

THE MESSENGER

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Sunday 28th November 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year C, Psalter Week I

Sun 28th Nov	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Pickett & DeSouza Families
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Remigio Nuesca RIP
	12.30 pm	SB	Baptisms
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 29th	12 noon	SB	No Mass
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Dec Mbrs Mooney Family
Tues 30th	9.30 am	SB	No Mass
Wed 1st	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Goder & Sauleek Families (Fond)
	11.00 am	SB	Requiem Peter Paul Clarke RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Dec Mbrs Hale and Fremantle Families
Thur 2nd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Thanksgiving Gibson, Goolye Families
Fri 3rd			St Francis Xavier , Priest, <i>memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Charles Armstrong RIP (Fond)
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Ned Fagan, Maureen McCauley RIP
Sat 4th	9.30 am	SB	No Mass

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year C, Psalter Week II

Sun 5th Nov	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: John Reid RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Joe Murphy RIP

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

The season of Advent prepares us to look at the world through Christ's eyes: it prepares us for His coming into our lives in a deeper way. Sometimes people think that we prepare by ignoring the world we live in, or imagine that the difficulties of this life are an obstacle between ourselves and God. But Christ makes it plain that we prepare for His coming precisely by taking a searching look at this world and perceiving, through the disorder, the guiding hand of God. With Christ's insight we can recognise that God is truly with us. Advent is a time to set aside, to stop and reflect on how Christ comes into our lives. First, Advent directs us to the birth of Christ in Bethlehem. Second, Advent directs our attention to Christ's coming in our everyday life. Finally, Advent directs us to Christ's coming for the last time - the "day [that] will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap". If we have contemplated His coming at Christmas and in our daily life, this final coming will be no fearful scanning of the horizon. It will be a welcoming of a Lord who has been close to us.

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.

ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS

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.

NO MASSES

Please note that there will be no Mass at St. Bede's Church on Monday 28th November, Tuesday 29th November and Saturday 4th December. All Priests and Deacons in active ministry across the Diocese are meeting on Monday and Tuesday at a conference. Let us pray that the conference will bring from the Lord many blessings not only for our clergy but for us all.

BISHOPS' STATEMENT: HONOURING SUNDAY

The Bishops have decided not to bring back the obligation to attend Sunday Mass as intended on 28th Nov, due to the Coronavirus situation in England. Instead, they ask us to attend if we can and to think about the activities we undertake on Sunday's so that we truly honour the Lord's day. Read more in this statement. [Bishops' Statement: Honouring Sunday - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-statement-honouring-sunday)

ECO-CAKE INVITATION

Our next 'tea and cake' takes place this Sunday, 28th November, from 3.00 pm to 4.30/5.00 pm in St. Bede's Church Hall. Come along and also hear from Steve & Helen from 'Heart & Compass' about how we can all do our bit to help the environment. If you plan to attend please send an email to stbedesocial@gmail.com

FLOWER TEAM

The Flower Team are looking to recruit new members. If you would like to join this group providing a useful and interesting service to the Parish, please come along to a meeting on Wednesday 8th December at 10 am at St Bede's Church or alternatively contact the Parish Office.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS



World Gifts are CAFOD's charity gift range of unusual, ethical presents that will delight your friends and family. Perfect for any occasion and great for Christmas presents. Our world gifts start from as little as £4 for that special something, all the way up to £4,000.

We've got something for everyone, with gifts for gardeners, animal lovers, teachers, entrepreneurs - the list goes on! The World Gift catalogue is available in the Cloister for you to take home.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lord, as we journey through this Advent season, give us the wisdom to be good stewards of this time of grace, a time to be more prayerful, a time to listen more intently to Your Word, Amen



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.

POPE FRANCIS DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

Catechists: Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS RESOURCES

The God Who Speaks website is offering great resources to help children and adults make the most of the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Click the links to find out more.

* The Advent Wreath: Four Prayer Services for Home and Family, to mark each of the Advent Sundays together at home [The Advent Wreath 2021.pdf \(mcusercontent.com\)](https://www.mcusercontent.com/the-advent-wreath-2021.pdf)

* A wonderful explanation and image of 25 characters of the Jesse Tree, to mark each day of Advent in a few meaningful minutes [The Jesse Tree Advent Calendar – Lo & Behold \(loandbeholdbible.com\)](https://loandbeholdbible.com/the-jesse-tree-advent-calendar)

* The Christmas Donkey offers a script for the story of Christmas through the eyes of the Donkey (to be cut out) who gathers clues along the way, from Nazareth to Bethlehem [The God Who Speaks](https://www.thegodwhospeaks.com/the-christmas-donkey)

* Make room for God this Christmas, and remember his presence with you in your own home [The God Who Speaks](https://www.thegodwhospeaks.com/make-room-for-god)

* Christmas can also be a difficult time for some of us. This soul to soul resource may be helpful to you or to someone you know who is struggling with loneliness and difficulties [The God Who Speaks](https://www.thegodwhospeaks.com/soul-to-soul)

VOCATIONS

"Strengthen your hearts in holiness." Are you being called to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? Contact Fr. John Cooke on 01329 318 869 or email vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

FUNERALS

Requiem Mass for Peter Paul Clarke RIP at St Bede's Church on Wednesday 1st December at 11.00 am. Requiem for Chris Simpson RIP at St Bede's Church on Thursday 16th December at 11.30 am. May they Rest in Peace.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 21st November amounted to £2,092.92. Thank you for your generosity. There will be a second collection next weekend for Christmas Flowers to decorate our Church.

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](https://www.stbedeschurch.org.uk/donate)