

THE MESSENGER

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Sunday 12th December 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 'GAUDETE'

Year C, Psalter Week III

Sun 12th Dec	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Mary, Harold Vickers RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Bridget Corr RIP
	12.30 pm	SB	Baptism
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 13th			St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr, memorial
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Mark Kan RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Mary Johnson RIP
Tues 14th			St John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church, memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Marie Payne RIP (Fond)
Wed 15th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Josephine Shorten RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Pat Roache RIP
Thur 16th	9.30 am	SB	No Mass
	11.30 am	SB	Requiem Chris Simpson RIP
Fri 17th			Liturgy of the Day ['O Wisdom']
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Joan Gomes RIP
			St Bede's school joining us for Mass
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int. Monika & Ben Babu
Sat 18th			Liturgy of the Day ['O Adonai']
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Elsamma Dominic RIP
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am</i>

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year C, Psalter Week IV

Sun 19th Dec	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Simon De Mars RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Hynes, Murphy
			Families

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

In Baptism we were each Baptised by water and anointed with the oil of Chrism and we received the gift of the Holy Spirit. We were each clothed in a white robe as a new creation in Christ. We were each given a lighted candle to be a sign of faith. In this way, each of us began our new life with Christ who walks with us. Being a follower of Christ does not guarantee a life free from suffering. Such a life does not guarantee that we will not make mistakes or foolish choices. It guarantees that we can return to our merciful God and ask forgiveness, that our dignity as Christians can always be restored and that we can begin again as followers of Christ. Happiness comes from knowing that Christ is with me and will never abandon me. I am not alone. Christ walks with me. I know I am loved by the One who moves the sun and the other stars and that He desires that I live forever with Him in heaven.

Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE (Friday 24th December)

5.30 pm	SB	Carols
6.00 pm	SB	Vigil Mass
9.30 pm	SB	Carols
10.00 pm	SB	Mass during the Night



CHRISTMAS DAY (Saturday 25th December)

8.00 am	SB	Mass at Dawn (quiet Mass)
10.00 am	SB	Mass during the Day
12 noon	HG	Mass during the Day

No Evening Mass

THE HOLY FAMILY (Sunday 26th December)

9.00 am	SB	Mass: Martin Cleary RIP
11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

No Evening Mass

Numbers attending Christmas Masses will be limited and you will need to book tickets via Eventbrite. Links will be available on our Facebook page and website shortly.

ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS

Where possible, please can you scan the NHS QR code with your NHS Covid-19 App. Volunteers are on hand and will also assist with seating. **Your safety continues to be our priority and we ask you to keep wearing face masks when attending Mass.** Thank you for your co-operation.



ADVENT CALENDAR

Our 2021 online Advent calendar of daily prayer and reflection offers an opportunity to pause, reflect, pray and take action as we prepare for Christmas. The prayers are especially written for children. Visit our website every day as we journey through the season of Advent.

COATS4CALAIS 2021

Each year Coats4Calais provides warm clothing for many of the refugees in Calais throughout the winter months. Any unwanted coats, jackets, scarves, hats and gloves would be greatly received. Items can be received up until 11th December. Please contact Joe Shevlin on any of the following: (m) 07881781407, landline: 01256 419427, email: joeshevlin@icloud.com to arrange a drop-off point.

FOODBANK CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Foodbank in conjunction with Besom have a collection point for items for Christmas hampers on the upper floor in Festival Place by the escalators. They have had several big suppliers drop out this year and would greatly appreciate more donations, especially Christmas puddings, mince pies and luxury biscuits. They are open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm until 18th December.

BACCA CHOIR

St. Bede's BACCA Community have newly formed the BACCA Choir. They are looking for a keyboard PCR Series. If you have one to sell or can give to the group can you please let the Parish Office know on tel. no. 01256 465214.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 'GAUDETE'

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday, which is when we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath. 'Gaudete' means rejoice and today rose coloured vestments are worn to emphasise our joy that Christmas is near.



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.

ADORE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

There will be a special ADoRE Christmas Worship Service meeting via Zoom on Saturday 18th December from 11 am to 12 noon. Readings, Prayers, Praise and Carols will prepare us for Christmas. For more information and to register click the link: [Spiritual renewal this month at Alton Day of Renewal \(altonrenewal.com\)](https://www.altonrenewal.com)

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 18TH TO 22ND JULY 2022

Bishop Philip writes 'I am now very pleased to be able to invite you to once again join me and many others from across the Diocese on Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Our Diocesan Pilgrimage will be leaving from Bournemouth airport. Once in Lourdes we will stay at the Hotel La Solitude, celebrate Mass daily, and take part in all that Lourdes has to offer. If you would like to know more about joining me either as a pilgrim or as a youth pilgrim, serving our pilgrims and helping to make our pilgrimage a success please email: lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk'

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CATCH-UP

Deacon Tony & Pam invite you to join them for a post-Christmas virtual catch-up via Zoom, on Monday 27th December at 3.00 pm. For joining information, please contact stbedessocial@gmail.com. Deacon Tony and Pam look forward to seeing you then!

FUNERALS

Requiem for Chris Simpson RIP at St. Bede's Church on Thursday 16th December at 11.30 am. Funeral Service for Mary Shackleford RIP will take place on Thursday 16th December at 10.15 am at the Crematorium. We remember family and friends at this sad time. May they Rest in Peace.



PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 5th December amounted to £2,340.58. Thank you for your generosity.

CLERGY CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Our Christmas Collection celebrates and gives thanks to our Parish Priests for all the dedication, guidance and care they give across our Diocese and in each Parish. If you would like to give a gift to support our Parish Priests Fr. Dominic and Fr. John this Christmas, please go to: [Portsouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust are fundraising for Basingstoke St Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate](https://www.portsmouthroman catholicdiocesantrust.org.uk)