

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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Sunday 14th January 2024 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week II

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 14th Jan	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Sue Rushbrook RIP, Ruth Bellord RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Joseph Mathew RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 15th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Int. Mary, Jim Hickey
Tues 16th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Alicjia Wojciechowska
Wed 17th			St Anthony of Egypt, Abbot, memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Joan Nolan RIP
Thur 18th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Tess Wadhams RIP <i>Beginning of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>
Fri 19th			St Wulstan, Bishop, optional memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Lina Agro RIP
Sat 20th			St Fabian, Pope, Martyr, optional memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Kathleen Gallagher

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week III

Sun 21st Jan	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Sean McNamara RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Aiden Corley RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's Gospel tells us of Andrew and John, two Galilean fishermen who were originally followers of John the Baptist. On hearing the Baptist use an unfamiliar expression, they were puzzled. Why did he call Jesus the "Lamb of God"? What did it mean? Why did he describe another young man with such reverence and respect? Andrew and John, like many others, regarded John the Baptist as a prophet sent by God. How could he be secondary in importance to the stranger who asked for Baptism? If Jesus was a carpenter from a small town in Galilee, Andrew and John already knew something of His background for, despite their occupations, it resembled their own experience - but the Baptist implied that Jesus had an "added extra". Curious they wanted to know more. When Andrew and John approached Jesus, they called Him "Rabbi", already sensing that Jesus had something to teach them. When they separated, Andrew looked for his brother Simon, whom Jesus would later rename Peter. And so Jesus gathered His first three disciples simply by arousing their interest. He didn't coerce them. They were free to stay with John the Baptist - discipleship is never forced. Andrew, John and Simon freely chose to follow Jesus - and that freedom made all the difference.

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.

ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL

ADoRE spiritual online mini-retreat is taking place on Saturday 27th January from 10.00am -1.00pm. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and a talk entitled "Chosen to be Holy – Transformation by the Holy Spirit" from inspiring guest speaker Charles Whitehead KSG. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)
More information can be found at www.altonrenewal.com.

STILLNESS BEFORE MASS

Five minutes before Mass starts should be a time for all of us to pray and prepare ourselves for Mass. Please respect the needs of those around you by refraining from conversation and noisy activities. Instead, enjoy the peace that is so difficult for many of us to find during our hectic week.

AFTERNOON TEA

The next 'Afternoon Tea' will take place via Zoom on Sunday 28th January at 3pm. For joining details please email stbedsocial@gmail.com. All are welcome.

AN UPDATE ON THE STATUE OF MARY IN BASINGSTOKE HOSPITAL CHAPEL

Hospital staff and visitors may have noticed that, in recent weeks, the statue of Mary has not been present in the Chapel. Plans are in place to relocate the statue to a position within the Chapel where it will be much more visible and the statue is being kept safely until it is possible for this work to be completed. The Chaplaincy Team would like to thank everyone for their patience whilst we wait for this work to be completed.

TEA/COFFEE ROTA - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The success of the teas and coffees after 9am Sunday Mass is incredible. We regularly have between 40 and 60 people coming along, which is great to see. In order to keep doing this, we need more volunteers to join the weekly rota. If you would like to help please speak to one of the volunteers after 9am Mass.

PRAYING FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Our Seminarian to keep in your prayers this coming month is Ryan Hawkes, who is studying at the Venerable English College, Rome. Ryan's home parish is Holy Ghost here in Basingstoke. In this week's e-News, Ryan talks about life as a fifth year seminarian, and how much the prayers and support from everyone back home really does help him. For the full article see this week's e-News.

POPE FRANCIS JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION

During January Pope Francis asks us to pray for the gift of diversity in the Church. He emphasized recognizing "the gift of different charisms within the Christian community."

PEACE SUNDAY 2024

This Sunday, 14th January, the Second Sunday of the Year, is also designated as Peace Sunday. It is a day of prayer for peace in the world and one of the Masses this weekend may be a Votive Mass for Peace. Each year, Peace Sunday gives every parish the chance to pray and reflect on the Pope's Message for the annual World Day of Peace. For his theme for the World Day of Peace in 2024, Pope Francis has chosen 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. To read the full message from Pope Francis, and to find out more about AI, click the link: [Artificial Intelligence and Peace - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk)

CATHEDRAL SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Ahead of this year's Second Collection for the Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Mother Church of the Diocese, which is scheduled to take place on 21st January, Father James McAuley, Cathedral Dean, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia writes: "Never has this annual collection by parishes for the Mother Church of the Diocese been more critical or needed. Your support is vitally important to us". Please give as generously as you can.

DOUAI ABBEY PASTORAL PROGRAMME

Come to Douai Abbey for a day or weekend of peaceful quiet and join the Benedictine community at their prayer and in their lovely surroundings. A series of workshops, reflection and retreats has been prepared for Spring and Summer and you will be most welcome to join in one or other of these events. In particular there is a series of four options for Lent including 'A Preparation for Lent' led by Abbot Paul Gunter (an expert on Liturgy) on Saturday 10th February. There are also workshops and meditations on Death and Dying, on Resurrection Art and Music, on Contemplative Photography, and a workshop for those feeling they are on the Edges of Faith. There is also a Pentecost retreat. Or just come for a quiet day or two of your own as many do. For more information click the link: [2024 past prog.docx \(douaiabbey.org.uk\)](https://www.douaiabbey.org.uk)

FUNERALS

Funeral Service for Eileen Tuffs at St. Joseph's Church on Thursday 18th January at 12 noon. Funeral Service at the Crematorium for Tony Rhodes on Tuesday 23rd January at 1.15 pm. Funeral Service for Assunta Roe RIP at Holy Ghost Church on Wednesday 24th January at 11.30 am. May they Rest in Peace. We remember their family and friends at this sad time.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for weeks ending 7th January amounted to £2,304.33. 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.



"do something beautiful for God. Do it with your life. Do it every day. Do it in your way. But do it !!!"
St. Teresa of Calcutta

Operations Manager – St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs Parish, Winchester

Full time: 37.5 hours per week Mon-Fri, but with flexibility to allow at least one Sunday morning per month (approx. 4 hours) and occasional evenings and weekends.

Salary: £40-45k

Closing date for applications: Friday 9th February 2024, 12 Noon

Interviews: Fri 1st March

St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs is a thriving Catholic parish community situated in the heart of Hampshire. The parish is currently in the process of reorganising its staff team.

We are looking for a highly motivated and dynamic individual to join our parish team as the Operations Manager. The successful candidate will have substantial experience of general operational management in a busy and complex organisation. You will be working with the wider staff team and volunteers to ensure all our resources are used as productively as possible. You will need to be hands on and be able to demonstrate excellent communication and reporting skills, and have experience of strategic planning & development, managing day-to-day operations, overseeing resources and developing successful teams (staff and volunteers).

The parish is part of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth (a charitable incorporated organisation). The main church of St. Peter is located in Jewry Street, central Winchester together with the Pastoral Centre which provides parish offices, meeting rooms, hall and kitchen facilities. There are three other churches within the parish, at Olivers Battery, Alresford and Stockbridge. The parish operates through two priests, assisted by two deacons, a small team of staff, and supplemented by volunteer ministries. It is one of the largest parishes in the Diocese with a substantial budget.

In addition to Xero accounting software which has recently been rolled out across the diocese, the parish is looking to fully implement ChurchSuite software to help organise and manage many aspects of parish life.

For a full job description and person specification, plus details of how to apply, please contact:

recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk