THE MESSENGER

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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
Mon 21st	No 12 noon Mass		
	11.00 am	SB	FHC Children
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: All parishioners in hospital
Tues 22nd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. John, Donna Lloyd
	11.00 am	SB	FHC Children
Wed 23rd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Oscar Herman Dover RIP
	11.00 am	SB	FHC Children
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int. Anthony Byrne
Thur 24th	No 9.30 am Mass		
	11.00 am	SB	FHC Children

CHRISTMAS EVE - Thursday 24th December

5.30 pm	SB	Carols (hum indoors or sing 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	Dawn Mass (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

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY - Saturday 26th December

9.30 am SB Mass: Int. Altar Servers

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Year B, Psalter Week I

Sun 27th Dec	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Thanksgiving Sawko Family
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Salvatore Agro RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 28th	12 noon	SB	**THE HOLY INNOCENTS, feast** Mass: Philomena, Neville Lobo RIP
Tues 29th	9.30 am	SB	**ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, feast** Mass: Int. Rebecca Bennett
	12 noon	HG	Mass: In Thanksgiving Canon Scholes
Wed 30th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Frank, George, John Monaghan RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int. Sheila Farrelly
Thur 31st	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Martin Cleary RIP
Fri 1st Jan	11.00 am	SB	**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD** Mass: Volunteers of the Parish
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int. Margaret Stebbing
Sat 2nd	9.30 am	SB	**Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen** Mass: Sean McNamara RIP

Christmas Blessings to you all on behalf of Fr. Dominic, Fr Leo, Deacon Tony and the Parish Staff

CHRISTMAS MASSES
Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are now fully booked. If you find you no longer need tickets please remember to cancel them. Mass at Holy Ghost Church on Christmas Day will be limited to 30 places which are available on a first come first served basis.

EVENING MASSES FROM HOLY GHOST CHURCH
Weekday evening Masses will continue to be live-streamed via Zoom. Meeting details are available on our website.

BOOKING TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS
To book tickets for Mass on Sunday 27th December go to our website https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk and use the link which will be published nearer the time.

ATTENDING MASS AT ST. BEDE'S CHURCH
When attending church 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 and the maximum will be stated when you book tickets
* 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
Private prayer will be stopped for the time being and will resume at a date to be advised via the newsletter in the New Year.

LIVE-STREAM TECHNICAL PROBLEMS
We understand that some of you are experiencing 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.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR FLOWERS

This weekend, 20th December, there will be a second collection for flowers to decorate the church for Christmas. Grateful thanks to our flower ladies.

LET'S DO AFTERNOON TEA
Afternoon tea via Zoom will be taking place on Sunday 20th December and Sunday 27th December between 1:30pm and 3pm. This week there will be a quiz to enjoy. To receive the meeting details please send an email to stbedessocial@gmail.com. You can also join via telephone as well. All are welcome.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep in your prayers those children who will be making their First Holy Communion at four special Masses this week. Thank you to everyone involved.

CENTENARY OF CANON SCHOLES

To mark the 100 year anniversary of the death of Canon Scholes on Tuesday 29th December, Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon at Holy Ghost Church, followed by the blessing of his grave. The church will be open for parishioners to attend. Holy Ghost Church was built by Canon Sholes and consecrated in 1903 by Bishop Timothy Cotter. Canon Scholes is buried in the Church grounds and his memorial headstone is on the north side of the Church. May he rest in Peace.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH
Last Tuesday, 8th December, the Holy Father announced a "Year of Saint Joseph" to run from 8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021. The Pope wants us to mark the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being proclaimed the Patron of the Universal Church. He describes St. Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father, a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. The Holy Father wrote Patris Corde against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation." In him, "Jesus saw the tender love of God," the one that helps us accept our weakness, because "it is through" and despite "our fears, our frailties, and our weakness" that most divine designs are realized. In our Diocese, this Year of St. Joseph will focus and deeply enrich our continuing Year of the Word and the forthcoming Year of the Eucharist.

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

AND FINALLY … this will be a two week newsletter and the parish office will reopen on Monday 4th January 2021.