

THE MESSENGER

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Confessions

Saturday evenings 5:15 - 5.45 pm.

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 Fr. Paul Leonard
 Sat 6 pm / Sun 10 am

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 Fr. Patrick Tansey, Deacon Anthony Cairns
 Sat 6 pm / Sun 9.30 am

St. John the Baptist, Andover 01264 352829
 Fr. Austin Gurr
 Sat 6 pm / Sun 10.30 am

Thought for the week

On this last Sunday of Ordinary Time for the liturgical year, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, at a time when the world was experiencing a rise of secularism, materialism and individualism, and an increasing denial of Christ's existence and authority.

The hope was that the establishment of this feast would accomplish three goals — that nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, that leaders and nations would see that they are required to give respect to Christ, the King of kings, and that the faithful would be strengthened and encouraged by the reminder that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills and bodies.

This feast is needed more than ever for all people and for us especially, as Christian stewards. It reminds us of three vital truths. First, even when it seems the world is spinning out of control, we need not fear because we have a King of kings who is very much in charge and who is loving, merciful and just. Second, if Christ is king of all, then He is also king of me, personally. I am not "lord" of my time, talents, and treasure. He is. I am a servant of the King and a steward of His gifts to me. Third, as His disciple, I am called to imitate my King. Christ's kingship is characterized by humble service, by emptying Himself for the good of others, The Scriptures tell us He went about doing good and He says of Himself, "I came not to be served but to serve." How can I live in any other way than as a humble servant like my King?

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Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - 25 November

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It is you who say that I am a king

Sat 24	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 25	10:00 am	Sr. Doris RIP
Mon 26	<i>Feria</i>	
	10:00 am	Sr Celestina RIP
Tues 27	<i>Feria</i>	
	10:00 am	Int. of Shelley Winsper
Wed 28	<i>Feria</i>	
	10:00 am	Matthew Haddad RIP
Thur 29	<i>Feria</i>	
	10:00 am	Int. of Martin Turley
Fri 30	ST ANDREW	
	10:00 am	Int. of Sylvia Hooker
Sat 1	Our Lady on Saturday	
	10:00 am	Mass
	1:00 pm	Wedding

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 2 December

Sat 1	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 2	10:00 am	Roberto Maranan RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Lord, have all those who are unable to be with us at Mass in Your safekeeping as we remember:

Mary O'Driscoll, Sean Dillow, Helena Allen, Tony Hopgood,
Jean Williams, Yvonne Beaumont, Debbie Cavedon,
June Walsh, Margaret Sauce & Charles Paice

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE...

For **Shelley Winsper**, Parish Administrator at St Michael's in Tadley, who has a major heart operation next week.

MELFORT GLEN

A very big thank you to everyone who joined us on Saturday evening for the quiz night, congratulations to The Brave Ones who won the quiz. The Quiz night along with all the generous donations from the Parish amounted to £1,107.81 and will be a great help to the old folk at Melfort Glen in Zimbabwe and ensure that they have a truly Happy Christmas and New Year.

HEALING MASS AT ST. JOSEPH'S, BASINGSTOKE

Saturday 8th December, 10.30am

Confessions from 09.30am to 10.15am

The service is an opportunity for us to come together to pray for all those needing healing in any way. During the Mass everyone is invited to receive the Sacrament of Anointing. Healing takes many forms: spiritual, mental, physical, reconciliation, awareness and acceptance. Many people find they get a sense of peace during the service and leave uplifted. Everyone is welcome.

RCIA—JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next meeting is on **Sunday 9th December** at 2:00 pm in the Hall. The title of this session is "**Advent Reflection/Incarnation**". All are welcome. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

FLOWER COLLECTION

There will be a second collection for church flowers on the weekend of 8th and 9th December. A collection is taken up each year at Christmas and then again at Easter. The money collected is used all year round to keep the altar and the church looking beautiful.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA (BASINGSTOKE)

ADVENT MASS

Thursday 13th December at 7.30 pm in Sacred Heart, Hook followed by the Annual Christmas Carol Social Evening in the parish hall after Mass. All Sacred Heart Parishioners are most welcome.

CAR PARKING

With our numbers increasing on a Sunday morning, parking is becoming difficult. The sisters from Maryfield Convent have always been very kind and allowed their car park to be used as an overflow. Please be respectful and remember that the convents guests and staff also use this car park.

Please make sure that you are not blocking in any cars and there is always access for emergency vehicles.

Please be extra vigilant whilst the building work takes place.



BAPTISM

Welcome to the family of God, Robert Henry King, baptised on Saturday 24th November, here in Sacred Heart. **Congratulations!**

WELCOME

We welcome the Filipino choir from Basingstoke, who will be joining us at Mass this Sunday morning.

ADVENT WORKSHOP

The Children's Liturgy Group are planning to hold an Advent Workshop on Sunday 9th December. This will take place in the Parish Hall from 11:15 am – 2:00 pm. Please make a note in your diaries. We would welcome any helpers who would like to come along.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

Struggling to think of that Christmas Present for the person in your life who has everything?

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THE BLESSED CHARLES DE FOUCAULD FRATERNITY.

We recently started a Fraternity of blessed Charles de Foucauld in our parish. We get together once a month for couple of hours at convenient day and time for all. We start with the exposition of the blessed sacrament in the church. We also read the Sunday's gospel reading and contemplate on the reading and share our views. We also discuss the life and writings of blessed Charles de Foucauld. The next meeting is in **Monday 10th December at 2.30 pm**, in the Convent.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Confessions

Saturdays 5.15 pm to 5.45 pm & by appointment

Reconciliation Service for our Pastoral Area

At St Bede's Church, Popley Way Friday 14 Dec 7.30 pm

Christmas Eve (Monday)

6 pm Children's Christmas Mass

9.30 pm Carols

10:00 pm Mass During the Night

Christmas Day (Tuesday)

10:00 am Mass During the Day



THE SACRISTY

Is a place of prayer and contemplation and should be an oasis of calm, before and after Mass. The Priest and Servers need time and space in order to prepare themselves for The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Please respect this and refrain from visiting the Sacristy in the last 15 mins before Mass.