

THE MESSENGER

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Year B, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 10th Jan	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Sean McNamara RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: James Howard RIP
Mon 11th	12 noon	SB	Feria
			Mass: Int. Zubel Family
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: John & Madge O'Brien RIP
Tues 12th	9.30 am	SB	Feria
			Mass: Int. Rose & Michael Mullen
Wed 13th	9.30 am	SB	St Hilary, bishop
			Mass: Joseph Mathew RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Dec. Mbrs Ormonde Family
Thur 14th	9.30 am	SB	Feria
			Mass: Melita Abamo Borthwick RIP
Fri 15th	9.30 am	SB	Feria
			Mass: Int. Fr. Duane Docherty OFM
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int. Volunteers of the Parish
Sat 16th	9.30 am	SB	Our Lady on Saturday
			Mass: Paul Kavanagh RIP
			Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am

All evening Masses from Holy Ghost Church live-streamed via Zoom

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week II

Sun 17th Jan	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Barbara O'Neill RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Dec. Mbrs Synnott Family
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today we are reminded of the implications of our own baptism in Christ, which requires us to live as Christ did and immerse ourselves in the grief and joy of all God's people. We are called to show compassion to people in need, be advocates for justice and peace, and care for the gifts of earth, such as water. We are to be a healing presence in the world. And note that Jesus is told that He is "Beloved". As human beings, we have an instinctive need to be loved as well as to love others. Hopefully, each of us has people in our lives who love and care for us. Have you told them lately how much they mean to you? Today may we be mindful of the people who love us and be grateful for the great gift they give us. And also today, may we be more dedicated in our loving, and resolve in the coming year not to let petty quarrels and jealousies get in the way of caring for those around us. Our love for and service to one another is a sharing in the love of God. Let us be reminded of that as we reflect on the beautiful image of Jesus, the voice of God the Father and the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove of peace revealing themselves at the Jordan.

Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications

ATTENDING MASS DURING LOCKDOWN

As per current Government advice we can continue to attend church for Mass whilst following the guidance on the safe use of places of worship. We must not mingle with anyone outside of our household or support bubble and we must maintain strict social distancing at all times. The clinically vulnerable should follow the guidance on shielding. Let us continue to pray for an end to the pandemic, for front line workers, for the sick and for all who are suffering in whatever way. Lord have mercy.

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 17th January go to our website <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk> and use the link which will be published shortly.

ATTENDING MASS AT ST. BEDE'S CHURCH

When attending church we need to keep each other safe and observe the following;

- * Please wear a face mask 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 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 are 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 has been stopped for the time being and will resume at a date to be confirmed.

LET'S DO AFTERNOON TEA



Join us for afternoon tea via Zoom on Sunday 10th January at the new time of **3.00pm to 4.30pm**. Feel free to drop in for as little or as long as you like. There will also be a quiz to enjoy. To receive meeting details please send an email to stbedesocial@gmail.com. You can also join via telephone as well. All are welcome.

ALTAR SERVER PERMISSION FORMS

New Altar Server Permission forms need to be completed by a parent or guardian for children under the age of 18 currently altar serving. The forms and completion instructions are available on our website at <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk/altar-servers-permission-form>



"Do not be anxious about tomorrow; tomorrow will look after itself." (Matthew 6: 34)



ST. BEDE'S SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORMS

A final reminder to parents that SIF forms for applications for EYFS places for this coming September must be placed in an envelope marked 'St Bede's SIF' and posted through the parish letter box by **Monday 11th January**. SIF forms will then be signed and passed directly to the school.

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The parish Baptism Preparation Programme, which will take place via Zoom, will restart in February. For further details please email baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) COURSE

Our parish RCIA programme continues on Wednesday 13th January at 7.30pm via Zoom. For further information about the programme please email Deacon Tony at Adarroch@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

THE ADVENTURES OF A BIBLICAL TRANSLATOR

On Saturday 23rd January from 11am until 12.30pm Dom Henry Wansbrough will be presenting a live stream talk entitled 'The Adventures of a Biblical Translator'. Dom Henry is the editor of the New Jerusalem Bible and the recently published Revised New Jerusalem Bible. The event will be presented by Dr Sean Ryan, chair of the Catholic Biblical Association. The event can be accessed live by going to www.sppilford.org.uk and will be available to download after at www.whatgoodnews.org. Questions for Fr Henry, and other queries, may be directed to catholicbiblicalassociation.gb@gmail.com

FORMATION ON THE MASS

This coming January, Sr Hyacinthe invites you to join the Formation for Mission Team for a Back to Basics Course on the Mass in 6 sessions to refresh our understanding and deepen our love for the Mass. After lockdown, we may find it difficult to return to the sacramental practice of our faith. Taking time to discover or rediscover what we believe in our faith, how this is celebrated in the Mass, and how we are called to live it may be just what we need at the beginning of the year, to re-ignite our love for the Mass and find the words to encourage others. Each session will end with a time of prayer. They will be led by Sr Hyacinthe and Angela Wood. This course will be especially helpful to catechists, readers and parents of First Holy Communion children, but it is open to everyone. It will be taking place on Monday evenings from 7 to 9 pm, from 11th January to the 15th February. Further details in this week's e-News.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

Intention for Evangelization: – Human Fraternity
May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



PARISH DONATIONS

The safest way to make a donation to the parish is electronically via Standing Order, bank transfer, or online at <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk/virtual-collection-basket/> Grateful thanks for your continued support.