

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 7th January 2024

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Year B, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 7th Jan	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Lydie, Peter Cheedalee RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Marie Muller RIP
Mon 8th	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, feast		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Susan Vanni RIP
Tues 9th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Heather Miller RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 10th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: William Denis Castelino RIP
	11.30 am	SB	Funeral Service for Deborah Froud RIP
Thur 11th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Pat Farrelly RIP, Harold & Eileen White RIP
Fri 12th	St Aelred, Abbot, optional memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Joanna O'Hanlan <i>St Bede's School will be joining us for Mass</i>
Sat 13th	St Hilary, Bishop, optional memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Catherine Luck

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week II

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Magi bearing their gifts have followed the star that appeared as a mysterious sign in the night sky. They travelled from the East over mountain and desert. In their longing to understand the meaning of this twinkling light, they persevered on their hard journey through very long, cold nights and short days. Tiredness and weariness must have been part of their wintry journey. They enter the house of the Holy Family where they see the Child with His mother Mary and protector Joseph. Their house has the welcome and warmth of a home that is full of love. They are offered hospitality in the Eastern custom. They bow low and offer their gifts to the innocent and fragile Child. They pay homage to the new King. They see both a baby and a King. There is a poverty in the simple scene but also a richness, because the presence of the Christ Child fills the whole room. They recognise Him as their God. As we move into the New Year, let us choose to do something to deepen our faith and love this new year.

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.

THANK YOU

Fr John, Fr Jean-Patrice and Deacon Tony would like to say a sincere 'thank you' to everyone for the many cards, gifts and good wishes they received over the Christmas period.

HOLY HOUR

Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at St Bede's Church on Tuesday 9th January from 7.30pm until 8.30pm.

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.

ST BEDE'S KNEELER GROUP

St Bede's Kneeler Group meeting on Saturday 13th January in Church hall at 1.30pm. New members welcome. If you have wondered how these kneelers are created do come along and join us for tea and cake.

CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in your local Catholic schools by delivering an assembly or a workshop? Supported by CAFOD with training and all resources provided please consider the role of CAFOD school volunteer. For more information contact Jo Lewry jlewy@cafod.org.uk or phone 07710 094447. This year we will be celebrating on the Year of Prayer as we look towards the Year of Jubilee. We'll share more in the coming months but please do get in touch if you have any ideas for how we can work together to mark the Year of Prayer and the Year of Jubilee. We have published our Annual Report which can be found on our website. It contains features on our core values; hope, dignity, compassion and solidarity along with a summary of our income and expenditure, an update of our key commitments and stories from our work around the world and here in England and Wales.

VOCATIONS

"For out of you shall come forth a ruler who will shepherd My people." Is Christ calling you forth out of your comfort zone to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, or priest? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke on 01329 318 869 or vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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. All are welcome.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

If you are going into hospital please let the Parish Office know so that we can a visit from the Chaplain.

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."

TEA/COFFEE

There will be tea/coffee in the hall after 9am and 11am Masses this Sunday, 7th January.

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](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/what-does-it-mean-to-be-human-medical-ethics-and-social-care-today-tickets-75848412111)

SUB TUUM PRAESIDIUM

During Mass on New Year's Day, Fr John in his homily referenced the oldest prayer to Our Lady. As a reminder, here is the English translation of this important and historic witness to the devotion of Christians to Our Lady;

*We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Despise not our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from all dangers,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

ANANIAS ACCOMPANIMENT COURSES

Liza Nahajski invites you to sign up for the next 5 week Ananias Accompaniment Courses running online from Wednesday 17th January 2024 from 7-9pm. Learn about accompaniment, the journey into a more fulfilling relationship with Jesus, and how this can help us to sensitively accompany others on their journey. Please contact Liza if you would like to join this course: lnahajski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

FUNERALS

Funeral Service at St. Bede's Church on Wednesday 10th January at 11.30 am for Deborah Froud RIP. 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 31st December amounted to £2,256.10. 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](https://www.giveandlive.com/donate-to-basingstoke-st-bede-s-church) or via our contactless terminal by the hall.

