

THE MESSENGER

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Sunday 5th December 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year C, Psalter Week II

Sun 5th Dec	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
Mon 6th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Sr. Paddy, Dave Webb RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Dec Mbrs Liddell Family (Fond)
Tues 7th			St Ambrose , Bishop, Doctor of the Church, <i>memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Reg Smart RIP
	1.00 pm		Internment of Ashes: Henry Patton RIP
Wed 8th			THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY , Joint-Principal Patron of the Diocese, <i>solemnity</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Grace Boyle RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Douglas Sims RIP
Thur 9th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Maureen Burnand RIP
Fri 10th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Agro & Mahdavi Families RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Marion Darroch RIP
Sat 11th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: John, Anthony Mendonca RIP
	12.45 pm	SB	Baptisms
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am</i>

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 'GAUDETE'

Year C, Psalter Week III

Sun 12th Dec	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Mary, Harold Vickers RIP (Fond)
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Bridget Corr RIP
	12.30 pm	SB	Baptism
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

In today's Gospel reading, we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah painting a powerful poetic vision: "Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill will be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth". The writer of the book of Baruch, which we heard as our first reading would have been familiar with Isaiah's words and echoes them in his own. In the Gospel, Luke links it with the work of John the Baptist. John was the last of the prophets, sent to prepare for the Lord's coming. We in turn are being invited to use this image as a way of thinking about how we might prepare ourselves to welcome the Lord. As the years pass we might be tempted to reflect that, while we hear the call to prepare well every Advent, nothing much seems to change either in our own lives or in the family of the Church. But if we do think like that we would be wrong. John's proclamation of a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins paved the way for Jesus to minister His Father's compassion to us in a way far beyond our imagining. The faith of the Church is that everything is moving towards the fulfilment of God's plan and that in due time the Lord will return again in glory.

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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

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.

SYRO MALABAR MASS

This weekend we welcome Bishop Joseph Srampickal, and Fr. Kuriakose who will be taking over from Fr. Tomy, in supporting the Syro Malabar Community. We thank Fr. Tomy for being with us for so many years.

ST BEDE'S CHURCH

Monsignor Canon Vincent Harvey celebrated the first Mass here at St. Bede's Church on 2nd December 2006 (15 yrs ago), when we moved from Holy Ghost Church. We remember all Parishioners and Deceased Members of the Parish at this time. We also give thanks for Bishop Crispian, Bishop Philip and our present Parish Priest Fr. Dominic Adeiza, and all former Parish Priests of the Parish.

COATS4CALAIS 2021


Each year Coats4Calais provides warm clothing for many of the refugees in Calais throughout the winter months. This is an opportunity for you to clear your wardrobes of your unwanted coats, jackets, scarves, hats and gloves. However any donations of warm items like sleeping bags, duvets etc. will be gratefully received. Items can be received between 6th November and 11th December. Please contact Joe Shevlin on any of the following: (m) 07881781407, landline: 01256 419427, email: joeshevlin@icloud.com to arrange the drop-off point for the items. For more information about the project click the link: [Care4Calais | Refugee Crisis Charity | Fundraise Donate Volunteer](#)

A THOUGHT FOR ADVENT FROM POPE BENEDICT


"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope".

Pope Benedict XVI

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today we are invited to prepare a way for the Lord. Advent can be a busy period but why not take time to read the daily readings each day, and to pray and reflect on the gift of hope that the coming of Jesus as a baby in Bethlehem gives us. 

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.


THANK YOU

A very big thank you to all who attended the 'eco-cake' event last Sunday from the Pastoral Area. It was well attended, interactive and provided everyone with information to help us make good decisions about our 'common home'. There was plenty of cake as well as donations to CAFOD. All in all, a nice afternoon, well spent.

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!


BAPTISMS

Congratulations and welcome to Samantha Bagbagen, Everly Sargeant, Ethan Bedford, Hannah Flypenko and Blakely Spencer who have been Baptised during November. 

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The next session of the RCIA (Journey in Faith) programme will take place on Wednesday 8th December at 7.30pm in St. Bede's Church Hall.

FUNERAL

Requiem for Chris Simpson RIP at St. Bede's Church on Thursday 16th December at 11.30 am. We also remember Mary Shackelford RIP who died recently. Her Funeral Service is on Thursday 16th December at 11 am at the Crematorium. We remember family and friends at this sad time. May they Rest in Peace. 

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 28th November amounted to £2,028.27. Thank you for your generosity. Second collection this weekend is for Christmas flowers.

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](#)