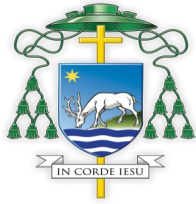


# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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**Sunday 22nd December 2024**

**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

**Mon 23rd** 12 noon SB Mass: Dec Mbrs Ormonde Family RIP

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**Tuesday 24th December - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

5.30 pm SB Carols  
6.00 pm SB Vigil Mass  
9.30 pm SB Carols  
10.00 pm SB Mass during the Night

**Wednesday 25th December - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

8.00 am SB Mass at Dawn  
10.00 am SB Mass during the Day  
*No evening Mass*

**Thursday 26th December - ST STEPHEN'S DAY**

10.00 am SB Int. Altar Servers

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**Fri 27th** **ST JOHN**, Apostle, Evangelist, *feast*  
9.30 am SB Mass: Peter Brown RIP

**Sat 28th** **THE HOLY INNOCENTS**, *feast*  
9.30 am SB Mass: Jim, Margaret Darroch RIP,  
William, Peggy Agnew RIP

**THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

*Year C, Psalter Week I*

**Sun 29th Dec** 9.00 am SB Mass: Martin Cleary RIP  
11.00 am SB Mass: People of the Parish  
6.00 pm SB Mass: Dec Mbrs Holy Ghost Parish

**Mon 30th** 12 noon SB Mass: Int. Margaret, John Long

**Tues 31st** 9.30 am SB Mass: Reg Smart RIP

**Wed 1st** **MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**, *solemnity*  
9.30 am SB Mass: In thanksgiving

**Thur 2nd** **Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**, *memorial*  
9.30 am SB Mass: Louis, Tony Harper RIP

**Fri 3rd** 9.30 am SB Mass: Int. St Bede's 'Holy Dusters'

**Sat 4th** 9.30 am SB Mass: Mary Nelson RIP

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

*Year C, Psalter Week II*

**Sun 5th Jan** 9.00 am SB Mass: Nancy O'Neill RIP (Fond)  
11.00 am SB Mass: Pat Rodgers RIP  
2.30 pm SB Syro Malabar Rite  
6.00 pm SB Mass: People of the Parish



## CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors who join us over the Christmas Season whilst visiting family and friends. We also welcome all who join us for our Liturgies live-streamed via our webcam at: [www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](http://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)

## THANK YOU

Fr John, Fr Paul, Dea Tony and the Parish Team wish to express gratitude to everyone who contributed their time and talents in preparing the Church for Advent and Christmas. From Musicians and Singers, to Cleaners, Flower Arrangers, those who plan our Liturgies, Crib and Christmas tree builders, not forgetting Altar Servers. A big 'thank you' also to all our Ministers who bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. May Christ the Saviour whose coming we now celebrate, Bless You and all your Loved Ones, now and in the New Year ahead. Thank you also for your many cards and gifts which are being enjoyed.

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

During the Christmas period there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass. We will resume on Monday 6th January.

## CRIB OFFERINGS



The Christmas Crib Offerings during Christmastide are for Christian Communities in the Holy Land, via the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. The Holy Land is a very troubled area of the Middle East and Christians are very appreciative of our support and prayer. Christians in the Holy Land including Bethlehem, are experiencing extreme difficulties and dangers of peace and stability and the absence of justice at this time.

## ST BEDE'S SCHOOL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Fr John will be available on Saturday 4th January 2025 between 10.30 am - 11.15 am to sign forms. No need to make an appointment, just turn up. Please remember to bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

There will be a second collection after all Masses this Sunday, 22nd December for Christmas Flowers.

## COME TO WORK IN OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Are you a Catholic currently teaching in a non-Catholic school? Have you considered applying for a post in one of our schools but are unsure how they are different? Find out the answers to these questions and others you may have by attending our online webinar, 'Come to work in our Catholic schools', presented by our Diocesan Director for Education, Catherine Hobbs and our Diocesan Schools Support Officer, Robert Dare. The webinar is being held on **Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 7pm**, and will last approximately one hour. See the latest e-News for more details.

## CAFOD CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Thank you for your support for the CAFOD Christmas Raffle which has raised £311 for CAFOD. All the winners have been informed.

## 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.

## THE CHRISTMAS OCTAVE

The Christmas Octave is rich with a variety of celebrations of Saints. May all these holy men and women guide us and pray for us during this Christmas week.

## 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 is a major source of their annual income. You can donate online at: [Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](http://CatholicDioceseofPortsmouth.org.uk) are fundraising for Basingstoke St Bede's Church | [Give as you Live Donate](http://GiveasYouLiveDonate.org.uk) or via our contactless device by the hall which has a Christmas Collection option.

## 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](mailto:baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)

## 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. Funeral Service for Adrian Emerson RIP on Friday 17th January at 11 am in St. Bede's Church. We remember their families and friends at this sad time. May they Rest in Peace.

## DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

The easiest way to make a donation to the Parish is online at: [Donate to Basingstoke St Bede's Church](http://DonateToBasingstokeStBedeChurch.org.uk) | [Give as you Live Donate](http://GiveasYouLiveDonate.org.uk) or via our contactless terminal by the hall.

## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 15th December amounted to £3,217.25. Thank you for your generosity.

## AND FINALLY ...

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 23rd December and will reopen on Monday 6th January 2025. **Christmas Blessing to you all.**

