



# ST. BONIFACE



Bringing Christ to the people and people to Christ

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## November 26, 2023 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**When the End Comes: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Solemnity of Christ the King:** The Church year ends today with a vision of the end of time. The scene in the Gospel is stark and resounds with Old Testament echoes. The Son of Man is enthroned over all nations and peoples of every language (see [Daniel 7:13-14](#)). The nations have been gathered to see His glory and receive His judgment (see [Isaiah 66:18](#); [Zephaniah 3:8](#)). The King is the divine shepherd Ezekiel foresees in today's First Reading, judging as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. Each of us will be judged upon our performance of the simple works of mercy we hear in the Gospel today. These works, as Jesus explains today, are reflections or measures of our love for Him, our faithfulness to His commandment that we love God with all our might and our neighbour as ourselves (see [Matthew 22:36-40](#)). Our faith is dead, lifeless, unless it is expressed in works of love (see [James 2:20](#); [Galatians 5:6](#)). And we cannot say we truly love God, whom we cannot see, if we don't love our neighbour, whom we can (see [1 John 4:20](#)). The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today's Psalm. And we are to follow His lead, to imitate His example (see [1 Peter 2:21](#); [Ephesians 5:1](#)). He healed our sickness (see [Luke 6:19](#)), freed us from the prison of sin and death (see [Romans 8:2, 21](#)), welcomed us who were once strangers to His covenant (see [Ephesians 2:12, 19](#)). He clothed us in Baptism (see [Revelation 3:5](#); [2 Corinthians 5:3-4](#)), and feeds us with the food and drink of His own Body and Blood. At "the end," He will come again to hand over His kingdom to His Father, as Paul says in today's Epistle. Let us strive to be following Him in right paths, that this kingdom might be our inheritance, that we might enter into the eternal rest promised for the people of God (see [Hebrews 4:1, 9-11](#)).

**NEW MEMBERS NEEDED FOR THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** – Hard to believe, but the newly-revived St Boniface PPC has now been in existence for three years. The PPC is the main strategic group in the parish, working with the priests to help enact its vision and steer its future direction. We meet every 6-8 weeks. As part of an ongoing process of renewal, we are now seeking to recruit up to FOUR new members. We are looking for individuals who can commit to working in an open-minded and collaborative way, for a term of office of at least two years starting in January 2024. We hope to attract a representative range of applicants of all ages, gender and ethnicity. Could this be YOU? Could you serve your parish in this key role, with the love of God and the parish at its core? You are invited to nominate yourself, or you can nominate another parishioner provided you have asked their permission. Please fill in one of the forms available in the porch, or use the online form on the parish website. Closing date is **24 December 2023**. Only four places are available at present, and if not chosen on this occasion, all applicants will remain on file for future vacancies. If you would like to find out more about what is involved, please speak to any existing member of the PPC. Thank you!

**Music at Christmas** – The three music groups at St Boniface are looking forward to preparing the music for Christmas. For the 5:30 Vigil mass on 24th December speak with Guada. For 11:00 am mass on 25th December speak with Mike. For the 5:30 evening mass on 25th December speak with Vicky.

If you would like to sing traditional Christmas carols in 4-part harmony, there will be a short carol service with readings before midnight Mass. Please speak with Mike after the 11:00 am mass if you would like to support this and sing during midnight mass as well. There will be 4 practices for the midnight carol service and Mass. **Thursday between 8-9 PM in the Margaret Clitherow room on 30th November / 7th/14th and 21st December.**

**Baptism announcement:** Simone Appiah will be baptised on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm**. We give praise to God as we welcome Simone into God's big family. We congratulate his family and relatives.

**The Healing Mass on the First Friday of each month will now be celebrated at 1:30pm and no longer at 3pm!! Our next healing Mass is on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December at 1:30pm.** We made this change so that those who attend the soup lunch on First Fridays can also attend the healing Mass, if they so wish. And those who normally attend the healing Mass might want to first take part in the soup lunch. The **Soup Lunch** is on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, from Midday in the church hall.

**St Boniface Social: Friday 1 December: Poem & Pie Evening 6 - 8pm in the Church hall:** "Calling all poetry fans, You're invited to bring a favourite poem or two to share with the group, listen to others' favourites, and enjoy some pie! No worries if you don't have a poem to bring – feel free to simply come and listen and enjoy some pie! £8 for two courses – supper and desert. There is a sign-up sheet in the church porch.

**PARISH OFFICE REOPENING ON THURSDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER!** After a well-deserved holiday, our parish secretary Margaretta will be back in her office. We felt her absence and are very happy to welcome her back.

**St Pope Paul VI:** “Jesus Christ, you have heard Him spoken of, indeed the greater part of you are already His – you are Christians. So, to you Christians I repeat His name, to everyone I proclaim Him – Jesus Christ is the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega. He is the king of the new world. He is the secret of history. He is the key to our destiny.”

**“I Am Mark”:** a One-man Dramatic Presentation of St Mark’s Gospel. To be performed in St Edmund’s at 7pm on Friday, 24 November (£5 per person: any ‘profit’ will go towards the Organ Fund). Listening to a gospel in its entirety in one sitting enables us to grasp the whole picture and message. The Eventbrite link to book is: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/i-am-mark-tickets711430175807?aff=oddttdcreator>

**Diocesan Intercession for Vocations** – “That the Church will be continuously blessed with good and faithful servants following Christ as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers”

**St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) - St Boniface Conference: Who are we?** St Boniface SVP conference is local group of lay volunteers, who inspired by the dedication of St Vincent de Paul come together as a spiritual fraternity to help people in our local community who are in need. **What do we do?** We aim with the guidance and support of the Holy Spirit to bring practical aid to the sick or housebound, friendship to the lonely or bereaved, campaign for social justice, and provide assistance to those struggling with day-to-day essentials such as bills, food, clothing, or shelter. **Inspired?** Why not join us! Your time and talents, however, small, are very welcome; make a donation via [Donate today | St Vincent de Paul Society \(svp.org.uk\)](#); refer someone you may know who needs help. Contact us through [St Vincent De Paul Society – St Boniface Catholic Church, Southampton \(st-boniface.org.uk\)](#), or by email [svp@st-boniface.org.uk](mailto:svp@st-boniface.org.uk)

**CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal!** Donate to CAFOD’s Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water, and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

#### **St Boniface Newly-Formed Teams Announcement!**

- 1. Parish Welcome Committee:** The PPC has approved the formation of a parish Welcome Committee as soon as possible (to be distinguished from the SVP, which reaches out to the housebound. The focus of the Committee will include, but not be limited to, providing support to new arrivals in the parish to help them settle properly into the community of Southampton, as well as providing continuous support to the parishioners who are in need.
- 2. Volunteer & Working Group For Youth/Children Program:** The Parish is in need of volunteers/working group to help put together some plan of activities for the youth and children of this parish. Interested persons in any of the above should contact: **Augustine Odukoya** on **07883014954** or **send an email stating the area of interest and the contact number to:** [office@st-boniface.org.uk](mailto:office@st-boniface.org.uk) or [timiodu2@gmail.com](mailto:timiodu2@gmail.com)

**Please Support the Local Stella Maris Christmas Chocolate Appeal!** Stella Maris, the Catholic charity that supports Seafarers, is planning to give chocolate treats to the crew members on board ships in ports along the south coast over Christmas. There will be many hundreds of seafarers passing through our ports and far away from home this Christmas. The Port Chaplains are asking for chocolate donations, e.g., tubs of chocolate sweets: Quality Street, Roses, Celebration, Heroes etc. Please give your tub donations to the parish office by Monday 18 December; however, donations are also welcome after this date. The Southampton, Fawley and Portsmouth Port Chaplains will collect and deliver the treats to the ships. For more details contact: **Gregory Hogan** at: [gregory.hogan@stellamarismail.org](mailto:gregory.hogan@stellamarismail.org)

**Mass Intention Offering** - Please be advised that offerings can be made by cash (in an envelope clearly marked “Mass Intention”), or by cheque payable to **CDP Oblates of the Virgin Mary**; or via a bank transfer using the details given here: Payee Name: **CDP Oblates of the Virgin Mary**; Branch Sort Code: **30-80-27**; Account Number: **36062268**; Reference: **Mass Intention**. Or simply give it to the Priest on the day of your Mass requested/attended.

**The Next Second Collection is for the St Boniface Building & Maintenance on Sunday 26 November. Please give generously.**

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