

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 24th November 2024

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Year B, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 24th Nov	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Edward & James O'Brien
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Michaela Waterfield RIP
	2.00 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 25th			St Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr, optional memorial
	12 noon	SB	Funeral Mass for Gerald McElroy RIP
Tues 26th	9.30 am	HG	Mass: In Thanksgiving <i>(Please note Mass will be celebrated at Holy Ghost)</i>
Wed 27th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Murphy Family
Thur 28th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Mary Nelson RIP
Fri 29th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Lloyd Family
Sat 30th			ST ANDREW, Apostle, feast
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Betty Lawlor RIP <i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year B, Psalter Week I

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)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The image of what it is to be a king, to be "royal", could not be in starker contrast to the man mockingly called "the King of the Jews" in today's Gospel: Jesus Christ. How could it be that a King spent half His life wandering from town to town, with nowhere to lay His head, never mind owning a palace; who wasn't respected by political and religious leaders, but was despised by them; who, instead of being a pillar of the establishment, upset the establishment so much they had Him crucified between two thieves? In today's Gospel, Jesus is mercilessly mocked as "King of the Jews", a title given to Jesus by Pontius Pilate as a way of poking fun at Jewish leaders. The irony is that not only is He "King of the Jews", but Lord of all creation. Jesus' idea of kingship and kingdoms subverts our conventional understanding of these terms: His understanding of them has nothing to do with power - He spent His life avoiding that. It's not about being superior or having immense wealth but, rather, about being of service to our neighbour, putting him or her first whenever necessary. Jesus' Kingdom doesn't consist of vast swathes of countryside where peace and justice reign. It's a Kingdom for the oppressed, the underprivileged, those without power.

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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.

ASSISTED DYING BILL

On Friday 29th November there will be a Second Reading of the Bill in parliament. Please pray a rosary on this day for the demise of the Bill.

DRAINAGE WORKS

Following the recent CCTV drainage survey, work will take place on Tuesday 26th November and Friday 6th December to remedy some maintenance issues that were identified. The car park will not be available on these days and Mass will be celebrated at Holy Ghost. Whilst we can be sure that St Bede's drainage system is working as it should be, it has also been independently confirmed that more soakaway capacity is needed to support the existing infrastructure. Work will now focus on developing a solution for this.

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.

VOTIVE CANDLES AND SAND

For some weeks now, people are bringing in their own candles to light in the candle stand. Due to fire safety we ask that you do not bring your own candles. Only use the candles provided. Also, there has been a lot of sand spilt over the floor by the candle stand. This makes the floor very slippery and we are fortunate that no one has had an accident yet. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILDREN DO NOT USE THE CANDLE SAND PIT AS A PLAY THING.

MASS INTENTIONS

We have no Mass Intentions left for 2024, the earliest Mass Intentions we have available are from Mid February 2025. When we receive requests for Mass Intentions, we try desperately to honour that request, however, it is not always possible to do so. We ask you to please be respectful and understand that we try our very best to accommodate.

CARE FOR CALAIS

Asylum seekers living in the camps in Calais are facing regular harassment from the French authorities confiscating their tents and sleeping bags, which makes life particularly difficult, especially as we move further into the winter months. A local van regularly takes donated items to Calais. Do you have a spare tent, sleeping bag or maybe a warm coat that you don't need anymore that you could donate? Contact Pat Murphy 07785 12486 or pfm1906@aol.com.

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 17th November amounted to £2,409.05. Thank you for your generosity.

POPE FRANCIS NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

During November Pope Francis asks us to pray for anyone who has lost a child. *We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.*

LAS POSADAS 2024

Las Posadas, which means 'the inns' is a South American tradition, beginning 9 days before Christmas. This year, it will begin on 16th Dec ending on 24th Dec with the statue returning to the church for mid-night Mass. All you need to do is volunteer to cover one of the dates and be prepared to collect/receive the statue, host your own evening and then pass everything on to the next person. If you'd like to be involved, please contact Pam Darroch: pdarroch@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or 07883 059 529. It would be wonderful to start this tradition in our parish.

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.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding Training will take place on 30th November at St Bede's Church Hall from 10.00 until 3.30pm. Child Protection 10 am – 12.30 pm: Working with Adults with Risk 1 pm – 3.30 pm. It is a Diocesan requirement that every three years training is undertaken. Anyone working with children or vulnerable adults should attend the safeguarding training. Please register online, information is on St Bede's noticeboard. If you have problems registering send an email with your name and the session you will be attending to: safeguarding@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk and I will inform the Diocese. If you are attending both sessions, please bring a packed lunch. Thanking you all in advance.

ST. BEDE'S SCHOOL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

BAPTISM

Congratulations and welcome to baby Rosie Nancy May Mortimer who will be baptised during the 11 am Mass this weekend.

FUNERAL

Funeral Mass on Monday 25th November at 12 noon at St. Bede's Church for Gerard McElroy RIP. May he Rest in Peace.



GIFT SALE AND RAFFLE LAST WEEKEND

Barbara and Joy on behalf of the charity, Hampshire and Hoima Hospitals, would like to thank everyone who bought raffle tickets, donated their gifts for sale and those who bought them. It was a great success and the £1,105 raised will go a very long way in Hoima, Uganda.