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18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—4th AUGUST

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Sun 4th August	9.00 am	SB	Mgr Gerald Chidgey RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Arnold Azavedo RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish
Mon 5th	9.15 am		Mass at St. Joseph's Church <i>Adoration Holy Ghost Church from 11.00 am to 12 noon</i>
Tues 6th	9.15 am		Mass at St. Joseph's Church
Wed 7th	9.30 am	HG	Dec. Mbrs Liddell Family
Thur 8th	No Mass		
Fri 9th	9.30 am	HG	Michael Moran RIP <i>Adoration Holy Ghost Church from 11.00 am to 12 noon</i>
Sat 10th	9.15 am		Mass at St. Joseph's Church

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—11th AUGUST

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Sun 11th August	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Roger & Valerie Johnson 50th Wedding Anniversary
	6.30 pm	SB	Seamus O'Brien RIP
Mon 12th	9.15 am		Mass at St. Joseph's Church <i>Adoration Holy Ghost Church from 11.00 am to 12 noon</i>
Tues 12th	9.15 am		Mass at St. Joseph's Church
Wed 14th	9.30 am	HG	Donato Roberto RIP
Thur 15th			Assumption of Our Blessed Lady (Holy Day of Obligation) 9.30 am SB Koos & Janet Haan RIP 7.30 pm SB Dec. Mbrs Hynes Family
Fri 16th	No Mass		<i>Adoration Holy Ghost Church from 11.00 am to 12 noon</i>
Sat 17th	9.30 am	SB	Celina Grisewood RIP
	12.30 pm	HG	Wedding Shalene Stephens & Simon Black

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—18th AUGUST

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Sun 18th August	9.00 am	SB	Moya Merridith RIP
	11.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	6.30 pm	SB	Donato Consiglio RIP
Mon 19th	12 noon	HG	John & Mary Cullen RIP <i>Adoration before Mass from 11.00 am</i>
Tues 20th	No Mass		
Wed 21st	9.30 am	HG	Joan Smith RIP
Thur 22nd	9.30 am	SB	Martin Roddy RIP
Fri 23rd	9.30 am	HG	Dea Arantes RIP <i>Adoration after Mass until 11.00 am</i>
Sat 24th	9.30 am	SB	Anthony Keane RIP <i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 10.45 am</i>

ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED LADY

Holy Days of Obligation are the principal liturgical feasts that honour the mysteries of the Lord, the Virgin Mary and the Saints. As Catholics we are required to attend Mass on these days. August is the month traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and crowned by the feast day of Her Assumption on 15th August. Mass will be celebrated at St. Bede's at 9.30 am and 7.30 pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

If you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion in 2020 the application form and further information can be downloaded from the Parish website. If possible please return the completed application via email to fhc@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk. This email address should also be used for any enquiries. Paper copies of the forms can be found in the church Cloister and can be returned to the Parish Office with the fee. The final date for receipt of applications is 20th August 2019.



CONFIRMATION 2020

The St Bede's Confirmation programme will be running from October until the celebration of Confirmation in May/June 2020 for students from year 8 and above. Application forms are now available and the deadline for applications will be September 15th. More information to follow.



CAFOD UPDATE MEETING

You are invited to a CAFOD update meeting on Saturday 7th September from 10:30 am to 1 pm here at St. Bede's Church. Elouise Hobbs our regional news officer will be talking about her recent trip to refugee camps in Lebanon and how your donations are making a difference to people's lives. Please book your place so that we have an idea of how many people are coming by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or phone 01252 329385.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Our Parish 'Journey in Faith' course begins on Thursday 19th September at 7.30 pm until 9.00 pm in Holy Ghost Church Hall, Burgess Road. The course is for adults wishing to be Baptised and/or Confirmed, or for anyone who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith. The course runs until Easter and will give an introduction to the Catholic Faith to help people decide whether they wish to join the Church. Please come along if you are considering becoming a Catholic, or are already Baptised a Catholic but have not yet been Confirmed.



WEDDING

Congratulations to Shalene Stephens and Simon Black who are getting married at Holy Ghost Church on Saturday 17th August at 12.30 pm.



SUNDAY COLLECTION

Parish Collection amounted to £2,535.33p. Grateful thanks.

DIARY:

Sunday 4th: Music: Quiet at all Masses
Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB
Welcome to Fr. Peter Codd who will be celebrating all Masses today.

Welcome to Fr. Paul Leonard who will be celebrating Masses at Holy Ghost Church on 7th, 9th and 14th August at 9.30 am

Sunday 11th: Music: Quiet at all Masses
BACCA Café after 11 am Mass
Polish Rosary at 4 pm SB

Welcome to Mgr. Canon Nick France who will be celebrating all Masses today.

Sunday 18th: Music: Quiet at all Masses

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Fr Dominic Allain writes "I would say that the hardest thing about the last 20 years as a priest has been to see the lack of reverence for the Blessed Sacrament. I have found an echo of so many things that have distressed me in Cardinal Sarah's book, *The Power of Silence*. He writes powerfully about the loss of the sense of transcendence and the need to recover the sense of the sacred. He renews his call for a return to the celebration of Mass *ad orientem* (facing east), and for the reception of Holy Communion on the tongue. This is not nostalgia. It is a pastor's reaction to seeing the terrifying collapse of faith in the West. These liturgical gestures are important not because they are old, but because they express an attitude towards the majesty of God which has been lost.

Cardinal Sarah says that when we go to Mass we should be overwhelmed by the transcendent holiness of God. This transcendence is not there to intimidate us, but to raise us by our contemplation of it. God's transcendence, he says, is an appeal to that of Man. If you are mistaken in your understanding of the mystery of God, you will misunderstand human nature, for they are inextricably bound together.

On the subject of facing east, the cardinal points out that the common objection that the priest has his "back to the people" already presupposes that the people are the object of the liturgical action. It is in fact supposed to be God, whom one finds on the other side of the altar, rather than the priest, according to Romano Guardini, who Cardinal Sarah quotes. The altar is a threshold which one approaches. "Our" side of the altar is the place where the human realm finishes, and on the other side is the realm of the eternal. The altar should represent the otherness of God, who dwells in the heights and is far removed from us, whom we can approach so far and not farther, like Moses before the burning bush.

The cardinal suggests that the innovation of an altar facing close to the people is a denial of God's transcendence, for if there is no distance between Man and God symbolically and theologically, then by definition He is not transcendent. The liturgical arguments will rumble on. But the theological and pastoral case seems very clear".

Fr Dominic Allain, Catholic Herald, July 19 2019