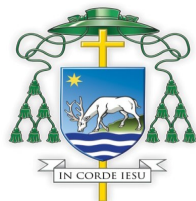


# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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## Sunday 1st October 2023

### TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Year A, Psalter Week II*

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

<b>Sun 1st Oct</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Black African History (Thanksgiving)
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Chandy Joseph RIP
<b>Mon 2nd</b>			<b>THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS, memorial</b>
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Peggy, Reg Osborne RIP
<b>Tues 3rd</b>			<i>Sorry, no Mass today</i>
<b>Wed 4th</b>			<b>St Francis of Assisi, Founder, memorial</b>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Maureen McGlone
<b>Thur 5th</b>			<b>St Faustina Kowalska, Religious, optional memorial</b>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Barry Brown RIP
<b>Fri 6th</b>			<i>Sorry, no Mass today</i>
<b>Sat 7th</b>			<b>Our Lady of the Rosary, memorial</b>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Joseph KP RIP
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Year A, Psalter Week III*

<b>Sun 8th Oct</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Aleyamma Philip RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Alan Malone RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

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#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

How do we prevent ourselves being drawn into a world of false appearances? How do we ensure that we always practice what we preach? It is easy to start out with the best of intentions, but, as we have noted, the nature of our world is so shot through with the idea of selling ourselves that it can be difficult to pursue an alternative path. It is as through Jesus recognises this difficulty by being so uncompromising in His own words and practice. His way of ensuring an integrity of word and deed is to empty Himself of any claim to power or position. Elsewhere He will address the question of fancy titles. The only title He uses for Himself is that of "Son of Man", and the only way of life He follows is that of a wandering preacher, with nowhere to lay His head. If we examine our own positions in life (and if we are honest in that examination) we will acknowledge just how much we are tempted to say one thing and do another, to use our own power or status to achieve our ends. When we empty ourselves of such trappings of power, we have no means of pretence anymore. And, perhaps ironically, we now have a greater freedom to adhere to the truth, for we are no longer bound by the complex world of expectations that come from the world of propaganda. We are free to do what we say we will do.

*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.

## BLACK AFRICAN HISTORY MONTH

This Sunday 1st October, we mark Black African History Month. The 11 am Mass will be led by BACCA (Basingstoke African Caribbean Catholic Association). We welcome Fr. Leo who will be celebrating the Mass, also the Mayor of Basingstoke. There will be light refreshments in the Hall afterwards, all parishioners are most welcome.

## FR. JOHN

Fr. John is taking a long overdue annual leave break for the next two weeks. We wish him a safe journey, and look forward to his return fully refreshed. Whilst he is away Fr. JP and Fr. Peter will be supplying for us. There are a couple of days when there will be NO Mass, please see the newsletter.

## 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. There is still time to join us! 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.

## CLOSER TO CHRIST CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The full launch of the *Closer to Christ* Campaign across our parish is now taking place. Over the coming weeks we will be sharing more information on this vital initiative with you all and we do hope you can consider supporting it.

## CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY APPEAL

This year's CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Appeal is on 6th October. Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope in church or give online at: [CAFOD - Catholic international development charity](#)

## BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The next Baptism programme will take place on Sunday 8th and Sunday 15th October at 1.30pm. Please email: [baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](mailto:baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk) for more details. The next programme will be in January 2024.



## PRISONERS' SUNDAY

This Sunday is also Prisoners' Sunday. We pray for all those in prison, for their children and families who are affected. We pray also for those who care for Prisoners, we pray especially for Fr. J.P. Coulon who is the Prison Chaplain. For further information please see their website: [www.prisonadvice.org.uk](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk) or email: [news@prisonadvice.org.uk](mailto:news@prisonadvice.org.uk)

## LOST PROPERTY

Please collect any lost property that is stored in the cupboard as you enter the Church via the electronic doors. All lost property not collected will be taken to the charity shop on October 9th. Also, people are leaving inappropriate books/items in the Cloister area. We ask that you do not leave anything in this area. Thank you.

## 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) continues on Wednesday 11th October at 7.30pm in St Bede's Church Hall.

## CALLED AND GIFTED PROGRAMME

The Called and Gifted programme and Live Teaching day is taking place on Saturday 21st October at St Bede's Church from 9.00am. To register please email: [calledandgifted@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:calledandgifted@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## MONEY MANAGEMENT FOR ALL

Holy Ghost Parish has partnered with Christians Against Poverty [CAP] to deliver one of their 'Money Coaching' programmes in St Bede's Church hall in November [Thursdays 2, 9, 16 & 23]. Delivered by local churches in partnership, money coaching is a free service designed to empower you with the knowledge, skills, tools and confidence to better manage your finances. Anyone can benefit, from those using a budget for years to those struggling to get to grips with their spending. We'll hear from specialists in saving and spending wisely, to credit and debt professionals; you'll receive guidance that's second to none. Places on the course are limited, so please book your space asap. Sessions will begin at 7pm with a light meal, ending at 9pm. For more information email Deacon Tony or Pam on [adarroch@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:adarroch@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 07883 059 529. Or to book a place, please go to: [Get to grips with your finances | CAP UK](#) We hope to see you there! Do look out for posters and leaflets in St Bede's church for more information.

## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 24th September amounted to £2,393.54. Thank you for your generosity. Next weekend there is a second collection for CAFOD.

## 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.

