

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 12th November 2023 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Year A, Psalter Week IV



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 12th Nov	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Catenians
	2.00 pm		Blessing of Graves (Worting Road Cemetery)
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Kathleen, Patrick Bruen RIP
Mon 13th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Betty Seaborne RIP
Tues 14th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Canon Andrew Walsh
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 15th			St Albert the Great , Religious, Bishop, <i>optional memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Gerard, Lettie Murphy RIP
Thur 16th			ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON , Bishop, Joint-Principal Patron of the Diocese, <i>solemnity</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Mary George RIP
Fri 17th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Patrick Mooney RIP
Sat 18th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Holy Souls

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week I

Sun 19th Nov	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Maria Sauleek RIP (Fond)
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Armelina Domantay
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish (St. Bede's Youth Band)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus uses the marriage practices of His time and place to teach a more serious lesson. This time our reason for staying awake and on the watch is not merely about the weather, but about our future destiny in the Kingdom of God. We have been invited to the wedding feast of Christ to His bride, the Church. As members of the Church, we are all, as it were, bridesmaids waiting for the Lord to come and take us to His house. In many traditional rituals it is still an important event when the bridegroom takes his bride from her house to his. It requires some ceremony, perhaps a procession with torches. At our Baptism, we were presented with a burning candle which was entrusted to us to be kept burning brightly so that we will be ready to welcome our Lord when He comes. In the early Church there was an expectation that Christ would come again very soon to take His bride to Himself. As time went by, the expectation diminished and people grew tired with waiting. In some cases, the light was flickering and dying. People needed to be encouraged to stay awake, to be on the watch, to keep the flame of their faith alive.

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 livestream. If you are new to the Parish, we welcome you, and ask that you complete a new parishioner form on our website.

SUNDAY MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Welcome to Fr John Chadwick who will be celebrating all our Sunday Masses this weekend. Fr John Lee will be in Sacred Heart Hook.

ST. BEDE'S SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORMS (SIF)

Fr John will sign forms on 9th December from 11.15am – 12.15pm in St. Bede's large meeting room. For those who cannot attend this date, he will also do so on Saturday 6th January 2024 from 11.15am – 12 15pm. Please remember to bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate.

FORMATION DAY FOR READERS

A formation Day for Readers will take place here at St Bede's on Saturday 18th November beginning with Mass at 9.30am. The day will include a buffet lunch and will conclude by 4pm. With the new translation of the Lectionary coming into effect in Advent 2024, this day will consist of reflecting on the theology of the Liturgy of the Word, the actual Lectionary itself, and practicalities of celebrating the Liturgy of the Word. We will welcome Fr Anthony Fyk, the Director of Liturgical Formation for the Diocese, to give these reflections. Make the most of this opportunity. If you wish to attend please contact the Parish Office at St Bede's on 01256 465214 OR email: office@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

WINTER NIGHT SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS

Plans are well underway for this winter's night shelter. We are very grateful to Fr John for agreeing to allow use of Holy Ghost Hall for Tuesday evenings / Wednesday mornings between 1st December 2023 and 29th February 2024. There are also opportunities to help at different venues in the Town on other nights of the week. If you feel you can respond to God's call to help the marginalised in our local community, please contact Pat Murphy (07785 312486) who can tell you how you could help, directly in the shelter, or indirectly by cooking meals at home or items for breakfast, helping with laundry or donating warm clothes. Full training will be arranged for anyone who has not been involved before. Do please pray for the success of the project.

MONSIGNOR CANON VINCENT HARVEY

Monsignor Vincent will be celebrating Mass on Saturday 25th November at 11am at St. Bede's Church. Monsignor Vincent has just recently retired, he has served the Diocese of Portsmouth as a Priest for over 44 yrs. We were very privileged that he was our Parish Priest for 13 years and instrumental in building St. Bede's Church. We shall have a shared lunch in the hall after Mass and would be very grateful if you could bring some cakes etc.... Do come along and meet Monsignor Vincent for this very special occasion.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 5th November amounted to £2,478.02. Thank you for your generosity.

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

November is the Month of the Holy Souls, and there will be a basket in front of the Blessed Sacrament (Burning Bush). Please place the names of members of your family and friends you wish to be remembered in the basket. May they Rest in Peace. (Please do not place any money into the basket or envelopes, thank you).

BLESSING OF GRAVES

On Sunday 12th November at **2.00pm** at Worting Road Cemetery, the annual Blessing of Graves will take place led by Fr John and other local Clergy. This short service reminds us to honour the graves of our loved ones, and to pray that their souls are now with the Lord sharing in His promise of eternal life. May they Rest in Peace.

HOLY HOUR

Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at St Bede's Church on Tuesday 14th November from 7.30pm until 8.30pm.

POPE FRANCIS NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

During November we pray for the Pope: *We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.*

REPOSITORY

Christmas cards, 2024 diaries, calendars and other Christmas items are now on sale in the repository. We are open after Mass each Wednesday and Thursday and after some Masses each Sunday.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FOR FAMILIES

There are some local families that we would like to support through the Christmas holidays by giving them some supermarket vouchers with a small hamper of luxury foods. If you feel that you could spare £10 to buy a Lidl or Tesco voucher, please can you get it and put it in the collection or through the letter box at church. We will be looking for other hamper items in a week or two, so do start to buy a little extra if you can. Thank you for your support.

HELP NEEDED

Can you spare 25 mins after 11am Mass one Sunday a month? The repository needs more volunteers to enable us to open after each Mass. Please email the Parish Office with your details if you can help.

AFTERNOON TEA

The next 'Afternoon Tea' will take place on Sunday 19th November at 3pm via Zoom. We will continue online over the winter period. For joining details please email: stbedesocial@gmail.com

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 contactless terminal by the hall.

