

# THE MESSENGER

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### Confessions

Saturday evenings 5:15 - 5.45 pm.

### PASTORAL AREA CLERGY

**St Bede, Basingstoke** 01256 465214

Fr. Chris Rutledge

Sun 9 am, 11 am, 6.30 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

The Readings for the Second Week of Advent offer both encouragement and challenge during this brief but important season of the Liturgical Year. Recall from last week that the purpose of this season is reflection on and preparation for the two "comings" of Christ — His coming as a baby on the great Feast of Christmas, and the anticipation of His second coming at the end of time.

Our First Reading, from Baruch, is a wonderful reminder of that God has already triumphed over sin and death and that we, His faithful disciples, will live in the light of His glory one day. "Arise, Jerusalem! Stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your Sons gathered from the West and the East at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God... For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low...that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God... for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of His glory, with His mercy and justice for company."

Until He comes again, we must remain faithful to Him as true disciples and good stewards of all the gifts He has given us. While it can be tempting to give in to the materialism and calls for self-indulgence that surround us, (ironically more than ever at this time of year), this reading calls us back to the spiritual reality that this life is passing and that we are made for eternal life with God. We are called to prepare for *eternal* life by the way that we use our time, our talents and our treasure *now*.

He cares deeply about this journey of ours and He will give us all the grace and strength we need to stay faithful to Him and continue growing in love and imitation of Christ.

Taken from the Catholic Steward.com

### *Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel*

#### **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 9 December**

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*All mankind shall see the salvation of God*

Sat 8	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 9	10:00 am	Daniel Egan RIP
Mon 10	<i>of the 2nd Week of Advent</i>	10:00 am Mass
Tues 11	<i>of the 2nd Week of Advent</i>	10:00 am Margaret Clohessy RIP
Wed 12	<i>of the 2nd Week of Advent</i>	10:00 am Joan McCourt RIP
Thur 13	<i>of the 2nd Week of Advent</i>	10:00 am Patricia Roche RIP
Fri 14	<i>of the 2nd Week of Advent</i>	10:00 am Mass
Sat 15	<i>of the 2nd Week of Advent</i>	10:00 am Mass

#### **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete) - 16 December**

Sat 15	6:00 pm	Richard Welch RIP
Sun 16	10:00 am	Good Estate of Jean Williams

## 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

## ADVENT REFLECTION - JOURNEY IN FAITH

**Sunday 9th December, 2 pm—4 pm in the Hall.**

The next session of the Journey in Faith group will be an Advent Reflection led by Bridie Stringer, a good friend of this Parish.

All Parishioners are also invited 'to take some time out' with Bridie and the Journey in Faith group, we look forward to seeing you there.

## CHRISTMAS TREE

This Christmas as we remember all our dearly departed Family and Friends, you are invited to help us dress this year's Christmas tree with the names of your loved ones. In the porch you will find some silver and gold stars, please write the name of your loved ones on one of them and place the star in the box provided. On Christmas Eve they will be placed on the tree.

## FLOWER COLLECTION

There will be a second collection for church flowers this weekend. The money collected is used all year round to keep the altar and the church looking beautiful.

## CHRISTMAS TABLEAU

Saturday 22nd December at 3:30 pm

This year again all the children and young people of the parish have been warmly invited by the dear Sisters in the Convent to present a Christmas tableau and sing carols. This is a very happy occasion and gives us an opportunity to do something good for the residents and Sisters. Father Christmas has promised to come with his sled. Please come, costumes will be provided. We would be grateful if you could come at 3:00 pm to put on your costumes. Singers will also be very welcome.

For more information contact Mary Bone 221793

## THE BLESSED CHARLES DE FOUCAULD FRATERNITY.

The next meeting is in **Monday 10th December at 2.30 pm**, in the Convent.



## ADVENT HAS BEGUN

Advent has a twofold character: as a time to prepare for Christmas, when the Son of God's first coming to us is remembered; and a second, when that remembrance directs the minds and

hearts to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, the Season of Advent is a period for devout and joyful expectations.

## ADVENT WREATH HYMN

During the lighting of the advent candle this weekend, we will be singing the first verse of the Advent Wreath Hymn.

**Light the Advent candle two  
Think of humble shepherds who  
Filled with wonder at the sight  
Of the Child on Christmas night**

***Candle, candle burning bright  
Shining in the cold winter night  
Candle, candle burning bright  
Fill our hearts with Christmas light***

## HELP NEEDED

On Thursday 20th December at 10 am we will be cleaning the Church for Christmas. If you are able to spare a couple of hours on Thursday, your help would greatly appreciated. Please let Jan in the office know. Thank you

## TRAVELLING NATIVITY OR POSADA

Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelled from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve they would visit the local church to re-enact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in a crib.

Modern day Posada uses nativity figures of Mary and Joseph who travel from place to place. This gives each 'host' the chance to create their own celebration in their home or place in the community, worshipping and reaching out to their communities with the real message of Christmas, making room for Jesus in their lives.

This year's First Holy Communion families will be hosting Mary, Joseph and the donkey for a few days each and then pass them on to another family. We hope the families will enjoy meeting each other and passing on the figures during Advent

## CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

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

Then why not think of **CAFOD World Gifts** – and give a gift that will change a life.

There are gifts for every budget from 'Happy Queen Bee' at £4 to 'Help a Refugee child' at £46. Each CAFOD World gift has been chosen for the real and lasting difference it makes to families living in developing countries. You can buy online at [cafod.org.uk/worldgifts](http://cafod.org.uk/worldgifts).

The true spirit of Christmas Giving !

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

### 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

*With Wine and Mince Pies in the Hall after Mass*



### Christmas Day (Tuesday)

10:00 am Mass During the Day