joan Gomes RIP

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year B, Psalter Week IV

Sun 20th Dec	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Daniel Foran RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: 25th Wedding Anniversaries: Gloria & Edward Kwan Mr. Mrs Allen McCarthy
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

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

All Masses from Holy Ghost Church continue to be live-streamed via Zoom

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

In prayer, we can begin to find out who we truly are. Who are we in the eyes of God and of humanity? To discover the answer to this question we need to be in God's presence. It is from God that we come, it is to God that we return. The answer to the question, "Who am I?" must always include God.

Prayer, as the second reading tells us, is to make us ready to meet Jesus. Even John the Baptist, despite his lifetime of prayer, was not yet ready to meet the real Christ. We have neglected Him, we have not prayed constantly, we have not given thanks to God, yet Christ is among us; and at the end of our lives, and at the end of human history, we will meet Him. The more we pray, the more we live a life of thanksgiving, the more joyful that meeting will be.

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



CHRISTMAS EVE (Thursday 24th December)

5.30 pm	SB	Carols (singing outside)
6.00 pm	SB	Vigil Mass
9.30 pm	SB	Carols (hum indoors or sing outside)
10.00 pm	SB	Mass during the Night

CHRISTMAS DAY (Friday 25th December)

8.00 am	SB	Mass at Dawn (quiet Mass)
10.00 am	SB	Mass during the Day
12 noon	SB	Mass during the Day
12 noon	HG	Mass during the Day

No Evening Mass on Christmas Day

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY (Saturday 26th December)

9.30 am	SB	Feast of St. Stephen (Int. Altar Servers)
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Numbers attending Mass will be limited and you will need to book tickets. Links will be available on our website shortly.

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
- * The number of parishioners at each Mass will be limited to a maximum of 110
- * 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.

PRIVATE PRAYER AT ST. BEDES CHURCH

The church is open for private prayer on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 2.30pm - 3.30pm

LIVE-STREAMED MASSES FROM HOLY GHOST CHURCH

Weekday evening Masses from Holy Ghost will continue to be live-streamed via Zoom. For joining details please go to our website and click on the 'Watch Live' tab.

LIVE-STREAM TECHNICAL PROBLEMS

We understand that some of you have experienced interruptions when watching our live-streamed Masses. We are very sorry for the technical problems and want to assure you that we are working hard to resolve the problem.

BOOKING TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

To book tickets for Mass on Sunday 20th December go to our website <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk> and use the link which will be published at the weekend.

COMING SOON A new Quarterly Diocesan Newsletter, featuring interviews and news from across the Diocese. Copies will be available to take home in time for the Fourth Weekend of Advent.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 'GAUDETE'

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday, which is when we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath. 'Gaudete' means rejoice and today rose coloured vestments are worn to emphasise our joy that Christmas is near.



ST. BEDE'S SCHOOL CAROL SERVICES LIVE-STREAMED

On Wednesday 16th December there will be an opportunity to join St. Bede's School via our webcam as they hold two carol services. The first is at 11 am and the second at 1.30 pm. From the comfort of your home join them and sing along as well!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Please keep in your prayers at this time those children who will be making their First Holy Communion at four special Masses to be held between the 21st and 24th December. A big thank you to everyone involved in the programme and those helping with the Masses.

'THANK YOU' FROM BASINGSTOKE FOOD BANK



We want to say a huge thank you to each and every individual, school, business, church and community group who have so generously donated food or given a financial donation this year. Your support is absolutely vital and we are hugely grateful. Although we've tried to keep up with our usual thank you, we know that's slipped a bit this year. We'll do our best to return to our usual personal thank you in the new year.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) COURSE

Our parish RCIA programme continues on Wednesday 16th 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.

LET'S DO AFTERNOON TEA

Deacon Tony and Pam would like to invite you for afternoon tea via Zoom on Sunday 13th December between 1:30pm and 3pm.



This week, as well as chat, there will be a festive Christmas Quiz to enjoy. To receive the meeting details please send an email to stbedesocial@gmail.com. You can also join via telephone as well, just request the number in your email. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Our Christmas Collection celebrates and gives thanks to our parish priests for all the dedication, guidance and care they give across our Diocese and in each parish. If you would like to give a gift to support our parish priests Father Dominic and Father Leo this Christmas, please use the following link to access the dedicated donation page; <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/basingstoke-holy-ghost-clergy-christmas-collection>