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SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Year B, Psalter Week II

Sun 3rd Jan	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Flynn Family
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Mary, Joe White
Mon 4th	12 noon	SB	Liturgy of the Day
			Mass: Nancy O'Neill RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Int Schools & Colleges
Tues 5th	9.30 am	SB	Liturgy of the Day
			Mass: Int. Linnette Viegas
Wed 6th	9.30 am	SB	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
			Mass: Int. Fr. P.J. McEvoy
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Colella & Bibo Families RIP
Thur 7th	9.30 am	SB	Liturgy of the Day
			Mass: Int. Core Group
	6.30 pm	SB	Mass: Susan Vanni RIP
Fri 8th	9.30 am	SB	Liturgy of the Day
			Mass: Int. Redlinger Family
	12 noon	SB	Requiem Josephine Shorten RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Sick of the Parish
Sat 9th	9.30 am	SB	Liturgy of the Day
			Mass: Susan Vanni RIP

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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Year B, Psalter Week I

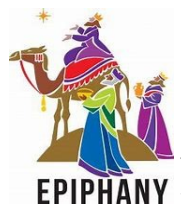
Sun 10th Jan	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Sean McNamara RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: James (Jim) Howard RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In today's Gospel, John explains how it is that people manage to find their way. He tells us there is a light in everyone: a light "that enlightens all" whoever they are, people of all religions and faiths, or of none at all; atheists and agnostics, saints and sinners all have this inner light which guides us through life. It means common sense, natural understanding, wisdom, conscience, instinctive knowledge, reason—call it what you will, this light—everyone has it. John gave a name to this light that everyone has within them. He calls it "the Word". What he says may be a little subtle, though hopefully not too obscure for us. He is writing originally to Greeks, whose philosophers used this term *logos*, "word", meaning by it an inner perception or reason. Aristotle taught that it is the innate sense that enables a human being to distinguish between good and evil. St John Henry Newman explained it to be conscience, the voice of God. In the Gospel, John gives this promise to those who recognise the voice of Jesus within themselves and follow him: "to all who did accept Him he gave power to become children of God."

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



On Wednesday 6th January we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. Epiphany means 'manifestation' and the Epiphany of the Lord is the manifestation of Jesus not only to the three Magi from the East, but of Christ to the whole world. Jesus came for all people and we are all called to adore Him.

THANK YOU

Fr. Dominic, Fr. Leo and Deacon Tony express their thanks and gratitude for the many cards and gifts they have received. They also wish to express thanks to everyone who contributed in whatever way to our Christmas Masses.



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 10th January go to our website <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk> and use the link which is now live.

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.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES ADVENT CHALLENGE

Before Christmas our Confirmation candidates were challenged to create something that reflected Advent and their Confirmation journey to date. To see the winning entries go to our website [Confirmation candidates' Advent competition – St Bede's, Basingstoke](#). Please continue to pray for all our candidates as they continue to wait to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

LET'S DO AFTERNOON TEA

Join us for afternoon tea via Zoom on Sunday 3rd January at its new timing 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 stbedessocial@gmail.com. You can also join via telephone as well. All are welcome.



ST. BEDE'S SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORMS

UPDATE

Due to the current tier 4 restrictions Fr. Dominic will not be signing supplementary information forms for applications for EYFS places this coming September, at St Bede's school. Instead applicants are asked to place these forms in an envelope marked 'St Bede's SIF' and post them through the parish letter box by Monday 11th January. SIF forms will then be signed and passed directly to the school for you.

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.

COATS4CALAIS UPDATE

A huge "Thank You" for your donations to the Coats4Calais Appeal. Despite these unusual times, it was a great success this year. Just before Christmas a transit van full of clothing went to one of the C4C's hubs in Taunton where they were sorted and boxed. From there they go to Calais and are distributed to the refugees. They will be very much appreciated during the cold weather. Many, many thanks, Joe Shevlin.

ALPHA COURSE STARTING SOON

ALPHA is coming to St Bede's, Sacred Heart and St Michael's. What is Alpha? Alpha is a series of Interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. The programme will be hosted on Zoom and is open to all – why not make it your New Year Resolution? To register your interest and for more information please contact geoffpoulter@hotmail.com.



FUNERAL

Requiem for Josephine Shorten RIP takes place on Friday 8th January in St. Bede's Church at 12 noon. May She Rest in Peace. Welcome to Fr. Paul Leonard who will be presiding over the Requiem.



BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The parish Baptism Preparation Programme, which will take place via Zoom, will restart in February. For further information or to register please send an email to baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

NEW ALTAR SERVER PERMISSION FORMS

In the New Year new forms will be available on our website which will need to be completed by parents for children currently altar serving. Further Information to follow.



PARISH DONATIONS

The safest way to make a donation to the parish is via Standing Order or bank transfer, or you can make your donation online <https://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk/virtual-collection-basket/> Please make cheques payable to PRCDTR Basingstoke Holy Ghost. Many thanks.