

# THE MESSENGER

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## Sunday 19th December 2021

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### Year C, Psalter Week IV

<b>Sun 19th Dec</b>	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
<b>Mon 20th</b>	<b>Liturgy of the Day</b> ['O Key of David']		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Daniel Foran RIP (Fond)
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Nicola Bibbo RIP
<b>Tues 21st</b>	<b>Liturgy of the Day</b> ['O Morning Star']		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Maria Ida Rosario Praxedes da Conceicao Gomes RIP
<b>Wed 22nd</b>	<b>Liturgy of the Day</b> ['O King of the Nations']		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Reg Smart RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Dec Mbrs Ormonde Family
<b>Thur 23rd</b>	<b>Liturgy of the Day</b> ['O Emmanuel']		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Oscar Herman Dorer RIP

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### 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	Dawn Mass (quiet Mass)
10.00 am	SB	Mass during the Day
12 noon	HG	Mass during the Day
<b>No Evening Mass</b>		

### THE HOLY FAMILY - Sunday 26th December

9.00 am	SB	Mass: Martin Cleary RIP
11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Altar Servers
<b>No Evening Mass</b>		

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### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

As we hear in today's Gospel, Mary was bursting with news and it was about the birth of a baby. Mary, travelling with the good news of the Gospel, was the first apostle, the first evangelist, the first missionary, the first person to share the faith she had. When she reached Elizabeth there was a stirring in response. A great deal is said today about spreading the faith, the "new evangelisation". Pope Francis commented on it: "We evangelise not with grand words, or complicated concepts, but with 'the joy of the Gospel'." The ones who do this best are often those whom the world has treated badly or who have made a mess of their life, and who find their way to the Church where Jesus meets us and answers the prayer we made in the response to the Psalm today, "let your face shine on us and we shall be saved."

*Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications*

## WELCOME

A very warm welcome to all Parishioners and visitors who join us for Mass whether in our Church or via the live-stream.

## BOOKING TICKETS TO ATTEND CHRISTMAS MASSES

Free tickets for all Christmas Masses will be available to book on our website from 11.00 am on Saturday 18th December.

## ATTENDING MASS

Where possible, please can you scan the NHS QR code displayed in the Cloister with your NHS Covid-19 App. There are volunteers on hand to assist with seating. Please help them by following their instructions. Wearing a face covering is now mandatory in Places of Worship (unless you are exempt). Thank you for your co-operation.

## CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS

This year, the Christmas Crib Offerings will be donated to the Friends of the Holy Land. The focus of their work is providing practical help directly to the most needy and vulnerable of our Christian brothers and sisters through a balance of funding immediate relief of emergency needs, and practical small projects to help create a sustainable future in the Holy Land.



## 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.

## THE SYNODAL PROCESS INVITATION



Our Holy Father Pope Francis has invited the Catholic Church to embark on a journey together. Through listening and discernment rooted in the Holy Spirit, the entire people of God will be called to contribute to a process by which the Church deepens in understanding of Her mission and looks toward the future. A Synod is a journey of discernment, in which the people of God are called to pray and reflect upon the Holy Spirit's will for the Church. Every member of the Church has the right to speak, and the obligation to allow those charged with the work of discernment the freedom to do so. Pope Francis in his book *Let us Dream* says "we need a respectful, mutual listening, free of ideology and predetermined agendas". This is at the heart of the process. *You are all invited to join us in this process, at this stage please send us an email stating your interest to: [stbedes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stbedes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or give your name to the Parish Office.*

For frequently asked questions on the Synodal Process go to: [Questions and Answers - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk)

## LUCKY ME WINNERS

The winners of this month's Knights of St Columba 'Lucky Me' draw are Mrs P. Munn of Bray (£25), Mrs Janet Cullinane of Oakley (£50) and Mrs Monika Babu of Basingstoke (£100).

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Only if people change will the world change; and in order to change, people need the light that comes from God, the light which so unexpectedly [on the night of Christmas] entered into our night." Pope Benedict XVI



## 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](mailto:stbedessocial@gmail.com). Deacon Tony and Pam look forward to seeing you then!

## THANK YOU

The Portsmouth Bamenda Committee would like to say a big thank you to the people of the Diocese for your generous donations following Bamenda Sunday. Your donations, along with your prayers, enable them to reach out to our brothers and sisters in Bamenda to help them in their time of need. In the coming months we will hear progress reports on the various projects being supported.

## TRAINING FOR CATECHISTS

The Formation for Mission Team are offering their popular five session introduction to the ministry of catechesis, online, starting on 10th January from 7.30 to 9.00 pm. This training is for seasoned or new catechists working with children, young people or adults, for everyone involved in Children's liturgy of the Word, and for anyone interested in passing on the faith. A Diocesan certificate is awarded upon completion of the five sessions. To register click the link: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

## BEING ACCEPTIONAL

Sr Carino, Jo Donaldson and Rosemary MacIntyre invite you to join them for three Zoom workshops taking place on Thursday 13th, Thursday 20th and Thursday 27th January, from 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm. The workshops will include talks, testimonies and discussions about the needs of children with learning disabilities and how we can best meet them as parents, catechists, priests and parishioners. To register click the link: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

## BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to Cas Harris, Noah Brentnall and Autumn Neal who have been Baptised.



## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 12th December amounted to £1,951.13. 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: [Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust are fundraising for Basingstoke St Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate](#)