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Sunday 24th January 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week III

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 24th Jan	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Alan Mayer
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Hynes Family
Mon 25th	12 noon	SB	THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL
			Mass: Hannah Claudia
			Durangparang RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int. Campbell Family
Tues 26th	9.30 am	SB	St Timothy & St Titus
			Mass: Neville Lobo RIP
Wed 27th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Gertrude Conway
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int. Jacqueline Munro-Lafon
			100th birthday
Thur 28th	9.30 am	SB	St Thomas Aquinas
			Mass: Joan, Tito Gomes RIP
Fri 29th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Maureen Burnand RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int. Murphy Family
Sat 30th	9.30 am	SB	Our Lady
			Mass: Norma Clarke RIP

Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week IV

Sun 31st Jan	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Ian Clement RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Darrel & Rene Carvalho
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The word "Gospel" means good news, and St Mark's intention behind his Gospel is to persuade his listeners and readers that, despite the persecution they were undergoing, it really was "good news". He does this by showing Jesus in action. There are far fewer of the teachings of Jesus in St Mark's Gospel than in the other Gospels. He talks about Jesus teaching but, apart from the parables, the Jesus we encounter is the person who heals and nourishes and calls people to follow Him. There is something very restless in Mark's account, an urgency right from the start in the underlying message that the Kingdom is close at hand and we need to change our hearts, change our ways. The Kingdom is Mark's description of the presence of God, brought about through and in the person of Jesus, and it is the person of Jesus who is the good news. Simon and Andrew, James and John are going about their daily activities. There is no debate or discussion, seemingly not even farewells. The meeting with Jesus is sufficient for them to get up and go.

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.

BOOKING TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

To book tickets for Mass on Sunday 31st January go to our website <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk> and click on the link. When arriving for Mass please have your ticket QR code (found in the PDF attachment with the booking email) ready for scanning as you enter church. Ideally have this ready on your smartphone or alternatively print out your tickets and bring them with you. By using the QR code we will speed up your entry in to church and help to maintain social distancing.

ATTENDING MASS AT ST. BEDE'S CHURCH

Please observe the following when attending Mass;

- * 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 Codes are displayed in the entrance to the church for you to scan using your mobile for Track and Trace.

A BREAK FOR FR. LEO

Fr. Leo is currently at home in Nigeria enjoying a well earned break. We look forward to his safe return in mid February.

LET'S DO AFTERNOON TEA



Join Deacon Tony and Pam for afternoon tea via Zoom on Sunday 24th 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. All are welcome to join us.

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The dates for the next programme are Sunday 14th & 21st February from 1.30pm to 2.45pm via Zoom. For further details please email baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk.

CLERGY CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who supported and gave so generously to our Clergy Christmas Collection through our online giving pages, or by traditional means. Your kind contributions and support were very gratefully received and were a real testimony to the appreciation and care for our priests working across our Diocese.

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. So that we can get an idea of numbers of children for the programme, please email candidate name(s), date of birth, school, contact number and email address to confirmation@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk. Once we have collated all the applications we will be in contact to advise on the programme launch details.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

The next session will take place on Wednesday 27th January at 7.30pm via Zoom.

PARISH SECRETARY VACANCY

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Secretary at St John the Baptist parish, Andover to work 22 hours per week and be accountable for the smooth organisation of the parish and provide full confidential administrative and secretarial support to the parish priest. Closing date for applications: 28th February 2021. Interview date: Friday 5th March 2021. Application forms and Job Description are available from: the Parish Office Tel: 01264 352829 or email: stjtb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

This is commemorated on Wednesday 27 January and the theme for this year is 'Be the light in the darkness'. After the ceremony, get ready to Light the Darkness as households across the UK are asked to light a candle and put it in their window at 8pm (if you are able to do so safely) to: remember those who were murdered for who they were and to stand against prejudice and hatred today.

JOIN IN THE CAFOD WALK FOR WATER THIS LENT

Join our big Walk for Water on Saturday 20th February at 2pm. The aim is to walk 10,000 steps in solidarity with those like Abdella who lives in Afar, Ethiopia and walks 10 hours each day to collect water for his family. Whilst we can't walk together let us know if you are taking part by sending pictures to veronika.budzynski@cafod.org.uk. Details of our parish Just Giving page will follow next week.

FR. DOMINIC'S FIVE MILE A DAY WALK FOR CAFOD

During Lent Fr. Dominic will be doing a daily 5 mile walk and giving his breakfast and lunch money to CAFOD. Consider sponsoring him per mile or per day and all proceeds will go to CAFOD for the water project .

FUNERAL

Graveside funeral for Patrick Kevin Charman RIP on Thursday 28th January in Sherfield-on-Loddon. We pray also for Jean Murphy who died recently. May they rest in peace. Let us pray for all who have died in our Parish and their families and friends at this sad time.

SECOND COLLECTION

This Sunday there is a second collection in support of our Cathedral in Portsmouth. You can donate online at <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/cathedral-annual-appeal> Many thanks.