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Sunday 7th November 2021

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
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: John Hennessy RIP

Mon 8th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Dec. Mbrs Lloyd Family
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Dec. Mbrs Gibson, Goolye, Pinchin Families

Tues 9th	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA, feast		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Gabriel Lloyd Sonme Domantag

Wed 10th	St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church, memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Holy Souls
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Frank Tobin RIP

Thur 11th	St Martin of Tours, Religious, Bishop, memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Sr Trifa De Souza RIP

Fri 12th	St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr, memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Paul McManus RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Tony Tambascia RIP

Sat 13th	Our Lady		
	9.30am	SB	No Mass

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

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

At festival times, a vast crowd of pilgrims headed for Jerusalem, looking forward to the Temple worship. United in belief, they came longing for forgiveness, often desperate for healing. Enthusiasm made them a target for exploitation. The Temple had vast wealth and not everyone who officiated there was honest or unselfish. The disciples may have been in awe of their magnificent surroundings, but Jesus looked beyond. He pointed out religious leaders in flowing robes, lapping up the wide-eyed admiration of visitors and persuading vulnerable people to give money in expectation of a blessing. He noticed something else. At first sight it appeared unremarkable: someone dropping coins into one of the trumpet-shaped collection boxes. Worshippers were expected to make sacrificial offerings for their sins and the cheapest was a pair of pigeons at the cost of two pennies, but Jesus understood what those two pennies meant for this particular widow: it was all she had. True generosity is not about us: it focuses on others. It allows a cry for help to melt our hearts in compassion.

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.

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.

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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (Journey in Faith)



The next session of the RCIA programme will take place on Wednesday 10th November at 7.30pm in St. Bede's Church Hall.

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.

BREAKTHROUGH WORKSHOP

The Marriage and Family Life team would like to invite you to their next Breakthrough Workshop, which will be held on Saturday 27th November at the Church of the Holy Family, Southampton. The workshop is for anyone: spouses, clergy, singles, grandparents, friends and/or family interested in supporting married couples at a time where the pressure and stress on family life is enormous. For further details email: marriagefamilylife@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

NEW CARITAS WEBSITE

On Thursday 4th November Caritas launched their new web site, with the help of the Diocesan Communications team: this will allow them to keep everyone up to date with all Caritas work: "the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth". You will find lots about social justice work and environment projects including tree planting initiatives and the Bee Highway project. Visit Caritas Portsmouth

BAMENDA SUNDAY

This Sunday, we celebrate our Diocesan link with the Archdiocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. Please pray for a peaceful resolution to the political crisis in Bamenda and for the six priests generously sent here from the Archdiocese to serve in the Diocese of Portsmouth. For an update on the situation in Bamenda and some examples of this year's project applications go to BamendaNews-letter2021.pdf (bamendaandportsmouth.com) The second collection is the main source of annual income for the various joint projects our Bamenda Funds will support. Please be as generous as you can in these very challenging times. ANY contribution of ANY size is most welcome and can make a real difference. Donations can be made online: <https://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/donate.php>. Or put your donation in an envelope marked 'Bamenda' and leave in one of the collection baskets after Mass. Thank you.

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

Blessing of the Graves at Worting 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.

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.

CRIB OFFERINGS – FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

This year, the Christmas crib offerings will be donated to the Friends of the Holy Land.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to Sofia Igama, Zeke Montiero, Amelia Mikulska, Noah Polaszewski, Anna Butler, Elias Stanciuc, Uchechukwu Obiyor, Ethan Jagonap and Marleigh Learwood who were Baptised during October.



PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 31st October amounted to £2,298.89. 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