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Sunday 14th November 2021



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Year B, Psalter Week I

Sun 14th Nov	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Holy Souls
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Maria/Wieslaw Stafiej RIP
Mon 15th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Mike Baldwin RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Private Intention
Tues 16th	ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON, Bishop, solemnity		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Patrick Mooney RIP
Wed 17th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Armelina Domantay
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int. Betty Lawlor
Thur 18th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Murphy Family (Lloyd)
	2.45 pm	HG	Requiem Baby Poppy Appleton RIP
Fri 19th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Maria Sauleek RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Catenian Mass
Sat 20th	Our Lady		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Daniel Mapstone RIP
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Knights of St Columba
	12.30 pm	HG	Baptisms

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Year B, Psalter Week II

Sun 21st Nov	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Deceased Mbrs of SVP
	12.30 pm	SB	Baptism
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Kathleen & Patrick Bruen RIP

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Our Gospel passage today is of the type of writing most easily misunderstood in the Bible: it is known as "apocalyptic", and the last book of the Christian scriptures is often called "Apocalypse", which means "Revelation". It is set at the end of time, and described the natural and human upheavals which will accompany the second coming of Christ and the establishing of God's Eternal Kingdom. The book of Daniel urges the Jewish faithful to resist the determined, cruel attempts by their overlord to replace their traditional religion and culture with that of the Greek empire; the book of Revelation and apocalyptic passages in the Gospels tell the Christian disciples that the Roman empire will not prevail for ever, that God will rescue and vindicate those who remain faithful - eventually. We are approaching the end of the Church's year, and our scripture readings have encouraged us to reflect on the end of time. This is not so that we will become morbid, but that we will take seriously what time we have. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we pray "Thy Kingdom Come": these readings are put before us to remind us of our responsibilities towards one another and our world, so that whenever the Lord comes, He will find us truly awake and ready.

Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications

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.

BOOKING FOR SUNDAY MASS NO LONGER REQUIRED

The Diocese have confirmed that we no longer need to ask you to book tickets via Eventbrite to attend Sunday Mass. Instead we ask that where possible, you scan the NHS QR code with your NHS Covid-19 App. Volunteers will still be on hand to assist and seats will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Safety continues to be our priority and we ask you to keep wearing face masks when attending Mass. Thank you for your co-operation.

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.



ECO-CAKE INVITATION

All are invited to come along for tea and cake and to hear from Steve & Helen from 'Heart & Compass' about how we can all do our bit to help the environment. This will be held on Sunday 28th November from 3.00 pm to 4:30/5.00 pm in St. Bede's Church Hall. If you plan to attend please send an email to stbedesocial@gmail.com so that we have enough cake to go round and to allow for the current restrictions.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

There are a number of fire extinguishers situated around the Church. Please do not move fire extinguishers from their wall fixings, they must remain in position to avoid damage.



HOMES WITHOUT BORDERS UPDATE

We are very conscious that it's been a while since our last update. Covid has taken its toll and affected all walks of life, including the project. For those who may not have heard about this project, or maybe forgotten about it, its goal is to resettle a refugee family in Basingstoke, probably from Syria. We have had changes of personnel within the Steering Group and the successful Application that we had previously made to the Home Office has been timed out, so we have to repeat that process. Even though you haven't heard from us, work has continued behind the scenes via Zoom. Our Steering Group recently had its first 'face to face' meeting for a couple of years and it was a very fruitful get together. Do you have or know of anyone who might be interested in letting a property in the Basingstoke area, ideally with three bedrooms, on a minimum of a two-year lease? The rent has to be affordable, so we are looking in the region of £900 per calendar month. If you can help, please contact Bill Reilly on 0118 981 3784 or email billjoyreilly@yahoo.co.uk. If any of you reading this would like to volunteer as a 'befriender' to the family once they have arrived (e.g. showing them around local shops, parks, bus routes etc) please contact Tony King on 07522 975 390 or email tony1king@aol.com

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday when we commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and since. The Day is kept on the second Sunday in November, the Sunday nearest to 11th November, Armistice Day, the end of hostilities in the First World War in 1918. It is usually kept by two minutes' silence at 11 am. The reason poppies are used to remember those who have given their lives in battle is because in the midst of the filth and mud in the fields of Flanders, they were the flowers which despite it all grew on the battlefields.



FEAST OF ST. EDMUND OUR PATRON

Tuesday 16th November is the Solemnity of St. Edmund of Abingdon (1175 - 1240). St. Edmund is the joint principal patron of our Diocese of Portsmouth. Happy Feast Day!

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

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

Just a reminder that Blessing of the Graves at Worting Road Cemetery will take place on Sunday 14th November at 2.00 pm.

PASTORAL AREA RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service will take place on Sunday 19th December at 2.30 pm in St. Bede's Church.

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

Baptisms will begin again from January 2022 onwards. For more information or to register for the next programme please email baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk.

FUNERALS

Requiem for baby Poppy Appleton RIP at Holy Ghost Church on Thursday 18th November at 2.45 pm. Requiem for Kevin Fagan RIP at Holy Ghost Church on Wednesday 24th November at 10.30 am. We remember their families and friends at this sad time. May they Rest in Peace.



PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 7th November amounted to £2,195.43. Thank you for your generosity.

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](#)