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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.

POLISH CAROL SINGING

Polska Społeczność Katolicka w Basingstoke zaprasza na III Wspólne Kolędowanie, które odbędzie się 6 Stycznia 2024, 13:00 w St. Bedes's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24. Po Kolędowaniu zapraszamy na kawę & herbatę. Jeżeli macie możliwość prosimy przynieść coś słodkiego do kawy na wspólny stół.

The Polish Catholic Community in Basingstoke invites you to the 3rd Carol Singing in Polish language, which will take place on January 6, 2024, 1:00 p.m. in St. Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24. We will have tea and coffee after the performance and would be very grateful if you could bring some cakes to share.

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 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.



WEBCAM VIEWERS

We had a staggering 144,996 viewers via our Webcam for Masses during 2023. Our Church is an International Church.

POT OF GOLD DRAW

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Pot of Gold draw for St Bede's Family Association. The total raised was £595 and the winner is Neli N who won £297.50.

A THOUGHT FOR ADVENT

"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope".

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

This Sunday is the Third Sunday in Advent, also known as 'Gaudete' or 'rejoice' Sunday. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice! Indeed, the Lord is near."

THE GREAT STORY OF JESUS RETREAT

Start the new year with this retreat to be held at St Peter's Pastoral Centre, Winchester SO23 9SR on Saturday 13th January 2024 from 10am to 4pm. It will be delivered by Sr Margarida Mondral of the Verbum Dei Community. Refresh and reboot with a renewed appreciation of the core of our faith: the gift of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the gift of the Holy Sprit to animate our lived faith. This may appeal to all who want to reflect more deeply on Jesus and how His life relates to our lives. Please email: Inahajski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for details or to apply for a place.

CAFOD ADVENT APPEAL

During Advent, as we wait for Christmas and the joy of Jesus' birth, it's important to remember that some things can't wait. For families in Afghanistan, time is running out to get the vital supplies they need to survive the winter. Your donation this Advent is so vital to families facing the harshest conditions. You can donate to the Advent Appeal here: <u>Advent Appeal 2023 (cafod.org.uk)</u>

ARE YOU THINKING OF GETTING MARRIED?

A plea from Fr John! If you are thinking of getting married you <u>must</u> 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.

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.

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 and Hospital Chaplain Fr Jean-Patrice this Christmas, please go to our online collection at: <u>Catholic</u> <u>Diocese of Portsmouth are fundraising for Basingstoke St</u> <u>Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate</u>

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 10th December amounted to £2,145.24. This includes Standing Orders, Direct Debits, contactless and website donations. Thank you for your generosity.

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

The easiest way to make a donation to the Parish is online at: <u>Donate to Basingstoke St Bede's Church | Give as you</u> <u>Live Donate</u> or via our contactless terminal by the hall.