

THE MESSENGER

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Sunday 31st October 2021

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Year B, Psalter Week III

Sun 31st Oct	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Anne Marie Hamilton RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	4.30 pm	SB	Hour of Prayer for COP26
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Bertie & Mamie Quinn RIP
Mon 1st	9.30 am	SB	Mass: St. Bede's School, Pupils & Staff
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Dec. Mbrs St. Bede's Church
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Sick of the Parish
Tues 2nd	ALL SOULS		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Rebecca Robertson RIP
	12.30 pm	SB	Requiem Reg Smart RIP
Wed 3rd	Blessed John Body, Martyr, memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Sick in the Parish
Thur 4th	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop, memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Joseph McAulay RIP
Fri 5th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Elizabeth Margaret Saidie
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int. Appleton Family
Sat 6th	Our Lady		
	9.30am	SB	Mass: Terezia Slobodova RIP
	<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am</i>		

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week IV

Sun 7th Nov	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Dec. Mbrs Holy Ghost Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: John Hennessy RIP

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

It is clear that something very important is going to be given to us to think about by the way the Gospel prepares us: "Then He began to speak. This is what He taught them." We are being prepared for the teaching that the Lord is now about to give and a real preparation is necessary for what He is about to say. Some of the teaching is very consoling and comforting: "Happy the gentle" and "Happy those who mourn". But some is more challenging: "Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account." The power of the teaching of Jesus Christ remains to this day and is something we all have been called to follow and embody in our daily lives. As followers of Jesus you are to be the hands, the feet, the heart, the mouth, the breath of Jesus. No one else can be Jesus in your place: that is why you were called and that is why you received the power in the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. As you leave the church today, try making a simple resolution for yourself that no one need know, and make that resolution something that will help you become the saintly person that God invites you to be.

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WELCOME

A very warm welcome to all parishioners who join us for Mass whether in our church or via the live-stream. If you are new to the area, please register as a member of our Parish using the form on our website.

COVID RESTRICTIONS - UPDATE

Our priority is to continue to create a safe environment within our Parish. At the recent Core Group meeting it was decided that we will proceed with a cautious and phased increase in the capacity at St. Bede's Church and Holy Ghost Church. You will see that some of the pews and chairs at St. Bede's Church have been moved back. Pews have also been moved back at Holy Ghost. Safety continues to be our priority and we ask you to book to attend Sunday Mass using the link on our website/Facebook page and to wear face masks. Thank you.

HOUR OF PRAYER FOR COP26

On Sunday 31st October from 4.30 pm until 5.30 pm there will be an Hour of Prayer at St. Bede's Church. This will be an opportunity for us to pray for the leaders meeting at COP26, that God will provide them with the courage necessary to take action on behalf of the environment and the world's poorest.

WELCOME BACK

We welcome back our children, teachers and staff after the half term break.

HOLY DUSTERS

Welcome back to our "Holy Dusters" who are returning to clean at St. Bede's Church on Thursday 4th November after the 9.30 am Mass. If you have an hour to spare, and would like to help clean the church and the complex, we would love to see you.



REPOSITORY CHRISTMAS STOCK

Christmas stock including a selection of calendars, Advent calendars and diaries is now available. Please come and take a look.

TEA & CAKE

Come along for 'Tea & Cake' on Sunday 31st October at 3.00 pm in St. Bede's Church Hall. Money raised will be donated to CAFOD. All are welcome so please come along.



BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The next Baptism programme will take place on Sunday 14th and Sunday 21st November. For more information please email baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk. This will be the last programme taking place this year. Baptisms will begin again from January 2022 onwards.

VOCATIONS

"You shall love your neighbour as yourself." Are you being called to a life of service as a priest or consecrated religious? To find out more please contact Cn. John Cooke via email vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

ALL SAINTS

Bishop Philip writes in this week's e-News "This Sunday, 31st October, we celebrate the Solemn Feast of All Saints. On this day, the Church venerates all those known and unknown, whose virtues and efforts in this life are considered to have earned them an eternal reward from God. In doing so, we the Church on earth traditionally give thanks for their lives, consider their example, strive to emulate them, ask for their intercession in the trials of this life, and glorify God through the multitude that have gone before us, remembering that we too are all called to be saints. Veneration of saints is giving glory to God in them and through them. Their graces are God's gift to them and their example is our hope. "

ALL SOULS

All Souls Day is celebrated on Tuesday 2nd November. This is the day when we honour and pray for the dead, especially for our own departed loved ones. On this day and throughout the month of November, we will be praying for all those it pleased the Lord to call to Himself. The names of loved ones can be placed in the Baptismal Font at St. Bede's Church or in the Holy Souls basket in front of the Sanctuary at Holy Ghost Church. Please do not include money.



*May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace.
Amen*

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Blessing of the Graves at Worthing Road Cemetery will take place on Sunday 14th November at 2.00 pm. This short service reminds us to honour the graves of our loved ones, and to pray for their souls hoping they are now with the Lord sharing His promise of eternal life.

POPE FRANCIS NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

People Who Suffer From Depression: We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

FUNERAL

Requiem Mass for Reg Smart RIP on Tuesday 2nd November at 12.30 pm at St. Bede's Church. May he Rest in Peace.



PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 24th October amounted to £1,997.85 Thank you for your generosity.

BAMENDA SUNDAY

Bamenda Sunday is next Sunday 7th November. Please give generously to the annual second collection, or you can donate online at [Donate - Bamenda and Portsmouth](#) Please continue to pray for Bamenda and pick up a copy of the Bamenda newsletter from the Cloister.

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

The easiest way to make a donation to the Parish is via Standing Order, Bank Transfer or online at: [Donate to St Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate](#)