

# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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## Sunday 11th December 2022

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 'GAUDETE'

Year A, Psalter Week III

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 11th Dec	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Pickett & DeSousa Families
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: John Reid RIP
Mon 12th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Colin Pond RIP
Tues 13th			<b>St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr, memorial</b>
	9.30 am	SB	Anne Fitzgerald RIP
Wed 14th			<b>St John of the Cross, Religious, memorial</b>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Marie Payne RIP (Fond)
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Doreen Lee RIP
Thur 15th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention
Fri 16th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Maura Hanafee RIP (Fond) <i>(St Bede's School joining us for Mass)</i>
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Henrietta Vanni RIP
Sat 17th			<b>Liturgy of the Day</b> ['O Wisdom']
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Frank Grogan RIP
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year A, Psalter Week IV

Sun 18th Dec	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Breda Corr RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	2.30 pm	SJ	Advent Reconciliation Service at St. Joseph's Church
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Hynes Family

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#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's reading from Isaiah is full of joy. The prophet inspires thoughts of a world of hope, a world of God's sure and strong promise to lift those who are bowed down. In the Gospel we sense a feeling of anticipation growing among the people. This is picked up in the Psalm and the second reading, which emphasise God's faithfulness to us. It is difficult during the trials of our lives to continually praise God in all circumstances we experience. But that is what faith is and we must be patient. Faith is bigger than our today and filled with the promise of tomorrow. In the Gospel reading we hear that John the Baptist is so important because he urges people to turn from sin and towards God to experience God's mercy. Such challenges are crucial for any reform or authentic transformation of people or groups. Christmas always renews our commitment to bring God's revolutionary love into a world that so desperately needs it. It is the Lord who brings love and healing into our lives.

*Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications*

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

### CHRISTMAS EVE (Saturday 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
Midnight	SB	Syro Malabar Mass



### CHRISTMAS DAY (Sunday 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**

### ST STEPHEN'S DAY (Monday 26th December)

10.00 am	SB	Mass
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## PASTORAL AREA RECONCILIATION SERVICE



Our Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service will take place at St. Joseph's Church, South Ham on Sunday 18th December at 2.30pm.

## MASSES AT HOLY GHOST

During Advent there will be an evening Mass celebrated at Holy Ghost Church on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 6.00pm.



## HOLY DUSTERS CHRISTMAS CLEAN

Our next Holy Dusters cleaning of the Church takes place on Thursday 22nd December after the 9.30 am Mass. If you have an hour to spare, please come and join the team to clean the Church before Christmas. You will be rewarded with coffee and mince pies !!!!

## THANK YOU

Cathy and Joan O'Brien wish to thank the Parishioners who supported their sale after the 9 and 11 am Masses last weekend. They raised £480 for St. Michael's Hospice. Thank you.

## YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES

There is still time to respond to the questions inside the back cover of the Diocesan Ten Year Mission Plan. Your responses will form part of our feedback to the Bishop. We will be submitting Parish feedback to the Bishop no later than 15th December. Go to our website for further details:

[St Bede's, Basingstoke – The Catholic Church in Central, North and East Basingstoke \(stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk\)](http://StBede's,Basingstoke-TheCatholicChurchinCentral,NorthandEastBasingstoke(stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk))

## SIX HOLY HABITS

Bishop Philip is inviting each one of us to develop six holy habits for this time of change and deep personal renewal:

- to keep Sunday special, a family day, by attending Mass;
- to spend 5 minutes a day in prayer using the Scriptures;
- to do penance on Fridays, and to serve the poor and needy;
- every fortnight to make a Holy Half Hour before the Blessed Sacrament;
- to go to Confession once a month; and
- to join a small group for formation, prayer and fellowship.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

During December Pope Francis asks us to prayer for volunteer not-for-profit organisations. *We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.*



## CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS

In the Diocese, our annual Christmas Crib offerings are given alternately one year to the Friends of the Holy Land and one year to the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. This year, 2022, offerings will go to the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre (KHS). The KHS is made up of 30,000 members from 40 countries, lay people, priests and religious who financially support Christians in the Middle East, and who, above all, pray for them. They fund many works that support the Christians living in the Holy Land, thus ensuring that they survive and that the holy sites are still populated by Christians and do not become museums. The Knights do everything they can to help with practical projects to stabilise Christian communities. The key partner for the KHS in the Holy Land is the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and through the Patriarchate, they fundraise to maintain schools, formation, charitable and social activities.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Fr Pat Tansey who celebrated his 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood on Sunday 4th December. Parishioners from St Michael's in Tadley and St Oswald's in Burghfield Common joined together at St Oswald's for a celebration Mass and party to mark the occasion.

## ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL

ADoRE will be holding its Online Christmas Worship on Saturday 17th December 11.00am-12 Noon: "O come, let us ADoRE Him." In a one-hour programme of seasonal Scripture readings, prayers, and carols, we remind ourselves that GOD IS WITH US to support us in every aspect of our lives. Log in to Zoom using the passcode 171602 or click [poster-dec.pdf \(secure.website\)](#) for more details.

## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 4th December amounted to £2,155.84. Thank you for your generosity to the Parish. There will be a second collection this weekend for Christmas Flowers.

## DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

The easiest way to make a donation to the Parish is Online at: [Donate to Basingstoke St Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate](#) or via our new contactless terminal.

