

# THE MESSENGER

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## Sunday 17th January 2021

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week II

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses*

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
Mon 18th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Philip Anthony Toner RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: 11th Wedding Anniversary Mr. Mrs Golab
Tues 19th	9.30 am	SB	<b>St Wulstan</b> , Religious, Bishop Mass: In thanksgiving Goolye Family
Wed 20th	9.30 am	SB	<b>St Fabian or St Sebastian</b> Mass: Dec Mbrs Fogarty Families RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int. Grabowska Grandchildren
Thur 21st	9.30 am	SB	<b>St Agnes</b> , Virgin, Martyr Mass: Int. Martha Steele
Fri 22nd	9.30 am	SB	<b>St Vincent</b> , Deacon, Martyr Mass: Chris Carroll RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Thanksgiving Gibson Family
Sat 23rd	9.30 am	SB	<b>Our Lady</b> Mass: Int. Carroll Family
			Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am

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

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week III

Sun 24th Jan	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Alan Mayer
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Hynes Family
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

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#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In the Gospel, the two disciples of John the Baptist are also in listening mode. They have committed to following John in response to an inner call from God. And yet now John, in effect, sends them away to listen to the voice of another—Jesus, “the lamb of God”. It’s not that they have been mishearing by listening to John. But John knows that a deeper listening is now needed, that there is someone better to listen to, someone—as John would go on to say—more powerful than he, someone filled with God’s Holy Spirit. The two disciples go home with Jesus and spend the rest of the day with him, listening to him. And Jesus’ words, like Samuel’s are effective: in those few hours, they transform Andrew so dramatically that he is able to say to his brother Peter: “We have found the Messiah.” They have found what their inner voice had called them to look for. When we listen to the Lord, when we encounter the Messiah, our lives are changed.

*Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications*

## ATTENDING MASS DURING LOCKDOWN

Current Government advice is that 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 24th January go to our website <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk> and click on the link.

## 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 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.

## LET'S DO AFTERNOON TEA



Join us for afternoon tea via Zoom on Sunday 17th 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 email [stbedesocial@gmail.com](mailto:stbedesocial@gmail.com). All are welcome to join us.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The parish Baptism Preparation Programme, taking place via Zoom, will restart in February. Dates are now confirmed for 14th & 21st February from 1.30pm to 2.45pm. For further details please email [baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](mailto:baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk).

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR UNITY 2021

The Week of Prayer begins on 18th January and has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme that was chosen, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on John 15:1-17. The sisters are inviting churches across the world to enter into their tradition of prayer and silence that is rooted in the ancient traditions of the Church. Further resources can be found at [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021](http://www.weekofprayerforchristianunity.org.uk) ([ctbi.org.uk](http://ctbi.org.uk))

## PEACE SUNDAY

This Sunday, the second Sunday of the Year, is Peace Sunday and the theme chosen for 2021 by Pope Francis is: 'A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace.' How many resources," he says, "are spent on weaponry, especially nuclear weapons, that could be used for more significant priorities such as ensuring the safety of individuals, the promotion of peace and integral human development, the fight against poverty, and the provision of health care." Pope Francis calls on us to "strive daily, in concrete and practical ways, to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another." In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi. Their website suggests many ways we can all promote peace in our daily lives. There are activities for families to do at home, including a 15-minute peace liturgy for young children as well as a donation page. Visit <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2021/>



## ST BEDE'S CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2021



We are planning to launch a new St Bede's Parish Confirmation Programme during 2021. This will be for children currently in Year 8 and above. You must be a practicing Catholic and have previously been baptised and received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in the Catholic Church. In order that we can get an idea of numbers of children who would like to participate in the Sacrament Programme, please can you email the following details to [confirmation@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](mailto:confirmation@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)

Candidate name(s)  
Date of birth  
School  
Contact number  
Email address

Given the current circumstances the programme schedule will commence via Zoom until such time as we can consider meeting in person at St Bede's. Once we have collated all the applications we will be in contact to advise on the programme launch details. For those in the existing (2020) Confirmation programme, please rest assured this does not affect you. Please continue to bear with us whilst we look to finalise the arrangements for your Confirmation Masses.

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend we take the annual second collection in support of our Cathedral in Portsmouth. Appeal envelopes for Gift Aided donations will be available at all Masses for those who need them. This collection is the only support the Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family. Due to the current lockdown and restrictions that are imposed on many people travelling, a 'Give as you Live' page has also been created to enable you to donate online <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/cathedral-annual-appeal> Understandably, we are aware that these are difficult times for us all, but please give generously to support the cathedral, gift aiding your donation wherever possible. Many thanks.