

# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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## Sunday 23rd July 2023

### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Year A, Psalter Week IV*

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

<b>Sun 23rd July</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Vocations
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	12.45 pm	SB	Baptism
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Jim, Margaret Darroch RIP
<b>Mon 24th</b>	12 noon	SB	Mass: Yve Treadgold
<b>Tues 25th</b>	<b>ST JAMES, Apostle, feast</b>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Frances Saville-King
<b>Wed 26th</b>	<b>Ss Joachim &amp; Anne, Parents of Our Lady, memorial</b>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dave Webb RIP
<b>Thur 27th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Liddell Family (Fond)
<b>Fri 28th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: In thanksgiving Jan Christy
<b>Sat 29th</b>	<b>Ss Martha, Mary &amp; Lazarus, memorial</b>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Sean MacDaid RIP
	<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>		

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Year A, Psalter Week I*

<b>Sun 30th July</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Sonia Wadsworth RIP
<b>Mon 31st</b>	<b>St Ignatius of Loyola, Founder, memorial</b>		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Josephine, Sam Francis RIP
<b>Tues 1st</b>	<b>St Alphonsus Liguori, Founder, memorial</b>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: John Cahill RIP
<b>Wed 2nd</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Govathot Family
<b>Thur 3rd</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Priscilla Hedley
<b>Fri 4th</b>	<b>St John Vianney, Priest, memorial</b>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Austin Grey RIP
<b>Sat 5th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Baby Rosalie Burt
	<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>		

### THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

*Year A, Psalter Week II*

<b>Sun 6th Aug</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Reg Smart RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: John Togher RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

*"There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us" - St John Vianney*

## 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.

## HOLIDAYS

We wish all our parishioners, pupils, teachers and school staff a very safe, happy, healthy summer. Thank you to all those people who are involved in whatever way in the life of the Parish and for your support during the past year. Please note there will be NO choir practice during the month of August and the repository will reopen on 3rd September.



## CLOSER TO CHRIST CAMPAIGN

The Closer to Christ Campaign is a fundraising initiative that will deliver resources (pastoral, financial and expertise) for the whole Diocese, including our Parish of Holy Ghost and St Bede. It will help to ensure the future viability of our Catholic community by addressing the growing demands. The campaign has two key aims:

- Providing for our priests, from formation and in retirement, ensuring they are happy, healthy, and holy.
- Reviving our parish communities, guaranteeing they have the necessary resources in place to thrive.

Every Catholic throughout the Diocese will be provided with the opportunity to learn more about the Closer to Christ Campaign and its impact. We wish for all parishioners to make an informed decision that is right for them and encourage everyone to ask questions and to give prayerful consideration to their commitment.

Please keep an eye out for further information that will be disseminated across the parish over the summer months and if there are any questions, please do ask one of the team.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The next Baptism Programme will take place on Sunday 17th and Sunday 24th September at 1.30pm. For further details please email:

[baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](mailto:baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)



## DAY FOR CATECHISTS

Fr Mark Hogan and the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join them on Saturday 30th September in Winchester Catholic Pastoral Centre for a day for fellowship, formation and prayer for the Catechists of Portsmouth Diocese. This is a day when we give thanks for all catechists in the diocese, who have generously responded to the call of Christ and have placed themselves at the service of their parish. The highlight of the day is the celebration of Mass, offered for all catechists and for all who contribute to Children's Liturgy in the diocese. This day is a great source of support and strength, sharing with others our experiences, and taking time to pray together. The day is free to attend. Please bring a packed lunch. Register at: [Diocesan Day for Catechists Registration, Sat 30 Sep 2023 at 10:00 | Event-brite](#)

## THOUGHT FOR THE FORTNIGHT

Our world is full of woe. Famine, drought and disease afflict people in many countries around the world. Climate change, and the environmental devastation that it can bring, is a growing threat. Wars continue and people struggle to live safe and secure lives. It is easy to lose heart, to give up the fight and to lose all hope for better days. At times it seems as if evil is all around us, and God does nothing. Such thoughts are very tempting. Indeed many people conclude that there can be no God if this is how the world is allowed to be. Jesus must have been aware of thoughts and attitudes such as these. Today we hear a story that Jesus told, a parable, a picture to help us understand why the world is the way it is. A field of wheat gently growing is damaged by the introduction and planting of darnel, which looks very much the same as wheat, but which is in fact poisonous. Shall we uproot it? No. Let things be till harvest time, and then all shall be put right. It is hard to be patient with the hurt and harm we see being done in our world. But we cannot mend this broken world ourselves, and violent force will not solve our problems. God is patient, which means God suffers, and that is the road we can follow.

*Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications*

## 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.*

## COMING SOON ... CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Following Fr John's announcement a few weeks ago, the parish will commence Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday 10th September. We will start with the 11:00am Mass and progressively over time, expand to cover all Masses. The Liturgy will cater for children at school level: Infants (Year 2) to Year 3 (those yet to receive Holy Communion) together with their parent or legal guardian. Further details to be provided nearer the time.

## PRAYERS

Please pray for the sick and housebound in our Parish. If you know of anyone who is going into hospital and would like to see a priest, please let the Parish Office know.

## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 16th July amounted to £2,531.92. Thank you for your generosity.

## 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](#) or via our new contactless terminal by the Hall.

## PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed for annual leave from Thursday 20th July to Wednesday 2nd August.



**FLEET AND CHURCH CROOKHAM PARISH - PARISH ADMINISTRATOR**  
**PART TIME: 25 HOURS PER WEEK**  
**SALARY: £12 per hour**

## **About Us**

The Parish of The Holy Trinity and Our Lady, Fleet & Church Crookham is in the Diocese of Portsmouth. The Parish has two churches served by one Priest and a Deacon. The Parish has an Office in Fleet that serves the clergy, parish groups and parishioners.

## **The Role**

The Parish needs a full time Secretary to serve the clergy and undertake the Parish Office operation. We are looking for an experienced office worker who is able to work alone in managing a small office.

The position involves the following tasks:

- Secretary to both the Parish Priest and one Deacon
- Handling Post, emails & phone calls
- Handle callers to the Parish Office
- Maintain the Parish Diary
- Maintain a rota for the clergy to visit self-isolating parishioners
- Diarise Mass Intentions & manage Foundation Masses
- Preparation & production of the weekly Parish newsletter
- Maintain the Parish database of parishioners
- Maintain Parish Mass Rotas
- Maintain various Parish Registers as Diocesan & Civil Authorised person
- Order Sacristy, Parish & Office materials
- General Filing & Photo Copying
- Maintain the halls Diary
- Gift Aid Referrer
- Prepare invoices for the hall's hirers, arrange the viewings, preparing contracts
- Supply cleaning stuff for Churches & halls

## **Experience required for the role:**

To be successful in this role, you will have a good knowledge of small office organisation, filing, telephone skills, and general computer use & office application experience.

The successful applicant will be highly motivated, energetic and enthusiastic individual who has proven office skills and experience of using computers and office applications.

## **Personal attributes:**

- Sympathetic to the ministry and mission of the Catholic Church
- Self motivated and flexible, with ability to work on own initiative and judgement without supervision or support from colleagues or team, able to cope with change and work under pressure
- Collaborative in working alongside others  
Diplomatic, discreet with a sympathetic nature and emotional resilience

If you would like to apply please contact [recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) for a job description and details of how to apply.

**Closing date for applications:** Monday 31 July 2023