THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 29th November 2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Year B, Psalter Week 1
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses

Sun 29th	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Michaela Waterfield RIP
	12.30 pm	SB	Baptism with Fr John
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Vera & Antonin Svoboda RIP
Mon 30th	**St Andrew,** Apostle, *feast*		
	12.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Joanna Laska
Tues 1st	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Goder & Sauleek Families (Fond)
Wed 2nd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. P Murphy & Family
Thurs 3rd	*There will be no 9.30 am Mass today*		
Fri 4th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Margaret Linda O'Mahoney RIP
Sat 5th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Murphy Family
	Confession after 9:30am Mass		

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Year B, Psalter Week 2

Sun 6th December	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Ned Fagan, Maureen McCauley RIP (Fond)
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	1.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Marta & Vladimir Plachy RIP

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ON THE WAY: LOOKING TOWARDS THE HORIZON

Advent begins with an invitation to watch, to listen and to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. It is a season of hope, reminding us that God is already at work, even when we cannot yet see where the journey will lead.

There is something of Advent in the journey of our five church communities.

Our Local Mission Plan asks an important question: What kind of parish is Christ calling us to become? Answering it requires more than good intentions. We need to listen, discern and have the courage to look beyond the immediate demands of today.

In early December, our new Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) begins its work. Its purpose is to help Fr John Lee and our clergy look towards the horizon, prayerfully discerning the opportunities, challenges and priorities that will shape our parish over the next three to five years.

The PPC will help hold our shared vision, while the Leadership Team and our ministries help bring it to life. Fr John, as Coordinating Pastor, retains responsibility for pastoral leadership.

But discernment is not reserved for councils or clergy. Every community has experiences, gifts and voices worth hearing.

Bartimaeus reminds us that everything begins by listening for Christ's call. As Advent begins, perhaps we might ask: What is Christ calling us to notice, to treasure and to prepare for?

Next week: Preparing the Way Together.

MASS INFORMATION

There is no longer Mass or Adoration on a Thursday at St Bede's. If you would like to attend Mass at St Joseph's, St Michael's Road, it is usually celebrated at 9:15am on a Thursday. Mass in St St Michael's in Tadley is usually celebrated on a Thursday at 9:30am. Please check their respective websites and newsletters for any changes to the Mass times.

There is no Mass at St Joseph's on Tuesday, 1st, Wednesday 2nd or Thursday 3rd next week.

FESTIVE CHARITY CONCERT

Celebrate the festive season with Basingstoke Choral Society at a special Christmas concert in support of local group **Forever Singing.**

Wednesday 9th December at 7:30pm, Queen Mary's College RG21 3HF

Tickets are £10 adults, £2.50 under 18s with a retiring collection held during the evening in aid of Forever Singing, available from **Basingstoke Choral Society**



CHARITY MASS AT ST BEDE'S

On Saturday 14th November, charities and parish projects from across the diocese joined together for the annual Charity Mass and networking event. It was a wonderful occasion with representatives from a wide variety of projects and charities but all with the one purpose of loving our neighbour.



You can read more about the event in the **Diocese of Portsmouth e-News.**

20th ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENIG OF ST BEDE'S CHURCH

On Wednesday 2nd December we celebrate the 20th anniversary since the first Mass was celebrated here at St Bede's. We give thanks to God for our beautiful church, for our parish priests past and present, and for all our parishioners. St Bede, pray for us. We pray most especially for all those who have died over the last 20 years. Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROJECT

Basingstoke Foodbank wants to support those who are unable to buy items to make Christmas special, unless they go without the necessities. You can help by donating essential food items or Christmas treats including mince pies, chocolates, tinned fruit or a Christmas pudding. Donations can be left at our collection point here at St Bede's, preferably by 1st December. See the **Foodbank website** for more information about the project.



REGISTRATION

If you are a volunteer, Altar Server, Reader or have any other role here at St Bede's you **must** be registered on ChurchSuite as a member of our Parish. If you haven't yet done so, please register as soon as possible, either **online** or request a paper form from Sue Riley in the office. It takes just a few minutes and would really help us. Thank you.

POPE LEO'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

This month Pope Leo asks us to pray for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father, that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, and help and strength in the faith during difficult times.





CHRISTMAS CARDS

One of our parishioners, Catherine, will again be selling hand painted Christmas cards after each Mass on Sunday 6th December.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 22nd November totalled £2,526.49 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits, Contactless and Mass Collections.

Thank you for your generosity to the **Priests' Retirement Fund**. Looking after our retired priests is an important way we can support our wider church family and we are grateful for your support. To find out more about the fund please visit: **Priests' Retirement Fund - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth**

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

The easiest way to donate to the Parish is via bank transfer **online** or via our contactless terminal by the hall.