

# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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## Sunday 3rd December 2023

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Year B, Psalter Week I*

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses**

<b>Sun 3rd Dec</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Michaela Waterfield RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Joe Murphy RIP
<b>Mon 4th</b>	12 noon	SB	Mass: Ned Fagan & Maureen McCauley RIP (Fond)
<b>Tues 5th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Joseph KP RIP
	12 noon	HG	Funeral Service for Barbara Patrica Smallbone RIP
<b>Wed 6th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Special Intention
	7.00 pm	HG	Mass: Int Rhodes Family
<b>Thur 7th</b>			<b>St Ambrose</b> , Bishop, Doctor of the Church, <i>memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Yve Treadgold RIP
<b>Fri 8th</b>			<b>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> , Joint-Principal Patron of the Diocese, <i>solemnity</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Joe Mockler RP
<b>Sat 9th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Liddell Family <i>Confessions after 9.30am Mass until 11.00am</i>

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Year B, Psalter Week II*

<b>Sun 10th Dec</b>	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

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#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“O that you would tear the heavens and come down!” But God has. Isaiah’s prayer was heard. God did tear the heavens and come down. God was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He has not left us to stray from His ways: He came to be our Good Shepherd who seeks out the stray, saves the lost sheep, bandages the wounded, makes the weak strong. St Paul was one of the first He saved. Converted by a blinding light Paul suddenly realised that Christ had set him free from his awful past. He began living a new way for Christ, saving others like himself. In the reading today, he exudes a strong confidence. Jesus Christ “will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to His son, Jesus Christ, and God is faithful.” The last day is, of course, the day when He will return. Meanwhile as Jesus says in the Gospel today, it is as though He has now gone abroad, leaving His servants in charge. To His servants, the Church, He gives the task of proclaiming the message of salvation, and for 2,000 years, both the Church and individual Christians have been doing so, bringing hope and help to others.

*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.

## 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.

## MONSIGNOR VINCENT HARVEY MASS OF RETIREMENT

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the Mass a week back to mark my retirement. Thank you to Father John Lee for supporting it happening, and for concelebrating, together with Father Paul Leonard; thank you to Liz Murphy for planning and coordinating the Mass and refreshments together with her 'team'; thank you to The Lord's Flock for leading the music and singing, and for the Altar Servers for coming especially to serve at the Altar. It was lovely to see so many from my time with you in Holy Ghost/St Bede. It was great to be able to catch up with most of you, though I am conscious that there were some I didn't manage to speak with (if that is you: sorry but thank you for coming). I was happy simply to be with you to say 'thank you' within the context of Mass and wasn't expecting to be showered with 'gifts' (cards and much more); some of the sentiments and comments brought back memories and, in some cases, tears to my eyes! I know I'm a softie! Pray for me; I will certainly pray for you! *Vincent H*

## ST. BEDE'S SCHOOL SIF FORMS

Fr John will sign forms on 9th December from 11.15am – 12.15pm in St. Bede's large meeting room. He will also do so on Saturday 6th January 2024 from 11.15am – 12.15pm. 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 6th, 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.

## CHRISTMAS KARAOKE NIGHT!

Gather your loved ones for an evening of festive celebration! Everyone is invited to join in the merriment and sing their favourite Christmas carols and tunes on Saturday 9th December in St. Bede's Church Hall from 7.00 to 9.30pm. All ages are welcome! As we come together in the spirit of joy, let's also share the gift of food, please bring a dish or your preferred party food to share.

## 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](mailto:baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk) for more details.

## LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS CARDS/GIFTS?

Catherine is here again this Sunday after each Mass with some cards that she has produced. After 9am Mass only next Sunday, Christmas items will be for sale in aid of St. Michael's Hospice.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Lord, as we journey through this Advent season, give us the wisdom to be good stewards of this time of grace, a time to be more prayerful, a time to listen more intently to Your Word, Amen*



## 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. If you are able to supply gifts unwrapped, please take them 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 collect a CAFOD World Gifts brochure after Mass this weekend.

## TEA/COFFEE

This Sunday, 3rd December, there will be tea and coffee after 11am Mass.

## TREASURER - BASINGSTOKE FOOD BANK

Following many years of faithful and excellent service, Pat Murphy, our Treasurer is stepping down and we are seeking a suitable replacement. This is a voluntary role for our Christian charity and would suit someone who shares our Christian beliefs and values, who also has accounting experience and is perhaps no longer employed full time. We have recently taken on two volunteers to help the Treasurer with the various activities required, so there will be support from a small team. Pat will be able to coach the successful applicant into the role over a period of months. In the first instance, please direct all expressions of interest by email to our Chair of Trustees, Phil Thomas 07436 013036 or email: [1126phil@gmail.com](mailto:1126phil@gmail.com).

## FUNERALS

Funeral Service at Basingstoke Crematorium on 4th December at 2pm for Yvonne Beaumont RIP. 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 26th November amounted to £2,375.08. Thank you for your generosity. Second collection this weekend is for Christmas Flowers.

## PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th December.