

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 10th December 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year B, Psalter Week II

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 10th Dec	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Staniswar Bogatski RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: John Reid RIP
Mon 11th			St Damasus I, Pope, optional memorial
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Private Intention
Tues 12th			Our Lady of Guadalupe, optional memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Clive, Pauline Adams RIP
	7.00 pm	SB	Annual KSC Remembrance Mass
Wed 13th			St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr, memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Tim Murphy RIP
	7.00 pm	HG	Mass: Simon de Mars RIP
Thur 14th			St John of the Cross, Religious, memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Marie Payne RIP (Fond)
Fri 15th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Pupils, Staff St. Bede's School <i>St. Bede's School joining us for their end of term Mass</i>
Sat 16th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Maureen Hanafee RIP <i>Confessions after 9.30am Mass until 11.00am</i>

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 'GAUDETE'

Year B, Psalter Week III

Sun 17th Dec	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Tito, Joan Gomes RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Breda Corr RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

What kinds of changes should we seek in Advent? Advent is a time to prepare not only materially but also spiritually for the coming of the Lord. It is a time to step outside our busy lives, our tasks and appointments, and recognise God's loving presence in all humanity and in the natural world. Take time today to look up into the sky and be aware of breathing, taking in the fresh God-given air that keeps us alive. Be more sensitive to the people around us and how they enrich our life. Can we be of service to people who are sick or in trouble or worried about facing Christmas on a low income? In Advent, we hear John's message as an invitation to spiritual reflection. Just as we might clean our house in preparation for a special guest, so the Church asks us to take stock of ourselves and to be at our best when the special day arrives. Perhaps other people have already pointed out deficiencies in our lives. The promise and the hope, however, are that we can do something about it. We can change, and we can find a rhythm of life that makes time for wholeness and harmony. John tells us that Jesus Baptises with the Holy Spirit. What does this mean for us?

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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.

ADVENT MASSES AT HOLY GHOST CHURCH



During Advent there will be an additional Mass celebrated at Holy Ghost Church each Wednesday evening at 7.00pm.

HOLY HOUR

Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at St Bede's Church on Tuesday 19th December from 7.30pm until 8.30pm.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS SALE

After 9am Mass this Sunday, 10th December, Christmas items will be for sale in aid of St. Michael's Hospice.

TEA/COFFEE

There will be tea/coffee after the 9am and 11am Masses next Sunday, 17th December.

ST. BEDE'S SCHOOL SIF FORMS

Fr John will sign forms on Saturday 6th January 2024 from 11.15am – 12 15pm. Please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate.

ADVENT PRAYER GROUP

Advent Prayer Group led by Cecilia from St. Bede's School on Wednesday 13th & 20th December at 10.30 – 11.15 am in the Parish Hall. Cecilia will be reflecting on Advent and how we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

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.



ST BEDE'S SCHOOL FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCIES

St Bede's Catholic Primary School currently has two vacancies for foundation governors. The main role of the governing body is to operate at a strategic level, leaving the head teacher and senior school leaders responsible and accountable to the governing body for the operational day-to-day running of the school. Foundation governors are specifically appointed by the Bishop to ensure the preservation and development of the school's Catholic character, to ensure that the school is being conducted as a Catholic school, and to represent the Bishop's education policy to the governing body. Foundation Governors have a particular role to play, as representatives of the Bishop/ Religious Order. The Diocese describes their work as a ministry in the Church. If you feel that you would be able to offer your time as a Foundation governor you can find further details, including a nomination form here: [Called to Serve – Being a Foundation Governor – Catholic Academies and Schools Office \(casoportsmouth.org.uk\)](#)

PASTORAL AREA RECONCILIATION SERVICE



Our Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service will take place at St. Joseph's Church, South Ham on Sunday 17th December at 3.00pm.

ARE YOU THINKING OF GETTING MARRIED?

A plea from Fr John! If you are thinking of getting married you must give at least one years notice. This is especially important if you hope to marry abroad. This allows us time to gather all important documentation including Baptism certificates, it also allows time for a course of preparation.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Bishop Philip reflects on the season of Advent. "We have now entered the holy season of Advent. It's always never quite long enough, in my view, and this year, with Christmas being on a Monday it's as short as it can get! To appreciate the Liturgy of this season a little more, let me say a word about how the Readings at Mass are organised. On Sundays, each gospel reading has a distinctive theme: the Lord's coming at the end of time (First Sunday of Advent), John the Baptist (Second and Third Sunday), and the events that prepared immediately for the Lord's birth (Fourth Sunday). The Old Testament readings are prophecies about the Messiah and the Messianic age, especially from Isaiah. The second readings from an apostle serve as exhortations and as proclamations, in keeping with the different themes of Advent." You can read the full article in this weeks e-News.

POPE FRANCIS DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

During December Pope Francis asks us to pray for people with disabilities. *Let us pray that people with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions offer inclusion programs that enhance their active participation.*

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

On Tuesday 12th December here at St. Bede's Church, will be the Annual KSC Remembrance Mass at 7pm followed by Christmas Carols and a bring and share buffet in the hall afterwards. All Parishioners are most welcome to come.

CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

The Community Furniture Project are collecting new and unwrapped gifts for children and young people up to the age of 19 yrs old. Please take gifts to the Community Furniture Store at 6, Joule Road, Basingstoke, RH21 6XH.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

Are you looking to give someone a special but different gift this Christmas? Please take away a CAFOD World Gifts brochure this weekend.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 3rd December amounted to £2,477.01. 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.