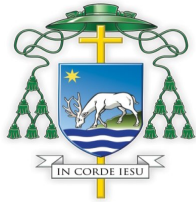


# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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## Sunday 24th December 2023

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Year B, Psalter Week IV*

<b>Sun 24th Dec</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

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### Sunday 24th December - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

5.30 pm	SB	Christmas Carols
6.00 pm	SB	Vigil Mass
9.30 pm	SB	Christmas Carols
10.00 pm	SB	Mass during the Night
12.15 am	SB	Syro Malabar Rite (Malayalam)

### Monday 25th December - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8.00 am	SB	Mass at Dawn
10.00 am	SB	Mass during the Day

*No evening Mass*

### Tuesday 26th December - ST STEPHEN'S DAY

10.00 am	SB	In thanksgiving for our Altar Servers
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Wed 27th	<b>ST JOHN</b> , Apostle, Evangelist, <i>feast</i>	
9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Dolores Byrne

Thur 28th	<b>THE HOLY INNOCENTS</b> , <i>feast</i>	
9.30 am	SB	Mass: Rex Barnham RIP

Fri 29th	<b>ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY</b> , <i>feast</i>	
9.30 am	SB	Mass: Jim, Margaret Darroch RIP

Sat 30th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Josephine Brown RIP
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### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

*Year B, Psalter Week I*

<b>Sun 31st Dec</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Martin Cleary RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Reg Smart RIP

Mon 1st	<b>MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</b> , <i>solemnity</i>	
12 noon	SB	Mass: Doreena, Derek Ormonde RIP

Tues 2nd	<b>Ss Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen</b> , <i>memorial</i>	
9.30 am	SB	Mass: Sean McNamara RIP

Wed 3rd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Nancy O'Neill RIP (Fond)
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Thur 4th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Michaela Waterfield RIP
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Fri 5th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention
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Sat 6th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Andy Sawko
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### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*Year B, Psalter Week II*

<b>Sun 7th Jan</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Lydie, Peter Cheedalee RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Marie Muller RIP

## WELCOME

A very warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors who join us for Mass this Christmas 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.

## CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

Thank you to everyone who has contributed of their time and talents in preparing the church and helping us all in our worship of God. Thanks also for your many cards and gifts which are being eaten/drunk. May Christ the Saviour whose coming we now celebrate Bless you and all your loved ones now and in the New Year ahead.

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

During the Christmas period there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass. It will resume on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

## POLISH CAROL SINGING



Polska Społeczność Katolicka w Basingstoke zaprasza na III Wspólne Kolędowanie, które odbędzie się 6 Stycznia 2024, 13:00 w St. Bede'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, 1:00pm 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.

## CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS



This year offerings will go to the Friends of the Holy Land (FHL). The FHL office in Bethlehem and contacts in Gaza, Israel and Jordan are well-placed to get urgent, direct aid to the

families across the Holy Land most in need. Thank you for your support.

## 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.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD - CAN YOU ASSIST?

We are appealing for more volunteers to join a rota to assist with Children's Liturgy. If you are able to assist with this rewarding ministry currently at the 11.00am Mass, please can you contact the Parish Office in the first instance.

## 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.

## CLERGY CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Tradition holds that the Christmas Offerings given at the Vigil and Christmas Day Masses are your opportunity for a personal gift to our Parish Priest, Fr John. This forms a large proportion of his annual income. You can donate online at: [Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth are fundraising for Basingstoke St Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate](#) or via the Christmas Collection option on our contactless device.

## SICK AND HOUSEBOUND VISITS

Fr John will be visiting the sick and housebound of our Parish family over the Christmas holiday period, finishing at the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

## TEA/COFFEE

There will be tea & coffee in the Hall after the 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday 31st December.

## SYMPOSIUM

The Diocese is planning an exciting Symposium on Medical and Social Ethics. The Symposium will take place at The Arc (formerly The Discovery Centre) in Winchester (opposite St. Peter's Catholic Church) on Saturday 16th March 2024 from 10.00 am until 4.15 pm. Tickets cost £20, including sandwiches and refreshments, and are available on-line via Eventbrite: [What does it mean to be Human? Medical Ethics and Social Care Today Tickets, Sat 16 Mar 2024 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

## THANKS FROM THE COMMUNITY FURNITURE PROJECT

We would like to thank St Bede's Church for the very generous donation of £228.91 towards the Basingstoke Christmas Toy Appeal. Thank you for your support.

## THE CHRISTMAS OCTAVE

The Christmas Octave is rich with a variety of celebrations of Saints. May all these holy men and women guide us and pray for us during this Christmas week.

## FUNERAL

Funeral Service at St. Bede's Church on Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 11.30am for Debra Froud RIP.

Funeral Service at the Crematorium for Tony Rhodes RIP on Tuesday 23rd January at 1.15 pm May they rest in peace, we remember their family and friends at this sad time.

## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 17th December amounted to £2,407.60. This includes Standing Orders, Direct Debits, contactless and website donations. Thank you for your generosity.

## PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed during the Christmas period and will reopen on Tuesday 2nd January 2024. We in the Parish Office wish you all a 'happy, Blessed Christmas'.

## A MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN

I would like to extend to all our parishioners, visitors and friends many blessings for a very Happy Christmas Day and a Blessed New Year. May Our Lord born for us this Christmas bless you with eve-

