

# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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## Sunday 21st January 2024

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Year B, Psalter Week III*

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

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
Mon 22nd	12 noon	SB	Mass: John Daly RIP
Tues 23rd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Janet Almond
	1.15 pm		Crematorium Tony Rhodes RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 24th			<b>St Francis de Sales, Bishop, memorial</b>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Vivien Stefanio RIP
	11.30 am	HG	Funeral Service for Assunta Roe RIP
Thur 25th			<b>THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, feast</b>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention
			<i>Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity ends</i>
Fri 26th			<b>St Timothy, Bishop &amp; St Titus, Bishop, memorial</b>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Richenda Power & Family
Sat 27th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Tom, Alisa Brennan

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Year B, Psalter Week IV*

Sun 28th Jan	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Budzynski-Seymour Family
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Nora Walladge RIP

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#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In our second reading, Paul reminds the people of Corinth “time is growing short”. Paul’s language is dramatic and can even appear cruel and outrageous, especially when he suggests that those who have wives should live as though they had none: and those who are mourning should live as though they had nothing for which they should mourn. This dramatic language is because Paul felt the second coming of Christ was imminent and he wanted to shock his fellow Christians into following a more Gospel way of life. The call to Simon, Andrew, James and John and their response is no less striking. They are going about their ordinary work, casting their nets into the lake, or, in the case of James and John mending their nets in preparation for fishing. Jesus calls His new disciples to believe in the Good News. In fact, Jesus is the Good News, and He is calling them and us to believe in Him and all that His Kingdom stands for. As was true in the life of the disciples, Jesus comes to each one of us in our ordinary lives. If, as St Paul says in today’s reading, we are “engrossed in the world”, we can be blinded to Christ’s presence in the day-to-day events of our lives.

*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.

## PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM - THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY

This will be a two day trip departing from Basingstoke by coach early on Friday 31st May and returning early evening on Saturday 1st June. The estimated cost is £250 (depending on final numbers) to include the coach plus half board in a 3 star hotel. To register your interest please email Susan Beard: [ssusanbeard@gmail.com](mailto:ssusanbeard@gmail.com). Susan will be holding a meeting in St Bede's Church hall on Saturday 27th January to outline the itinerary.

## FIRE SAFETY - VOTIVE CANDLES

Please only use the votive candles at the statue of Our Lady that are provided and do not bring your own candles. For fire safety reasons we must use candles with a reduced burn time. Thank you for your cooperation.

## AFTERNOON TEA

The next 'Afternoon Tea' will take place via Zoom on Sunday 28th January at 3pm. For joining details please email [stbedesocial@gmail.com](mailto:stbedesocial@gmail.com). All are welcome.

## NO GREATER LOVE: A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH CHRIST'S PASSION

We often hear about Jesus' passion and death, but imagine experiencing them for the very first time. In *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion*, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on His journey from His agony in the garden to His crucifixion on Calvary. Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with Him today. No Greater Love is a five-part Bible study program that will begin this Lent on Monday evenings from 7.30 to 9 pm starting on Monday 19th February. For more information and to register, follow this link: [No Greater Love - Course Registration \(google.com\)](#)

## INVITATION TO SYMPOSIUM ON HEALTH-CARE ETHICS

The Diocese has organised an exciting Symposium and discussion day on medical and health-care ethics 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. Start of life and end of life questions are always in the news these days, together with issues to do with gender and mental health. All these raise the deeper question about what it means to be a human person. The Symposium is called "What does it mean to be human?" and features presentations from well-known experts, led by the popular motivational speaker and presenter, David Wells. Tickets cost £20, including sandwiches and refreshments, and are available via Eventbrite: [What does it mean to be Human? Medical Ethics and Social Care Today Tickets, Sat 16 Mar 2024 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#) It promises to be a fascinating day.

## 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."

## CATHEDRAL SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend is for the Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Mother Church of the Diocese. 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.

## COME AND WATCH WITH ME

Visiting Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is one of the Six Holy Habits. Come and join us next Tuesday evening, 23rd January, beginning at 7.30pm for a Holy Hour.

The Six Holy Habits:

- Spending five minutes a day in prayer
- Attending Mass on Sunday
- Keeping Friday as a day of penance
- Paying a fortnightly visit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament
- Going to confession once a month
- Joining a small group for formation, prayer and fellowship

Fr John would like to know something of your experience of the Six Holy Habits. How has your life been enriched? Where have you experienced renewal and change? Fr John would like to hear from you, either email him, call him, or talk to him after Mass.

## FUNERALS

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. Requiem for Ellen Fagan RIP at St. Joseph's Church on Friday 16th February at 1 pm. May they Rest in Peace. We remember their family and friends at this sad time.

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 27th January is International World Leprosy Day. Today 600 people will be diagnosed with leprosy, more than 50 of these will be children. Over 7 million people are currently affected by leprosy across world. Whilst curable, many people are unable to access treatment. Lepra works to find, treat and rehabilitate these hidden people and promote their rights in India, Bangladesh and Zimbabwe. The second collection next weekend will be for Lepra.

## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for weeks ending 14th January amounted to £2,426.60. 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.

