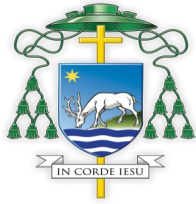


THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 15th December 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 'Gaudete'

Year C, Psalter Week III

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 15th Dec	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Breda Corr RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: John Reid RIP
Mon 16th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Maureen Hanafee RIP (Fond)
Tues 17th	Liturgy of the Day ['O Wisdom']		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Audrey Campbell RIP
Wed 18th	Liturgy of the Day ['O Adonai']		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Cicily, Jacob Peter RIP
Thur 19th	Liturgy of the Day ['O Root of Jesse']		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Ago & Mahdavi Families
	6.00 pm	SB	St Bede's School Carol Service
Fri 20th	Liturgy of the Day ['O Key of David']		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Doug & Gillian Sims RIP <i>St Bede's School will be joining us for Mass</i>
Sat 21st	Liturgy of the Day ['O Morning Star']		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Simon de Mars RIP <i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year C, Psalter Week IV

Sun 22nd Dec	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Oscar Herman Dover RIP (Fond)
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Henrietta Vanni RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In the Gospel we find another prophet is not only foretelling the great day of rejoicing but also describing the process which must be undertaken before the day of rejoicing can take place. John the Baptist calls the people to change heart. He tells them that they must put right their wrongs so that those who are sad through poverty, injustice or persecution may also be able to rejoice. It is this change of heart: the rectifying of wrongs, poverty, injustice and persecution which is a painful process, the challenge which is given by John the Baptist. This is the process which will enable all to rejoice. Today, the third Sunday of Advent, is given the title "Gaudete", a Latin word which means "rejoice". On this Sunday everyone is called to renew this process which enables everyone to rejoice, to be joyous. Today we recall and renew this process of preparation and in so doing we are renewing our commitment to Christian life. We are called to bring joy to those around us and especially to those for whom life is filled with sadness and pain.

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.

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
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FUNERALS

Funeral Service for Elizabeth Kelly RIP on Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 12.30 pm in St. Bede's Church. Funeral Service for Paul O'Boyle RIP at Basingstoke Crematorium on Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 1.15 pm. May they rest in Peace.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT BASINGSTOKE HOSPITAL

There will be Christmas Carols around the wards at Basingstoke Hospital on Wednesday 18th December at 6.00 pm in the Chapel and 6.30 pm on the wards.

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. 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

PRAYERS

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish during this time, we remember also those who care for them.

ENGAGED COUPLES OF OUR DIOCESE

On Saturday morning, 8th February 2025, Bishop Philip is going to mark Valentine's Day by inviting all the engaged couples of our Diocese – those being married in a church either here or abroad – to come together for a Valentine's Day Breakfast at the Cathedral. Please pray for all those getting married in our Diocese over the months ahead, for all married couples, and all our families. For now save the date and more details will follow in the new year.

GAUDETE SUNDAY

The third Sunday in Advent is also called "Gaudete Sunday". This is because the opening antiphon in the Roman Missal for this Sunday begins with the words "Gaudete in Domino semper" meaning "Rejoice in the Lord always". On this day the rose candle on the wreath is lit signifying we are in the second half of Advent. Today the priest wears rose (or pink) vestments.

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to Lizzy Long who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during 9.00 am Mass this Sunday.



SEMINARIAN PLACEMENT - OWEN DUGAN

Owen is one of our seminarians who is studying for the Priesthood at St Mary's College, Oscott. Owen will be joining us here at St Bede's in January for his pastoral placement. We extend a very warm Basingstoke welcome to Owen. We hope he enjoys his time with us.

HOLY GHOST CHURCH, SHERBORNE ROAD

Holy Ghost Church is much loved by many of our parishioners and so many others. At the present time Masses are celebrated at Holy Ghost by arrangement, say, for weddings and funerals. Fr John would like to explore how we might be able to make better use of Holy Ghost Church in order to meet current pastoral needs. As a first step Fr John would like to form a group called 'Friends of Holy Ghost Church'. Are you interested in becoming a member of such a group? Please get in touch with Fr John OR the Parish Office.



CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Christmas Offerings given at the Vigil and Christmas Day Masses are your opportunity for a personal gift to Fr John and Fr Paul. This forms a large proportion of their annual income. You can donate online at: [Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth are fundraising for Basingstoke St Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate](#) or via our contactless device. Many thanks.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

There will be a second collection next Sunday 22nd December for our Christmas Flowers.

ST BEDE'S 'HOLY DUSTERS'

During the course of the year, the 'Holy Dusters' clean the church and complex every fortnight. If you have an hour to spare on Thursday 19th December after the 9.30 am Mass, please come and help with the cleaning, it would be much appreciated.

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.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 8th December amounted to £2,527.45. Thank you for your generosity.