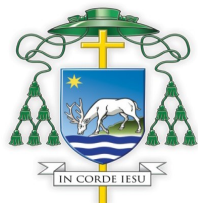


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Sunday 16th January 2022

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C, Psalter Week II

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 16th Jan	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Nan Magennis RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Dec. Mbrs Murray Family
Mon 17th			St Anthony of Egypt, Abbot, memorial
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Toyin Okunseri 50th Birthday
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int. Themis-D
Tues 18th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Princy Romy RIP
Wed 19th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Mick & Peggy Moore
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Adelaide Stevens RIP
Thur 20th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Mrs. White
Fri 21st			St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr, memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec. Mbrs Fogarty Family (Fond)
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Pino Colella, Asunta Bibbo RIP
Sat 22nd			Our Lady
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Mbrs Chad Family

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C, Psalter Week III

Sun 23rd Jan	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Frank McGill RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Dec. Mbrs Hynes Family

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The image of a wedding is frequently used in the Old Testament to describe the relationship of God and God's people - the Lord is Israel's husband, as Isaiah tells us, though often Israel is an unfaithful bride who breaks her vows, worshipping false gods. Time and again God forgives her, turning her sadness into joy, as in today's first reading. In the time of Jesus, the peoples longing for the coming of the Messiah was often expressed in terms of a wedding: the days of the Messiah would be a time of rejoicing, a wedding feast, with an abundance of wine and celebration. And so John tells us the story of the wedding at Cana at the beginning of his Gospel to indicate to us that God's blessings are being poured out on God's people, because the groom - Jesus - has arrived to marry His bride, Israel. Just as a wedding is a sign of who we are and what we hope for in life - love, security, abundance of good things - so Cana is a sign of what God offers us, God's people. Through the death of Jesus, the Lord offers us more than we would ever dream of - not simply the Gifts of the Spirit Paul mentions, but the fulness of life and love.



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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 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.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

Pope Francis asks us to pray for true human fraternity. We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

In *Aperuit Illis*, Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God to be celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, which is coming up on the 23rd January. Here is a great list of Bible Resolutions which may help in our own individual biblical journey's. Visit [The God Who Speaks](#) for details. You could also subscribe to Fr. Mike Schmitz's Bible in a Year podcast [All Bible in a Year Episodes - Ascension Press Media](#) if you haven't already done so.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2022

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Tuesday 18th January until the 25th January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul. In this week's e-News Bishop Philip writes 'Christian Unity is one of my passions. As a parish priest and convenor of the local Churches Together group, I enjoyed learning from Christians in the other churches and sharing our Catholic faith with them. That sense of community that I enjoyed in Stockport has been magnified in Portsmouth where I have benefitted hugely from the spiritual relationships that I have developed with other church leaders. We pray together and through our prayers come trust, friendship and the desire to work together. The late Cardinal Hume once said that Christians "should not do apart that which we can do together" – and this, I believe, should be our default approach to so many of the pastoral issues that face all our communities. Yes, we need to recognise our differences, but there is much that unites us and allows us to work and pray together.'

CRIB OFFERINGS

Crib offerings amounted to £394.49. This will be donated to the Friends of the Holy Land. Thank you for your support and generosity.

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

To find out more about our Parish Baptism programme please email baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

A DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

This Sunday, 16th January, is in England a Day of Prayer for Peace.

This year Pope Francis asks us to think about 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'. The need for peace in the world is obvious. People are struggling against violence and conflict, growing inequalities, the effects of climate change and the covid pandemic. How can we harness the gifts and energy of all generations in the work of peace-making? Which 'tools for building lasting peace' do you think Pope Francis might be talking about? In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, which does a much work to promote peace and nonviolence through parishes, schools and social media. To find out more go to [Peace Sunday 16 January 2022 – Pax Christi England and Wales](#)



JOB VACANCIES AT ST. BEDE'S SCHOOL

St Bede's currently have three job vacancies: After-School Club Assistant, 3.15pm to 6.15pm, Monday to Friday, Term Time only; annual salary £6,310 (this position would be available for anyone aged 16+). Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant, 12pm to 1.30pm, Monday to Friday, annual salary £3,155. Finance & Administration Assistant, four (flexible) hours per week, annual salary £1795-£1891. All enquires for these positions can be made to Mrs Colleen Mitchell; c.mitchell@st-bedes.hants.sch.uk

FUNERALS

Requiem for Adelaide Stevens RIP takes place at St. Bede's Church on Friday 4th February at 12 noon. Requiem for Brian Heron RIP takes place at Holy Ghost Church on Monday 7th February at 11.30 am. We remember their family and friends at this sad time. May they Rest in Peace.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend we take the annual second collection in support of St. John's Cathedral in Portsmouth. Appeal envelopes will be available for those who do not have gift aided planned giving envelopes for second collections. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family. A 'Give as you Live' page has also been created at: [Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust is fundraising for Portsmouth St John's Catholic Cathedral | Give as you Live Donate](#) Understandably, we all are aware that these are difficult times for us all, but please give generously to support your Cathedral, gift aiding your donation wherever possible.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 9th January amounted to £2,006.26. Thank you for your generosity to the Parish.

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](#)

