

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 14th December 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 'Gaudete'

Year A, Psalter Week III

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 14th Dec	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Marie Payne RIP (Fond)
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: John Reid RIP
Mon 15th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Gerardo Silano RIP
Tues 16th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Maura Hanafée RIP (Fond)
Wed 17th	Liturgy of the Day 'O Wisdom'		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Herman & Anna, 20th Wedding Anniversary
Thurs 18th	Liturgy of the Day 'O Adonai'		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Anne & Paddy Byrne RIP
Fri 19th	Liturgy of the Day 'O Root of Jesse'		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Salvatore Ago RIP
	11.00 am	HG	Funeral Mass Peggy Gould RIP
	7.00 pm	SJ	Pastoral Area Penitential Service (St Joseph's Church)
Sat 20th	Liturgy of the Day 'O Key of David'		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Gloria, Edward, 30th Wedding Anniversary
<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>			

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year A, Psalter Week IV

Sun 21st Dec	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Tony & Ron Rhodes RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Simon de Mars RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The spirit of our culture is always to keep calm and carry on, but this is not the spirit of the Gospel. The Advent message is hope, and the Gospel this Gaudete Sunday invites us all to stop in the midst of the busy-ness and conflicting pre-Christmas emotions, and to listen to Jesus and to the witness of His messenger, the last of the great prophets, John the Baptist. John has pointed to the Saviour and now, even from his prison cell, he yearns to reveal who He truly is: someone who is not as we may have expected. Instead, our Saviour is a God who, in human form, will humble Himself when He comes again. His power and glory will be displayed on the side of the weakest, as He himself is baptised by John, the one who is the very least in the kingdom. We hear the gentle voice of this God getting louder and more persistent as we move through these Advent scriptures. We are summoned to prepare for the Lord to come into our wilderness again, to meet us where we are.

Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to any visitors who join us for Mass. Welcome also to all who join us for our Liturgies live-streamed via our webcam: www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

CHRISTMAS 2025

CHRISTMAS EVE (24th December)

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



CHRISTMAS DAY (25th December)

12.15 am	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
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	Int. Altar Servers
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HOLY COMMUNION AT BASINGTOKE HOSPITAL

Deacon Tony will be taking Holy Communion to Basingstoke Hospital on Christmas morning. The hospital will provide him the names and locations of all of the Catholic patients known to them. If you or a loved one is going into hospital, please make sure that the Chaplaincy Team are notified. If you are a member of staff who is working on Christmas Day, please email: adarroch@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by Monday 22nd December, confirming where in the hospital you will be located and Deacon Tony will find you.

CAROLS ON THE WARDS



Carols on the Wards at Basingstoke Hospital will take place on Wednesday 17th December. All those who would like to take part are invited to meet at the Chapel in the hospital at 6 pm. Refreshments will be available afterwards.

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The next Baptism preparation sessions will be at 1pm on Sunday 11th and Sunday 18th January 2026 in St Bede's hall. For more information or to register please send an email to: baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

ST BEDE'S SCHOOL FORMS

Fr Paul will sign Supplementary Information Forms on Saturday 3rd January 2026 between 11 am and 12 noon in the Parish Hall. Please remember to bring a copy of your child's Baptismal form with you!!

CHURCH CLEANING



We wish to thank 'St Bede's Holy Dusters' who turn up fortnightly throughout the year to clean St. Bede's Church. The 'big clean' for Christmas will be on Thursday 18th December after the 9.30 am Mass. If you are available, please come along and help, it will be much appreciated

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT REFLECTION

Matthew 11:2-11 "Are you the one who is to come?"

Reflect: Look for Christ among the overlooked, in every creature, and in the human heart.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for volunteers who would be prepared to assist with fire safety, and/or anyone who has experience of managing fire safety in the workplace who would be prepared to offer support to the Parish. Please make yourself known to Fr John.

PASTORAL AREA PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Our Pastoral Area Penitential Service is on Friday 19th December at 7 pm, and will take place in St. Joseph's Church. All are most welcome to attend.

CHOCOLATE TUBS FOR MACMILLAN CANCER RESEARCH

Please bring in any empty sweet tubs you have this Christmas (Quality Street, Heroes, Roses etc). These will be collected by Deacon Tony, and passed on to be recycled and proceeds donated to MacMillan Cancer Research.

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: [Basingstoke St Bede's Church Christmas Collection - fundraising for Basingstoke St Bede's Church](https://www.basingstoke-st-bede.org.uk/fundraising-for-basingstoke-st-bede-s-church) | [Give as you Live Donate](https://www.basingstoke-st-bede.org.uk/fundraising-for-basingstoke-st-bede-s-church) or via our contactless device. Many thanks.

FLOWER COLLECTION

There will be a second collection this Sunday at all Masses for our Christmas Flowers. We owe a sincere thanks of gratitude to our 'Flower Ladies' who provide beautiful flower arrangements all year round. Thank you.

POINSETTIA

If you would like to donate a Poinsettia in memory of a 'loved one' to the Parish to help decorate our church, please bring them to St Bede's Church on Sunday 21st December.



FUNERAL

Funeral Mass for Peggy Gould RIP on Friday 19th December at 11 am in Holy Ghost Church. We remember Peggy's family and friends at this sad time. May she Rest in Peace.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Parish Collection for week ending 7th December amounted to £3,176.22. Hampshire & Hoima Hospitals charity would like to thank everyone who gave very generously to the raffle and sale which raised £870! All money raised will go directly to the needs of patients at Hoima Hospital in Uganda. Thank you very much for your generous support.

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

The easiest way to make a donation to the Parish is via Standing Order/Bank Transfer, online at: [Donate to Basingstoke St Bede's Church](https://www.basingstoke-st-bede.org.uk/fundraising-for-basingstoke-st-bede-s-church) | [Give as you Live Donate](https://www.basingstoke-st-bede.org.uk/fundraising-for-basingstoke-st-bede-s-church) or using our contactless device by the Hall.