

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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Sunday 18th December 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year A, Psalter Week IV

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

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
Mon 19th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs of Argo & Mahdavi Families
	12 noon	HG	Funeral Service Pauline Ross RIP
Tues 20th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Daniel Foran RIP (Fond)
Wed 21st	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Gerardo Silanio RIP
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Jim Breslin RIP
Thur 22nd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Joanna Smart
Fri 23rd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Oscar Herman Dorer RIP (Fond)
	6.00 pm	HG	Mass: Pat Cooke RIP

Saturday 24th December - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

No morning Mass		
5.30 pm	SB	Christmas Carols
6.00 pm	SB	Vigil Mass
9.30 pm	SB	Christmas Carols
10.00 pm	SB	Mass during the Night
12 midnight	SB	Syro Malabar Mass



Sunday 25th December - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8.00 am	SB	Mass at Dawn
10.00 am	SB	Mass during the Day
12 noon	HG	Mass during the Day
No Evening Mass		

Monday 26th December - ST STEPHEN

10.00 am	SB	Altar Servers Mass
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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Gospel stories around the birth of Jesus frequently refer to fear. When the angel appears to Mary explaining that she will conceive the Son of God, when angels appear to the shepherds in the fields announcing Jesus' birth, as well as when the angel appears to Joseph, the message is the same: do not be afraid. All of them were shocked by what they saw, and what they were told, but faith in God helped them muster courage to deal with what befell them. When we are faced with the most tremendous challenges, can we also find the courage to heed the message: do not be afraid?

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. We especially welcome any visitors joining us over the Christmas period.

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 !!!!

ST STEPHEN'S DAY MASS

At Mass on Monday 26th December, some of our Altar Servers will be received into the Archconfraternity of St. Stephen. We will have tea/coffee/light refreshments in the hall afterwards. Please feel free to bring any cakes/biscuits etc. to share.



THANK YOU

Merry Christmas to all from the Repository. Thank you to our team of volunteers Mary, Jayney, Iwona, Maria, Maureen and Tony for giving up their time and to all who have supported the shop throughout 2022. We look forward to welcoming you all in 2023.

POINSETTIA

If you wish to bring a Poinsettia in remembrance of a loved one to St. Bede's Church on Friday 23rd December between 10 am – 1 pm, these will be shared between St. Bede's Church and Holy Ghost Church.

CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS



This year offerings will go to the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre (KHS). The Knights do everything they can to help with practical projects to stabilise Christian communities.

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.

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



PASTORAL LETTER

Bishop Philip has written a further Pastoral Letter, which follows on from his previous Letter about the Future of the Church in Our Diocese. It will be read out at all Masses this weekend and copies will be available to take away.

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.*



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 Priest 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](#)

PARISH VISIT TO MEDJUGORJE - APRIL 2023

The Parish is arranging a visit to Medjugorje from 21st to 29th April 2023. The cost will be £689.00 per person which will include flights, transfers, hotel (bed, breakfast & evening meal). A non-refundable deposit of £300.00 will be required to secure a place. Further details will follow in next weeks newsletter.

GARDENING AT HOLY GHOST & ST BEDE'S

When Spring arrives and everything starts to grow again, we will be looking to get volunteers together once a month on a Saturday morning to weed and tidy the Church grounds. More details to follow in the new year.



FUNERAL

Funeral Service for Pauline Ross RIP at Holy Ghost Church on Monday 19th December at 12 noon. May She Rest in Peace.



PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 11th December amounted to £2,210.48. Thank you for your generosity to the Parish. The second collection last weekend for Christmas Flowers amounted to £225.13. Many thanks.

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. You can also Gift Aid your donation.



Our Lady of Lourdes and St Swithun's, Waverley Road, PORTSMOUTH

Part time Parish Administrator

Salary: £12 per hour

A vacancy has arisen for a part time Parish Administrator to support all pastoral work in the Parish.

Hours of work: Part time 16 hours per week – Tuesday to Friday 9 am to 1 pm

Experience and Qualifications required for role:

- First class organisational skills including the ability to prioritise work, balance conflicting priorities, monitor progress and exercise judgement about chasing progress as necessary.
- Advanced proficiency in use of Microsoft Office including Word, Excel, Powerpoint and Publisher.
- Understanding of Data Protection legislation.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and the confidence to deal with people at every level.
- Excellent communication skills both written and verbal.
- Able to effectively manage a high- volume workload.

Personal Attributes:

- Ability to work effectively as part of a team.
- Excellent support skills.
- Understanding of and commitment to equality of opportunity and good working relationships.
- Able to work on own initiative, organising and prioritising own workload to set deadlines.
- An ability to maintain high degree of confidentiality and trust.
- Good time keeping.
- Positive and flexible approach to work.

Closing date for applications: 12 noon on Friday 13th January 2023.

For Job Description and details of how to apply please contact:

recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk