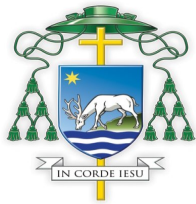


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Sunday 5th November 2023 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week III

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 5th Nov	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Joe Murphy RIP
	12.30 pm	SB	Baptism
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: John Hennessy RIP
Mon 6th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Billy, Kitty Lloyd RIP
Tues 7th			St Willibrord , Bishop, <i>optional memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Joseph KP RIP
Wed 8th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Tom Merriam 90th birthday
Thur 9th			THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA , <i>feast</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Gabryel Lloyd Sonne Domantay
Fri 10th			St Leo the Great , Pope, Doctor of the Church, <i>memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Yve Treadgold RIP
Sat 11th			St Martin of Tours , Religious, Bishop, <i>memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Andrew Fitzpatrick RIP <i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Year A, Psalter Week IV

Sun 12th Nov	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Catenians
	2.30 pm		Blessing of Graves (Worting Road Cemetery)
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Kathleen, Patrick Bruen RIP



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's Gospel tells us that authorities - including religious authorities - must be respected but also challenged when their practice is out of line with their teaching. Jesus particularly warns religious leaders that being conscientious and meticulous about trivial things may prevent them from allowing God's love to flow out of their lives in gracious acts and deeds. Jesus is concerned that His disciples look at themselves and ask about their own failures. He holds up the scribes and Pharisees as a kind of mirror in which they may see their own weaknesses. The kingdom that Jesus announces points them to something greater than themselves, and greater than structures that have been built by humans. The kingdom refers to the rule of God in hearts and relationships. Equality and loving relationships characterise the new age that Jesus has initiated among us. Jesus points out that all people are called to be listeners to God's message. That listening is something that we are to do together, regardless of status. The way of living offered by Jesus has nothing to do with arrogance and power. Rather, it is about partnership, servanthood and humility.

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.

CLOSER TO CHRIST CAMPAIGN



Thank you so much for your generosity! Last weekend was a great success for the ***Closer to Christ Campaign*** in our parish. I'm delighted to tell you that our current total stands at **just over £303,000** and we hope to increase this in the next few weeks. If you completed a small card at Mass recently, you will receive a pledge form for completion in the post or via email in the next week. I ask that you return the form at your earliest convenience to the Parish Office, myself, or directly through the post. While you may not wish to start your pledge immediately, I do ask that you return your form, indicating a start date and method of payment that is convenient to you. While we are guaranteed to receive one third of our initial target of £255,000, our parish will receive 50% of everything raised over this and so we have much to benefit from. We hope to receive the majority of pledges within the next two weeks, and I will give you a further update in a few weeks' time. Thank you for your support and please pray for the continued success of the Campaign in our parish. *Message from Fr. John*

TEA/COFFEE

There will be tea/coffee after 11am Mass this Sunday.

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

MONSIGNOR CANON VINCENT HARVEY

Monsignor Vincent will be celebrating Mass on Saturday 25th November at 11 am 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 yrs 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.

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.*

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).

BAMENDA SUNDAY

This Sunday is Bamenda Sunday, when we shall be giving thanks for our link with the Archdiocese of Bamenda and for the ministry of their five priests serving in our Diocese; praying for our brothers and sisters in Bamenda and for the restoration of peace and justice in the region; and giving to our annual appeal to support projects in Bamenda in 2024, the 50th anniversary of the formation of the link! Next year, Bishop Philip hopes to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Bamenda-Portsmouth Link with Archbishop Andrew and a delegation from Bamenda with a Mass at the Cathedral on Saturday 6th July 2024 – save the date in your diary! Our annual Bamenda News can be accessed on the Bamenda and Portsmouth website: [Bamenda and Portsmouth](#) Please be as generous as you can to support our sisters and brothers in Bamenda in these very challenging times. Donations can be made via parish second collections or online securely at: [Donate - Bamenda and Portsmouth](#) .

BLESSING OF GRAVES

On Sunday 12th November at 2.30pm at Worthing 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.

RCIA (JOURNEY IN FAITH)

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith, or perhaps you are a Baptised Catholic wanting to be Confirmed? Our Parish Journey in Faith (RCIA) continues on Wednesday 8th November at 7.30pm in St Bede's Church Hall.

APPEAL FROM THE BASINGSTOKE FOODBANK

The Foodbank make up and distribute hampers to the less fortunate in our community at Christmas. Last Christmas we assembled and gave out over 1,000 hampers. Could you volunteer some time to help make up the hampers of donated food on a Friday or Saturday in the period between 1st to 22nd December? If you can, please contact Debbie: dooley99@btinternet.com

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 29th October amounted to £2,682.72. 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.

