

# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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## Sunday 6th August 2023

### THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

*Year A, Psalter Week II*

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

<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
Mon 7th	12 noon	SB	Mass: In thanksgiving Tom Merriam
Tues 8th			<b>St Dominic, Founder, memorial</b>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int Venice Mae Guda
Wed 9th			<b>ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, feast</b>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: John Reid RIP
Thur 10th			<b>ST LAWRENCE, Deacon, Martyr, feast</b>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: James Mulally RIP
Fri 11th			<b>St Clare, Foundress, memorial</b>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int Michael Moran
Sat 12th			9.30 am SB Mass: Int Valencia Salvia Baptista
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>
	12 noon	HG	Baptism

### NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Year A, Psalter Week III*

<b>Sun 13th Aug</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int Mark Clarice Miranda
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: In thanksgiving Catherine de Mars
Mon 14th			<b>St Maximilian Maria Kolbe, Priest, Martyr, memorial</b>
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Yve Treadgold RIP
Tues 15th			<b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> <i>(Holy Day of Obligation)</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Toni, Louis Harper RIP
	7.30 pm	HG	Mass: Int Minnie Greayer
Wed 16th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Hynes, Murphy Families
Thur 17th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: In thanksgiving Limbo Family
Fri 18th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int Govathoti Family
	7.00 pm	SB	Organ Recital
Sat 19th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Mary, John Cullen RIP (Fond)
	2.00 pm	SB	Wedding Mary and Bradley

### TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Year A, Psalter Week IV*

<b>Sun 20th Aug</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Gerard Marcout RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Evelyn O'Kane RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Mary Joseph RIP

## 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.

## 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 Church at 9.30am and at Holy Ghost Church at 7.30pm

## 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. Further information will be disseminated across the parish over the summer.

## 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)

## ORGAN RECITAL

On Friday 18th August at 7pm here at St. Bede's Church. Free entry, donations will be accepted towards St. Michael's Hospice. The organist is Francis Brookes, and this recital is in memory of his Father Francis Brookes Snr. who passed away in 2022.

## VOCATIONS

"This is my beloved Son; listen to him." Are you being called to help the Lord feed His people with the truth of His gospel as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? If you think God may be calling you to serve Him more closely, contact Cn. John Cooke. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869

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**Before Mass:** Pray to God  
**During Mass:** Listen to God  
**After Mass:** In the cloister area, the courtyard, talk to parishioners

## POPE FRANCIS AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION

During August, Pope Francis asks us to pray for World Youth Day. *We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.*

## 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.

## NEW GIFT AID FORMS

The Diocese have requested that all Gift Aiders sign a new form that displays the new charity name and number. Forms are available in the Cloister for you to complete, alternatively a form can be emailed to you. Please return via email, to the Parish Office or post through the letter box. Any UK taxpayer can sign a simple declaration which enables the Parish to claim from the tax office a further 25% on your donations. Any offerings you make by numbered envelopes or via your bank are then treated as gift aided. If you have any queries, please email Faye Lyons at: [accounts@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](mailto:accounts@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk). Thank you for your cooperation with this necessary update.

## GETTING MARRIED

If you are thinking of getting married at St Bede's or Holy Ghost please remember that we require at least twelve months notice to allow time to complete all the necessary documents. You will also be required to take part in a marriage preparation program. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

## PRAYERS

We ask your prayers for the sick of the Parish, for those at home, in nursing homes and in hospital. If you, or anyone you know is going into hospital, please let the Parish Office know so that a priest can visit you. Our prayers also are needed for those who are looking after the sick. *"Lord, we ask you to give strength, love and compassion to those who care for the sick".*

## WEDDING

Congratulations to Mary and Bradley who are getting married at St. Bede's Church on Saturday 19th August at 2 pm.



## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 30th July amounted to £2,237.60. 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 contactless terminal by the Hall.

