

# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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## Sunday 25th December 2022

### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

*Year A, Psalter Week I*

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

<b>Sun 25th Dec</b>	8.00 am	SB	Mass at Dawn
	10.00 am	SB	Mass during the Day
	12 noon	HG	Mass during the Day
	<i>No Evening Mass</i>		
<b>Mon 26th</b>	<b>ST STEPHEN</b> , the First Martyr, <i>feast</i>		
	10.00 am	SB	Int. Altar Servers & Families
<b>Tues 27th</b>	<b>ST JOHN</b> , Apostle, Evangelist, <i>feast</i>		
	9.15 am	SJ	Mass at St Joseph's Church
<b>Wed 28th</b>	<b>THE HOLY INNOCENTS</b> , <i>feast</i>		
	9.15 am	SJ	Mass at St Joseph's Church
<b>Thur 29th</b>	<b>ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY</b> , <i>feast</i>		
	9.15 am	SJ	Mass at St Joseph's Church

*St Bede's Church will be open for private prayer on Tues 27th, Weds 28th and Thurs 29th from 10 am until 3 pm.*

<b>Fri 30th</b>	<b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH</b> , <i>feast</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Tara Healy-Kenny RIP
<b>Sat 31st</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Reg Smart RIP

### MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

*Year A, Psalter Week II*

<b>Sun 1st Jan</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Martin Cleary RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Antonin Svoboda, Anna Chapkova RIP
<b>Mon 2nd</b>	<b>Ss Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen</b> , <i>memorial</i>		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Fr Duane Docherty OFM (RIP)
<b>Tues 3rd</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: In thanksgiving Noel Took
<b>Wed 4th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Nancy O' Neill RIP (Fond)
<b>Thur 5th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Gary Middleton RIP
<b>Fri 6th</b>	<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> , ( <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> )		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec. Mbrs Colella & Bibbo Families
	<i>(St Bede's School joining us for Mass)</i>		
<b>Sat 7th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Susan Vanni RIP

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*Year A, Psalter Week I*

<b>Sun 8th Jan</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Sean McNamara RIP (Fond)
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Marketa Placha RIP



## WELCOME

A very warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors who join us for Mass over the Christmas Season whether in our Church or via the live-stream. Fr John, Deacon Tony and the Parish Staff wish you all Christmas Joy and Peace. Thank you for the many cards and gifts we have received.

## ST STEPHEN'S DAY MASS



St Stephen's Day Mass is when we thank God for the hard work and dedication of our fantastic Altar Serving Team – referred to as the 'A-Team' by the Bishop and others. To make it more special, we would like to invite all Altar Servers, their families, friends, and anyone who has supported our Altar Servers, to a get together straight after Mass in the Church Hall. There will be light snacks and drinks. It will be the perfect opportunity for everyone to catch-up and to congratulate those who have been awarded their Wooden Crosses/Medals.

## FR JOHN AWAY FOR A BREAK

Please note that after Mass on St Stephen's Day, Fr John will return to London to spend a few days with his parents and family. There will be NO Mass celebrated at St Bede's on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Church, St. Michael's Road at 9.15 am each morning. Mass Intentions for these days have been rescheduled. Fr John will celebrate Mass on Friday morning, 30th January – Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – at 9.30 am.

## CALLS FROM THE HOSPITAL

Fr John Lavers will continue to respond to any calls from the hospital over the holiday period. A BIG thank you to Fr John and his commitment to this vital ministry of caring for the sick.

## ST. BEDE'S SCHOOL SIF FORMS

Fr John will be signing Supplementary Information Forms on Thursday 5th January from 10.30 am – 11.15 am. Please remember to bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate with you.

## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 18th December amounted to £2,350.23. Thank you for your generosity to the Parish.

## 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.

## KSC LUCKY ME WINNERS

The winners of the Knights of St Columba 'Lucky Me Grand Draw' are: £100 - Miss Catherine O'Brien of Basingstoke: £50 - Amber Rees of Oakley and £25 - Mary Lee of Tadley.

## PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed during the Christmas period and will reopen on Tuesday 3rd January 2023. We in the Parish Office wish you all a 'happy, healthy, Blessed Christmas'.

## LORD I AM NOT WORTHY: PRAYERS TO HELP YOU PREPARE FOR MASS

Bishop Philip Egan has produced a Prayer Book – a Christmas gift - for all our parishioners. The Prayer Books may be collected after each Mass on Christmas Day. Please let Fr John or the Parish Office know if you require a larger print version and one will be ordered for you.

## 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](#)

## MEDJUGORJE - APRIL 2023

A pilgrimage to Medjugorje is planned for April 2023. Dates are: 22nd to 29th April. The pilgrimage will be made up of two groups. One from Ireland and the other from the UK. Cost: £689. Non-returnable deposit of £300 will be required to secure a place. Cost covers air fare; transfers; accommodation at a local hotel with breakfast and evening meal; the services of a local guide. We will be travelling with Joe Walshe Tours. More information in the New Year.

## PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 2023 / 2024

Fr John is exploring some possibilities for a future pilgrimage to the Holy Land taking place sometime later in 2023 or early 2024. More information to follow.

## BASINGSTOKE TOWN CHAPLAINCY

Have you got some spare time and like talking to people? Chaplains from Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy will be coming to talk about their work at the end of all Masses on Sunday 8th January, and to look for volunteers. Tea and coffee will be available afterwards to allow you to talk to them further if you are interested in getting involved.

## BACCA CAFE

All parishioners are invited to the BACCA Café in the Church Hall after 11 am Mass on Sunday 1st January.

## REST IN PEACE

We remember all our Parishioners who have passed away this last year, we also remember Canon Chris Rutledge, whose father Dennis passed away last week. We remember them all in our prayers. May they Rest in Peace.

## FINALLY, A WORD FROM FR JOHN

May God bless each one of you for your love, support and friendship that I have received since my arrival in September. I have settled in very well and I am looking forward to a long and happy engagement with this lovely parish and the wider Pastoral Area. A special word of thanks to all our wonderful staff and volunteers who give so much of their time and energy to the life of St Bede's. Please be assured of my prayers and love for each one of you. Please pray for me. I wish all our parishioners and friends a Blessed Christmas and Peaceful New Year!

