

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 19th November 2023

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 19th Nov	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Maria Sauleek RIP (Fond)
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Armelina Domantay
	12.45 pm	SB	Baptisms
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish (St Bede's Youth Band)
Mon 20th	12 noon	SB	Mass: In thanksgiving James Edeoghon
Tues 21st			The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Mary McIneriny
Wed 22nd			St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr, memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Sybille Nagapen RIP
Thur 23rd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Broadbent Family (Fond)
Fri 24th			St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, Martyrs, memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Euzebian Rodricks RIP
Sat 25th	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Mgr Vincent Harvey's Retirement Mass

Refreshments in the hall afterwards

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Year A, Psalter Week II

Sun 26th Nov	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Vocations
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Adolf Muller RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's Gospel parable falls into two quite definite parts. Most people find the first part encouraging - we like the idea of the master giving talents to his servants and seeing what they can do with what they are given. The second part of the parable is far more problematic. Who has never had a feeling of lack of confidence in themselves? We may remember with a shudder when we had to try something out for the first time or step up to a demand that was made of us. It's always worse if we have an audience, for that increases our fear of failure. Imposter syndrome is the name given to the fear many people have of others finding out that, for all their apparent calm and competence, they actually haven't a clue what they are doing. Jesus makes clear that failure is not the problem, and nor is lack of talent. But the worst we can do is to mistrust God at work in ourselves. Ours may be a "quiet" talent - the gift of being a good listener, or the gift of always being ready with an appreciative or encouraging word. Confidence grows confidence, but mistrust grows mistrust. That is the meaning of the devastating punchline of Jesus' parable, and it is meant to shock us.

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.

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.

WINTER SHELTER PROJECT - UPDATE

Due to lack of time to master some unresolved issues, the team behind the winter shelter have reluctantly come to the decision to cancel this year's programme. This is a real shame for the rough sleepers who appreciate the help, support and friendship given to them, and the members of our community who so readily give their time to volunteer.

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. *Food items can now be left in the Foodbank boxes in the Cloister.* Thank you for your support.

CHRISTMAS KARAOKE NIGHT!

Gather your loved ones for an evening of festive celebration! Whether you're an experienced vocalist or simply enjoy singing in the shower, everyone is invited to join in the merriment and sing their favourite Christmas carols and tunes. Join us on Saturday 9th December in St. Bede's Church Hall from 7.00 to 9.30 pm! All ages are welcome! As we come together in the spirit of joy, let's also share the gift of food, just as the Wise Men brought gifts to the newborn King, please bring a dish or your preferred party food to share. Come, sing, and feast in honour of our Lord and Saviour!

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The next Baptism programme will take place on Sunday 14th and Sunday 21st January at 1.30pm. Please email: baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk for more details.



MONSIGNOR CANON VINCENT HARVEY

Monsignor Vincent will be celebrating Mass on Saturday 25th November at 11am in 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 sandwiches, cakes etc.... Do come along and meet Monsignor Vincent for this very special occasion.

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 include any money.

BASINGSTOKE FOOD BANK CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERING

The Foodbank are having their 3-day Tesco Chineham Christmas Collection event from 30th Nov - 2nd Dec. We are looking for volunteers to help give out shopping lists to shoppers. Please email: mandjleaming@btinternet.com for more information. The Foodbank will be packing Christmas Hampers in Festival Place opposite the Apple shop again from 1st - to 23rd Dec including Saturday's. Please email: hampers@basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk for information, or look at [Christmas Hampers | Basingstoke Foodbank](#) You can choose a morning or afternoon 4 hour slot (free parking in Festival Place for volunteers) Do invite a friend or family or work colleague to join you.

I AM MARK

'I Am Mark' will be performed in St Edmund's, Southampton on Friday 24th November at 7pm. Tickets cost £5 per person and any profit on sales will go towards the Organ Fund. Mgr Vincent Harvey writes "Listening to a Gospel in its entirety in one sitting enables us to grasp the whole picture and message. It is certainly beneficial for us to hear it in one sitting before we begin to listen to it little by little. Rt. Rev. Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury said: "Sometimes it takes a living voice to make you hear the Bible for the first time - a voice that presents some saying or episode not as a stray fragment but as part of the rhythm and pace of a story that goes on gathering momentum. Mark's Gospel has just that kind of momentum, and this performance gives a memorably strong sense of it." Click the link to book tickets: [I AM MARK Tickets, Fri 24 Nov 2023 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

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.*

FUNERALS

Funeral Service at Holy Ghost Church on Tuesday 5th December at 12 noon for Barbara Patrica Smallbone RIP. Funeral Service at West Berkshire Crematorium on Friday 15th December at 9.15am for Danuta Zofia Krzysztofit RIP. We remember their families and friends at this sad time. May they Rest in Peace.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 12th November amounted to £2, 431.12. Thank you for your generosity.

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.