

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 8th December 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year C, Psalter Week II

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

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
Mon 9th	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, solemnity		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Liddell Family (Fond)
Tues 10th	Our Lady of Loreto, optional memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Yvonne Grasso RIP
Wed 11th	St Damasus I, Pope, optional memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Yvonne Treadgold RIP
Thur 12th	Our Lady of Guadalupe, optional memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Tom Davidson 80th Birthday
Fri 13th	St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr, memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: John Patrick Foran RIP
Sat 14th	St John of the Cross, Religious, memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Marie Payne RIP (Fond)
	<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>		

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 'Gaudete'

Year C, Psalter Week III

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

St Paul's address to the Philippians immediately picks up on the theme of joy. He says that whenever he prays for his listeners he prays with joy because he remembers how open they have been to the message he preached to them and how eager they have been to spread the Good News. His prayer for them now is that their love for each other may increase more and more so that they will eventually reach the stage of perfect goodness. In both the Gospel and the first reading the image of this new state of joy is conveyed through the image of the flattening of the mountains and the filling in of the valleys. For nature lovers this might not sound like the best of ideas, but for those struggling to make a living in rugged terrain it is an image of resolving their struggles to make a living. St John, in preparing the way for the coming of Jesus, proclaims nothing can stand in His way. His powerful presence can overcome all obstacles. "A voice cries in the wilderness; prepare a way for the Lord."

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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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.

KSC MASS FOR DECEASED BROTHERS

The Knights of St Columba are celebrating a Mass for Deceased Brothers and family members at Sacred Heart Church, Hook at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 10th December followed by a 'Bring and Share' and singing of carols in the church hall. *All parishioners are invited and will be most welcome to join us.*

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. Refreshments will be provided

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

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 1st December amounted to £3,049.05. Thank you for your generosity.

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.*

OBLIGATION

Catholics are under obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation. Some have asked whether a Christmas Eve Mass fulfils the Christmas Day Mass, and the answer is 'YES' it does.

BAPTISMAL FONT

It has been brought to our attention that during the 6 pm Mass last Sunday, children were left unsupervised playing with the water in the Baptismal Font. Please supervise children at all times when visiting the church, this is not a 'play area' and we do not want any accidents.

BASINGSTOKE FOODBANK MONTHLY APPEAL

The Foodbank is very grateful for the extra donations that were made after its recent appeal. This month the Foodbank are appealing for these items of food:

- Tinned Veg, Meat, Tomatoes, Spaghetti / Ravioli
- Rice pudding, hot & cold desserts, custard, Long Life Milk
- Jams, Marmalade, Savoury spreads (E.g. Marmite)

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

NIGHT LIGHT WINTER SHELTER

The Winter Shelter, which provides a hot meal and somewhere to sleep for people living rough in the town, opened its doors on 1st December. The shelter, provided in a different church hall every night, operates until 28th February 2025. Many parishioners from across our Pastoral Area are actively involved within the shelter. Please pray for the wellbeing and safety of guests and volunteers alike. If you could help support the shelter by offering to do laundry or cooking a meal at home, please contact Pat Murphy on 07785312486.

BASINGSTOKE CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

The Community Furniture Project will be hosting the Basingstoke Christmas Toy appeal this year. During the festive period, thousands of families struggle as they choose between buying presents or paying bills. As a result, many children in our area receive no gifts. If you are able, please donate a gift, wrap it up, giving the age of the person you wish to donate a gift to, and take it to Tesco in Chineham.

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.

