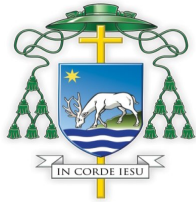


THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 24th September 2023

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 24th Sept	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Laurence Williams RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Ross McMahon RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 25th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Private Intention
Tues 26th	Ss Cosmos & Damian, Martyrs, optional memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Hannah McCollum RIP
Wed 27th	St Vincent de Paul, Founder, memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Yve Treadgold RIP
Thur 28th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: In thanksgiving
Fri 29th	THE HOLY ARCHANGELS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, feast		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Kate Raymund RIP (Fond)
Sat 30th	St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church, memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Helen Harris RIP
	<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>		

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week II

Sun 1st Oct	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Black African History (Thanksgiving)
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Chandy Joseph RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's Gospel shows us a unique form of justice. Workers should be paid for their work. They need and deserve a decent standard of living for themselves and for their dependants. There are also people whose urgent needs require special sensitivity and generosity. The owner of the vineyard showed compassion at a moment when it was needed but not expected. Had he made allowances for his unexpected generosity or did he not mind that he would be out of pocket that day? Was this a one-off act of kindness or just one in a series of acts of practical goodness? We don't know, but his is an example that has stood the test of time. It is difficult to tell others when we're desperate. We all have our pride. Frequently, those in most need are also silent in their suffering. It's easy to say that they should have asked for help, but sometimes that is more easily said than done. Can we be as open to others as was the landowner? Could we let Jesus use our lives and our actions to demonstrate kindness and justice? Can we be sensitive to people's unspoken desperation and respond with compassion, even at a cost to ourselves?

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.

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.

KNEELER GROUP

The Kneeler Group will be selling tickets for their annual draw after all Masses on Sunday 8th October for the annual draw on Sunday 15th October.

CLOSER TO CHRIST CAMPAIGN UPDATE

This weekend sees the full launch of the *Closer to Christ* Campaign across our parish. Over the coming weeks we will be sharing more information on this vital initiative with our whole parish family, 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 for more details. The next programme will be in January 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 Wednesday 27th September at 7.30pm.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 17th September amounted to £2,392.06. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

PARISH MASS COUNT

Over 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.

YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES

Further to Bishop Philip's Pastoral Letter, read out at Masses last Sunday, in which he urged all parishioners to download and read the final Ten-Year Mission Plan **You Will Be My Witnesses**, click the link to download the plan: [You Will be My Witnesses - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, \(portsmouthdiocese.org.uk\)](#) **You Will Be My Witnesses** has resulted from two years of research and consultation across the Diocese and beyond. The Plan identifies three main objectives for the Diocese for the next decade which include: to be a Christ-centred Church; to be a missionary community; to be prudent stewards of Christ's Church. **You Will Be My Witnesses** is a blueprint for the whole Diocese and details the collective effort required to create a Diocese in better shape, internally healed and renewed, with new faces, young families, more vocations and a harvest from ecclesial movements.

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.

