# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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# **Sunday 10th September 2023** TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week III

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 10th Sept	9.00 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	SB SB SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Murphy/Lloyd Families Mass: People of the Parish Mass: Dec Mbrs of Diocesan Clergy
Mon 11th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Int. Georgia Witter
Tues 12th	The Most H 9.30 am	I <b>oly Na</b> SB	nme of Mary, optional memorial  Mass: Int. Bernadette and Vernon
Wed 13th	St John Chr 9.30 am	<b>ysosto</b> SB	<b>m</b> , Bishop, <i>memorial</i> Mass: Special Intention
Thur 14th	THE EXALTA	ATION SB	<b>OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> , feast  Mass: Michael Etherington RIP
Fri 15th	Our Lady of 9.30 am	<b>Sorro</b> SB	ws, memorial Mass: Annam Paily RIP, K.C. Paily RIP
Sat 16th	9.30 am	SB	e <b>&amp; Cyprian</b> , Bishop, Martyrs, <i>memorial</i> Mass: 101st Birthday Peggy White 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am

# TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A. Psalter Week IV

Sun 17th Sept	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Broadbent Family (Fond)
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	12.30 pm	SB	Baptism
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Garcia Family

# THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Ezekiel, in today's first reading, gives us the typical image of an Old Testament prophet and preacher. He warns his listeners about sin and judgement, and brings their attention to the wickedness around them. Throughout the Old Testament we can see many times that the prophets offer harsh judgements against the people of Israel as they stray from the path God has laid out for them. In essence, what the God of Israel wants is for all to be saved and return to the path of goodness and right. In the second reading, Paul says, in his letter to the Romans, that love is the only debt worth incurring. It is the only thing that "cannot hurt your neighbour". This is a recurring theme with Paul: elsewhere, in his letter to the Galatians, Paul writes, "the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself." Matthew speaks in today's Gospel of how we might win back our brother or sister, should there be a conflict between us. In reality, we will all, at one time or another, be in disagreement with others, and possibly with family members. Matthew offers us an opportunity to find a different and better way of healing and forgiveness.

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 livestream. If you are new to the Parish, we welcome you, and ask that you complete a new parishioner form on our website.

#### **CLOSER TO CHRIST CAMPAIGN**



Fr John is holding one more session to explain the Closer to Christ Campaign on Wednesday 13th September at 6pm. To confirm your attendance

please RSVP to: ctc@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

#### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024**

Our next FHC programme will start on 23rd September and the First Holy Communion Mass will be on 11th May 2024 at 11 am. Enrolment will be on Sunday 10th September after the 11 am Mass, and Saturday 16th September 10 – 11 am. Parents will only be required to attend the first session with their child. Weekly attendance at Sunday Mass is a necessary requirement. To join the programme your child should be: 7 yrs old or over, a Baptised Catholic, resident in the Holy Ghost Parish and St. Bede's Church, attending Mass weekly at St. Bede's Church and NOT attending a Catholic School (St Bede's School have their own course). For enquiries please email: fhc@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

#### **DAY FOR CATECHISTS**

A Diocesan Day for Catechists takes place in Winchester parish hall, from 10 am to 4 pm, on Saturday 30th September, led by the Dominican Sisters from Lymington. The day will explore the vocation of the catechist, the integration of catechesis within the parish and the home, the formation of catechists and the preparation of a catechetical session. To register please click the link: Diocesan Day for Catechists Registration, Sat 30 Sep 2023 at 10:00 **| Eventbrite** 

# **CALLED AND GIFTED PROGRAMME**

Fr John invites you to join the Called and Gifted programme and Live Teaching day on Saturday 21st October at St Bede's Church from 9.00am. The first stage is a teaching day where you learn about charisms. The second stage is a private, one to one discussion called a discernment conversation with a trained member of the Called & Gifted Team, to help you explore in more depth which charisms you may have. The third stage is a period of personal discernment where you prayerfully reflect on a charism and explore how it may be present in your life. You will also receive a Complete Resource Workbook; six month's online access to the videos created by Sherry Weddell and her team at the Catherine of Siena Institute and six months access to the online inventory plus your results. There is a small charge of £40 to cover the cost of all three stages (the full cost is £120 but your parish is subsidising this cost). To register please email: calledandgifted@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or contact our Parish Called and Gifted representative Therese Brown.

#### **AFTERNOON TEA**

The next 'Afternoon Tea' will take place on Sunday 24th September at 3pm in St Bede's Church Hall. All are welcome, see you there!



#### PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land is being planned for September 2024. The dates are Monday 9th September through to the following Monday, 16th September. We will be travelling with Pilgrimage People. There is a packed itinerary for each day. Cost: £1880. Single room supplement £400. This is an ideal opportunity for anyone who has never visited the Holy Land before. If you are interested, can you please contact Fr John directly by email or telephone 01256 465214.

#### **CALLING ALL WOULD BE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES!**



Our new Confirmation 2024 programme will be starting on 22nd September. This will be for Oconfirmation children in Year 9 and above. Your child must be

a practicing Catholic and have previously been Baptised and received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in the Catholic Church. If you would like your child to take part please email your child's name, school, and date of birth to: confirmation@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk.

# **RCIA (JOURNEY IN FAITH)**

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith, or perhaps you are a Baptised Catholic wanting to be Confirmed? Our Parish Journey in Faith (RCIA) will be starting on Wednesday 27th September at 7.30pm.

#### MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL FOR SAN LORENZO RUIZ

Ethnic Mass in honour of San Lorenzo Ruiz (1st Filipino – Chinese Saint) on Saturday 23rd September at 1.30pm in St. John's Cathedral, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth. All are most welcomed to attend!

#### WINTER SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS

The winter shelter programme is starting again on 1st December for 13 weeks to provide comfort, safety and support to people who are sleeping rough on the street in Basingstoke. The shelter will provide a warm and safe place for people from 19.00 to 07.30 every night as well as a nourishing evening meal. There are many opportunities to be involved, whether directly in the shelter, or supporting the service with laundry, cooking meals at home or helping move beds & bedding from/to different venues. Information sessions are being held at Sarum Hill Centre (RG21 8SR) at 19.30 on Thurs 28th Sept or Tues 17th Oct or Christ Church (RG24 8LT) at 10.00 on Sat 14th Oct. Most who have been involved in previous years have said they got more out of being involved than the guests that they were there to help! You will find more information on Facebook by searching "Night Light Winter Shelter".

# **PARISH COLLECTION**

Collection for week ending 3rd September amounted to £2,674.62. Thank you for your generosity.

#### SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend there will be second collection for the Catholic Education Service. You can donate online at: Catholic Education Service second collection 2023 | Give as you **Live Donate** 

# CATHOLIC ACADEMIES and SCHOOLS OFFICE Education Administrator 25 hours per week Term Time Only

The Catholic Academies and Schools Office (CASO) based at St Edmund House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth, are seeking to appoint an Education Administrator for 25 hours per week 9.30 am to 2.30 pm term time only (39 weeks). CASO provides support and advice on all matters to do with the Catholic life of our 70 schools and academies. This ranges from the recruitment of school leaders, governors, and directors to the training and on-going support for teachers and leaders, as well as liaison with all statutory bodies involved with our schools. You would act as the first point of contact for our schools. No two days are ever the same.

The post holder will be responsible for managing; the recruitment process for foundation governors and directors, the arrangements for all courses and events, and the casoportsmouth website, as well as general administrative support for the team. Training will be provided for all the processes involved in the role.

We are looking for an organised, approachable, self-motivated individual with excellent administrative and communication skills. You will be working with a small friendly team located within the larger administrative department of the diocese, in recently refurbished offices with free parking in the heart of the city.

This is a wonderful opportunity for someone who wants variety in their work and the flexibility of not working during the school holidays.

**Hours:** Permanent (following a 6 month probationary period) 25 hours per week (9.30 am – 2.30 pm). Term time only (39 weeks per year)

Place of work: St Edmund's House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth PO1 3HQ

**Salary:** Actual salary £11,700 per annum depending on skills and experience for 25 hours per week 39 weeks per year.

**Closing date for applications:** Friday 22 September 2023

**Start date:** to be agreed as soon as possible

For a Job Description and details of how to apply or to arrange an informal chat about the role please contact: <a href="mailto:recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk">recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</a>

# **Parish of Bracknell and St Margaret Clitherow**

# Parish Administrator – part time 30 hours per week

# (Job would be suitable for either one post-holder to work all hours or a job share with two post-holders)

# Salary - £12 per hour

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Administrator to work for 30 hours per week to provide a full clerical and administrative support service to the Parish clergy, the parish, and support the administration of day-to-day parish work and provide a sympathetic focal point for enquiries.

Hours of work: 9 am to 3pm Monday to Friday

# **Experience and qualifications required for role:**

- Experience of working independently in a busy environment with many competing demands on time.
- Experienced Administrator with good administrative, time management and prioritisation skills
- Able to deal sensitively and confidentially with difficult situations.
- Computer literate, with experience of Office 365 including excel and outlook, and experience of using the internet and intranet.

# 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;
- Diplomatic, discreet, with a sympathetic nature and emotional resilience;
- Able to handle confidential and personal information in an appropriate way.

If you would like to join our busy and happy parish team please contact:

recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

for a job description and details of how to apply

Closing date for applications: 22 September 2023