

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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Sunday 17th September 2023 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week IV

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

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
Mon 18th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Hilda Gill RIP
Tues 19th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: In thanksgiving
	7.30 pm	SB	Holy Hour & Adoration of the most Blessed Sacrament
Wed 20th			St Andrew Kim Taegon, St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions, Martyrs, memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Special Intention
Thur 21st			ST MATTHEW, Apostle, Evangelist, feast
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Eileen Child RIP
Fri 22nd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Sheila Nolan RIP
Sat 23rd			St Pio of Pietrelcina, Religious, memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Tom Leonard RIP
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week I

Sun 24th Sept	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Laurence Williams RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Ross McMahan RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus teaches us that God the Father is like the king. He is rich in mercy and forgiveness; He forgives our trespasses and the debt of sin. When we plead for mercy, He is generous, full of compassion and loving. The psalmist sings, "How precious is your mercy, O God!" The embrace of God welcomes us and is offered to all who seek God's refuge. God welcomes home the sinner and embraces a son or daughter who was lost. Sometimes we can find ourselves like the servant, who is small-minded and exacting of others. Whenever we pray the Our Father, Jesus' prayer for us, we ask God the Father to forgive us as we forgive those who trespass against us. We are invited to open our hearts and be ready to forgive others. When we cannot forgive another person, the hurt eats away at us; we are trapped; it affects all our relationships. From forgiveness comes freedom. To be free we have to learn to forgive others as we have been forgiven by God. If we are unable to forgive another person, we can ask for the gift to want to forgive.

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.

HOLY GHOST PARISH, BASINGSTOKE PASTORAL AREA & BLESSED JOHN BODY DEANERY

Recently our Bishop issued decrees for the creation / redefinition / reaffirmation of Pastoral Areas and Deaneries. Basingstoke Holy Ghost, Basingstoke St Joseph's, Sacred Heart Hook and St Michael's Tadley constitute the Basingstoke Pastoral Area. In addition to this our Pastoral Area is now aligned with Andover and the Northeast Hampshire Pastoral Area to become once again Blessed John Body Deanery. Bishop Philip has asked Fr John to become the Dean for Blessed John Body Deanery. One of Fr John's duties will be to promote and coordinate common pastoral action in the Deanery as directed by the Bishop and following the Mission Plan *You will be my Witnesses*. Fr John continues to be our Parish Priest and Coordinating Pastor for Basingstoke PA. Please pray for Fr John as he takes up the new role of Dean.

CULTIVATE A RICH AND LASTING PRAYER LIFE - NEW PASTORAL COURSE - "WHEN YOU PRAY"

You know prayer is important but still find it challenging. Perhaps it's hard to find time, or you're unsure what to do when you pray. Or maybe you feel discouraged by your perceived weaknesses and your inability to overcome them. If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone. Many of the Saints struggled in prayer. They were like us. But each time they fell, they got up again and learned to rely more on God's grace. What God did in the lives of countless Saints, He wants to do in the lives of ordinary people like us. And that's what this study is about: the journey of prayer God wants to take us on. This 7-week course will run on Monday's from 7:30 to 9pm starting on Monday 25th September via Zoom. To register follow this link: [When You Pray - Course Registration \(google.com\)](#) We hope you can join us and journey together in growing our prayer life.

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!



FHC 2024

The first session for the FHC programme takes place on Saturday 23rd Sept between 10—12 noon for those children who enrolled onto the programme.....please email fhc@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk for further information. Parents must attend this session. Sadly, we are fully subscribed for this programme, we cannot accept any more children for FHC 2024.

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 Wed 27th Sept at 7.30pm.

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 Friday 22nd September. This will be for 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.

HOLY HOUR AT ST BEDE'S CHURCH

Holy Hour & Adoration of the most Blessed Sacrament will take place on Tuesday 19th September, starting at 7.30pm.

PARISH MASS COUNT

Over the next four weekends, starting Sunday 17th September, Parishes across the Dioceses of England and Wales will be undertaking their annual Mass count, for the number of people in attendance at Sunday Masses. Thank you in advance to all our Priests, Stewards and Parishioners who will be facilitating this important endeavour.

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. 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 representative Therese Brown.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 10th September amounted to £2,581.06. Thank you for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION - HOME MISSION SUNDAY

This weekend there will be second collection for Home Mission. The Home Mission Office helps the local Church to share the joy of the Gospel. To donate online go to: [Home mission Sunday second collection | Give as you Live Donate](#)

Conference

Finding God in the non-Christian world

A day to learn about the Church's engagement with other religions



4TH Saturday November 2023 10am - 3:30pm	St Bede's Church Popley Way Basingstoke RG24 9DX
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An opportunity for you ...

- to explore the Church's teaching on inter-religious dialogue
- to learn from the experiences of others
- to influence - and be part of - your own parish and the diocese as both grow in Christian discipleship

Confirmed speakers:

- **Fr Jan Nowotnik** - Director of Mission and National Ecumenical Officer, Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales.
- **Fr Michael Barnes SJ** - Emeritus Professor at the University of Roehampton and a research associate at the School of Advanced Study in the University of London.
- **Elliot Vanstone** - Mission Advisor, Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales.
- **Dr Yvette Harrington** - Member of Portsmouth Diocese's Inter-religious Dialogue Team and inter-religious dialogue scholar.



To register for this event, please type on your browser:
<https://shorturl.at/mvFOY>