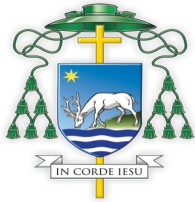


# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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## Sunday 2nd July 2023

### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Year A, Psalter Week I*

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses**

<b>Sun 2nd July</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Anne Breslin RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Dorena, Derek Ormonde RIP
<b>Mon 3rd</b>			<b>ST THOMAS, Apostle, feast</b>
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Dec. Mbrs Liddel Family (Fond)
<b>Tues 4th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Richard, Alison Luker
	11.30 am	SM	Requiem Mass Patricia Olohan RIP ( <i>St Mary's Church, Old Basing</i> )
<b>Wed 5th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Winnie Brennan RIP
	11.30 am	SB	Requiem Mass Zbigniew Brzostek RIP
<b>Thur 6th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Judy Reeves RIP
	11.30 am	HG	Requiem Mass Heather Waite RIP
<b>Fri 7th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Ralph Graham
<b>Sat 8th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Canon Bernard Cosulich <i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Year A, Psalter Week II*

<b>Sun 9th July</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: June & Thomas Bowers RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Stephen Otu & Family
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

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#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Our attachment to the things of life can be a bit like a scaly dragon skin. We build up around ourselves an ugly armour of sin - pride, fear, envy, anger - that we hope will protect us from being hurt, but in truth only cuts us off from one another. Even the love of things that are good in themselves, whether it is food or work or money, or even friends and family, if that love is not properly ordered, can become something harmful and destructive. What does it mean for us to be "properly ordered"? It means loving more those things that are more worthy of love. The first of these, of course, is God, who is pure love, the fountain of love, a love that is stronger than death. So when Christ, in today's Gospel, claims that it is He who must be loved more than anything else, He is making a bold claim indeed: we must love Christ as God. Only by making Christ the focus of our lives will those lives be well ordered ... When we have dared to let in the warmth of divine love, we will need yet more courage, the courage to bear witness to our own transformation - even though as yet it has only just begun. Offering our testimony to Christ's love for all the world, whether aloud or in the silence of deeds, we will bring Christ's rewards to everyone we meet.

*Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications*

## WELCOME

A very warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors who join us for Mass whether in our Church or via the live-stream. If you are new to the Parish, we welcome you, and ask that you complete a new parishioner form on our website in order to register with the Parish.

## NATIONAL RELICS TOUR 2023

The Knights of St Columba National Relics Tour 2023 is coming to this Pastoral Area and will be here at St. Bede's Church on Monday 3rd July from 10.30 am – 3 pm. Mass will be at 12 noon. The relics on display include Saint Andrew, Apostle and Martyr, Saint Margaret of Scotland and Saint Columba of Iona, the patron saint of The Order of the Knights of Saint Columba, along with the Fraternal Cross and the St Columba Cross.

## CLOSER TO CHRIST CAMPAIGN

The Campaign is an initiative launched by Bishop Philip Egan to strengthen the great mission of 'Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church'. The Campaign will fund our seminarians and priests in active ministry. Secondly, the Campaign will provide for our sick and retired clergy. Also, the Campaign will provide our parishes with the necessary resources for future mission. In the coming days you will be contacted by Fr John inviting you to meet with him to discuss in more detail the objectives of this initiative and how you might be able to support the Campaign. The Campaign Announcement Letter from Bishop Philip is attached to this week's newsletter.

## SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS ANNIVERSARY MASS 2023

Sadly, the Significant Weddings Anniversary Mass which was set for September 16th has been postponed until September 2024. Those couples who are missing out on this year's celebrations are welcome to attend and join us in 2024. We wish to thank all those who have already contributed to this year's Mass, and those involved in whatever way during the past 12 years here in the Parish to make the Significant Weddings Anniversary so successful across the Diocese. Roll on September 2024.

## SCHOOL CAR PARK

Please note that on Sunday 9th July the school car park will only be available for the 11am and 6pm Masses. It will not be open for parking for 9am Mass.

## BACCA SUMMER FETE

This year's BACCA Summer Fete will be taking place at St. Bede's School Field on Saturday 15th July 2023 from 12 noon until 6.00 pm. There will be a BBQ, bouncy castles, face painting, sack races and lots more. Tickets will be £10.00 for adults, £5.00 for children, family ticket £30.00, and children under 2 years go free.

## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 25th June amounted to £2,877.12. Thank you for your generosity to the Parish. If you don't currently Gift Aid your donation and would like to find out more, please see our website for guidance.



## POPE FRANCIS JULY PRAYER INTENTION

During July, Pope Francis asks us to pray for a Eucharistic life. *We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.*

## SEA SUNDAY 9TH JULY 2023



Next Sunday is Sea Sunday. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection and your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You will be able to donate in church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, thank you.

## PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Archbishop Kevin McDonald, Emeritus of Southwark will be leading this year's Pilgrimage to Walsingham in Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life on Saturday 5th August 2023, commencing at the 12 Noon Pilgrim Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation. For coach details please go to [www.prolifepilgrimage.org](http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org) or call 01858 571242 / 07779 122365. If you are unable to join the pilgrimage, you can follow online on YouTube or at: [Watch Livestream - Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady \(walsingham.org.uk\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

## REPOSITORY

Please note the repository will be closed for the summer as of 23rd July and will reopen on 3rd September. Thank you to all those people who have helped during the past year. Have a happy and safe summer.

## FUNERALS

Requiem Mass for Patricia Olohan RIP on Tuesday 4th July at 11.30 am in St. Mary's Church, Old Basing. Requiem Mass for Zbigniew Brzostek RIP on 5th July in St. Bede's Church at 11.30 am. Requiem Mass for Heather Waite RIP on 6th July at 11.30 am in Holy Ghost Church. Requiem Mass for Pauline Adams RIP on Friday 14th July at 11 am in Holy Ghost Church. May they Rest in Peace. We remember their family and friends at this sad time.



## SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The second collection this weekend is Peter's Pence. The collection has ancient roots that trace back to New Testament times. This annual collection provides essential support for the Holy See's activities and helps Pope Francis assist the victims of wars, oppression, and natural disaster around the world. To donate online click the link: [Peter's Pence second collection 2023 | Give as you Live Donate](https://www.peterspence.org.uk/) Thank you for your support.

## DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

The easiest way to make a donation to the Parish is online at: [Donate to Basingstoke St Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate](https://www.peterspence.org.uk/) or via our new contactless terminal by the Hall.





## ***Closer to Christ* Campaign Announcement Letter**

### **Holy Ghost and St Bede, Basingstoke**

Dear Parishioners of Holy Ghost and St Bede,

I am sure you will agree when I say this last year has continued to be challenging. Yet although many aspects of our lives have been impacted, our Catholic faith has remained the one constant. I also wish to thank wholeheartedly those clergy who continue to work so tirelessly to sustain and support the communities under their care. It is this steadfast commitment that has progressed the Church across the Diocese of Portsmouth since the late 19th century.

As a faith community, we have been through some challenging times in the past yet by God's grace, we have always shown resilience, compassion and generosity. Over fifteen years ago, the *Living Our Faith* campaign had a tremendous and wide-reaching effect, and I am grateful for all it enabled. I am confident now with the intercession of the parish of Holy Ghost and St Bede and our patron, St. Edmund of Abingdon, that we have the strength to continue our great mission of 'Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church'.

Further to much prayer, consideration and consultation with clergy and laity, we have embarked on a new fundraising initiative entitled the ***Closer to Christ*** Campaign. This will build upon the mission of our church, enabling us to continue our journey to become ever more outward facing and evangelistic, while meeting the immediate financial priorities of parishes, who are the backbone of our Church.

Central to the success of our mission, is the continued support of our clergy at all stages of ministry, those individuals who give their lives to serve our parish communities. ***Closer to Christ*** will fund our seminarians and priests in active ministry and rejuvenate our parishes, ensuring they have the necessary resources to provide a place for prayer, worship and community interaction, meeting a broad range of faith needs and giving them a platform to thrive. We must also care for our priests in their retirement, recognising the important work they have achieved in delivering our mission and the contribution they continue to make in so many ways following a life of service and dedication to local parish life. At a time when the average weekly donation per parishioner is just over two pounds, we need everyone in every parish to help us by supporting our priests and our parishes.

The ***Closer to Christ*** Campaign is a 'call to action' which invites all parishioners to become more fully and sacrificially involved in the life of the Church – to collectively build God's Kingdom and live the Gospel, especially in providing for others. Simultaneously, the ***Closer to Christ*** Campaign reflects a commitment to enhanced communications and stewardship of donors' generosity. By the end of this year, every parish will have participated in this endeavour. Since the Campaign started, nearly 50 parishes have taken part and I am delighted that Holy Ghost and St Bede, Basingstoke will be part of the next group of parishes leading the way.

In the coming months, Father John will be sharing with you in more detail the objectives of this initiative – through individual conversations, small group gatherings and announcements at Mass. I appreciate your willingness to learn more, ask questions, consider the role you could play and importantly pray for our success.

Towards the end of his Letter to the Philippians, St. Paul says: "There is no need to worry, but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving" (Phil 4: 6). I look forward to us all accomplishing together the Lord's work, moving from maintenance to mission.

In Corde Iesu

+Philip

Bishop of Portsmouth