

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 1st December 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year C, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 1st Dec	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Ned Fagan, Maureen McCauley RIP (Fond)
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Goder & Sauleek Families (Fond)
Mon 2nd	12 noon	SB	Mass: Holy Souls
Tues 3rd			St Francis Xavier , Priest, <i>memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Charles Armstrong RIP (Fond)
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 4th			St John Damascene , Priest, <i>optional memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: 40th Anniversary to the Priesthood (Diocesan Priests)
Thur 5th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Hynes Family
Fri 6th			St Nicholas , Bishop, <i>optional memorial</i>
	9.30 am	HG	Mass: Carmel Harding RIP <i>(Please note that Mass will be celebrated at Holy Ghost)</i>
Sat 7th			St Ambrose , Bishop, <i>memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Jo Brown RIP <i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year C, Psalter Week II

Sun 8th Dec	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Murphy Family
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Vocations

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Paul seeks to inspire the Thessalonians to follow his example of love, loving each other and loving the whole of humanity. This, he explains, is so that they will be prepared for the return of the Lord. Paul has taken the teaching of Jesus to heart and urges attentiveness so that they will be ready to meet their Lord. The community of believers Paul is addressing are already living an authentic Christian life and he encourages them to continue to progress in that life. What can we do to prepare ourselves to meet the Lord? We are attentive to His presence, looking for Him where He is to be found. We begin with where are we now: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I will be in their midst" says Jesus - so He is here amongst us today; our attentiveness to each other is acknowledging Him, being attentive to Him. Being attentive to the Lord, we will be prepared and able to stand with confidence before the Son of Man when He returns in glory.

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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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



CHRISTMAS EVE (24th December)

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

CHRISTMAS DAY (25th December)

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

No Evening Mass

ST STEPHEN'S DAY (26th December)

10.00 am SB In Thanksgiving for our Altar Servers

NEW LECTIONARY

As well as being the first Sunday of Advent, and the start of the new liturgical year, it is also the first time in over forty years that we begin using a new translation of the Holy Scriptures at Mass - the English Standard Version: Catholic Edition. You can find Sunday's Mass readings here:

[Universalis: Mass](#)

TEAS AND COFFEE

During Advent on a Thursday morning after the 9.30 am Mass, teas and coffee will be served in the hall. Please take this opportunity to catch up with other parishioners.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT BASINGSTOKE HOSPITAL

There will be Christmas Carols around the wards at Basingstoke Hospital on Wednesday 18th December, starting at 5.45 pm meeting at the Hospital Chapel. If anyone would like to join in please meet at the Chapel at 5.45 pm.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT BASINGSTOKE HOSPITAL

Deacon Tony Darroch will be taking Holy Communion to patients on Christmas Day between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm. If you are working in the hospital on Christmas Day, Holy Communion will be available to you also. Please make yourself known to Deacon Tony and which ward you will be working on. To help with planning, would staff who wish to receive Holy Communion please contact Deacon Tony by Friday 20th December at the latest via email to:

adarroch@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The next Baptism Preparation sessions will be held on Sunday 19th and Sunday 26th January 2025. For more information or to register please send an email to:

baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

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



PASTORAL AREA ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Our Pastoral Area Advent Penitential Service will take place at St Joseph's Church on Sunday 15th December from 2 - 4 pm.

POPE FRANCIS DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

During December Pope Francis asks us to pray for pilgrims of hope. *We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.*

LAS POSADAS 2024

Las Posadas, which means 'the inns' is a South American tradition, beginning 9 days before Christmas, representing the 9 months of Mary's pregnancy. We need 9 volunteers to host the statue. If you'd like to be involved, please contact Pam Darroch: 07883 059 529 or email:

pdarroch@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

There will be an Altar Server training session on Saturday 14th December from 11 am to 1 pm. If you are due to receive a medal please can you try to attend. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

ST. BEDE'S SCHOOL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Fr John will be available on Tuesday 10th December between 10.30 am – 11.30 am, and Saturday 4th January 2025 between 10.30 – 11.15 am in the hall to sign forms. Please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Form.

ST BEDE'S CHURCH

It is 18 years since Mgr Canon Vincent Harvey celebrated the first Mass here at St. Bede's Church on Sat 2nd December. We thank God for this beautiful Church, for all the Priests who have celebrated Mass here, for our present Parish Priest Fr John, for our parishioners, past and present.

Let us use the simplicity of the Church and how it draws us 'In together' to help us journey through this Advent as never before... St Bede Pray for Us.



CAFOD CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets will be on sale at all Masses on Sunday 24th November and Sunday 1st December. It will be drawn after the 11am Mass on Sunday 8th December. Thank you.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 24th November amounted to £2,432.46. 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.