

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 3rd September 2023

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week II

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 3rd Sept	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Marian, George Bedford RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Mamie, John, Sean Hynes RIP
Mon 4th			St Cuthbert , Bishop, <i>optional memorial</i>
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Roy & Simon Goodier RIP
Tues 5th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Joseph KP RIP
Wed 6th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Pupils/Parents and Teachers of St. Bede's School
			<i>St Bede's School will be joining us for Mass</i>
Thur 7th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Evelyn & Lesley Fenton RIP
Fri 8th			THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY , <i>feast</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Fr Paul Leonard
Sat 9th			St Peter Claver , Religious, <i>optional memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Daniel Wood
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week III

Sun 10th Sept	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Murphy/Lloyd Families
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs of Diocesan Clergy

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus says: "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me." What He is asking for is more than simply being involved in His project, but total dedication, even to the point of self-sacrifice. It seems a strange strategy for attracting followers. And indeed, the Gospels tell us that many potential disciples did walk away from Jesus. He asks people not simply to make a one-off decision for Him, but rather to walk the walk and not simply talk the talk. He is asking for genuine disciples, not fair-weather admirers. That initial decision for Him has to be translated into lifelong and total dedication, even when the consequences are painful. This might not sound very attractive. Certainly not easy. But Jesus affirms that it is worth it. Discipleship involves making hard decisions about our lifestyles, our values, perhaps the kinds of jobs we will and will not do; or deciding to deal with people with gentleness, patience and forgiveness, when we really want to lash out and retaliate. It might mean not joining in with others at work when they are being racist, sexist, dishonest or crude. It might mean speaking the truth even when that makes life difficult for us. It means renouncing ourselves - forgetting ourselves and putting someone else first, putting God first.

Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications

WELCOME BACK

We welcome back our Teachers and Children to start the new academic school year. We trust you have all had a wonderful summer holiday. Please also keep in your prayers students preparing to start college and university.

TEA/COFFEE

Welcome back to the tea/coffee team, they will resume tea/coffee after the 9 am Masses every Sunday as of Sunday 3rd September.

CLOSER TO CHRIST CAMPAIGN



Our parish is currently undertaking the **Closer to Christ** Campaign which aims to support our priests from formation through to retirement and rejuvenate our parishes. We will be hosting a number of small gatherings to explain this initiative at St Bede's Church and hope you are able to make one of the following dates: *5th September at 6.00pm, 8th September at 10.30am or 13th September at 6.00pm*. To rsvp, please email: ctc@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk or call the Parish Office on 01256 465214. I appreciate you considering my invitation and I look forward to speaking with you soon. Yours in Christ, Fr. John

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

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 shortly, for more information please contact the Parish Office.

CHURCH CLEANING

We are desperately seeking 'new blood' to help with cleaning of the Church and Cloister area. If you are available on a Thursday twice monthly after the 9.30am Mass, please come along and help. It would be much appreciated. The next cleaning session will be on Thursday 7th September.

CAFOD MEETING

CAFOD Portsmouth is hosting a meeting for volunteers and supporters to find out more about it's work. The meeting is on Saturday 9th September at St Bede's Church Hall from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Philippe Mougins CAFOD's Emergency Response Leader will talk about CAFOD's work in Pakistan after last year's floods. To book your place please email Jo at: jljewry@cafod.org.uk

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.

CANDLES

When lighting candles over by the Lady Chapel, please do not place them too closely together as this is a fire hazard!

CALLING ALL WOULD BE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES!



Our new Confirmation 2024 programme will be starting in the Autumn. 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. We will contact you again shortly with further details.

CALLED AND GIFTED PROGRAMME

Fr John invites you to join the Called and Gifted programme and Live Teaching day on Saturday 21 October at St Bede's Church from 9.00am. The first stage is a teaching day where you learn about charisms. Some are what you might expect e.g. Wisdom, Prophecy and Healing; some are rather more down to earth like Administration, Service and Encouragement; and others are more creative like Music, Writing and Craftmanship. 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. This third stage includes the opportunity to come together in small groups in the parish to discuss your experience of specific charisms and how they might be working for the benefit of others. You will also receive a Complete Resource Workbook that guides you through the process of discernment; six month's online access to the videos created by Sherry Weddell and her team at the Catherine of Siena Institute (the authors of the C&G process) and six months access to the online inventory and 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 reach out to our Holy Ghost Parish Called and Gifted representative Therese Brown.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 27th August amounted to £2,578.42 Thank you for your generosity. Next weekend there will be second collection for the Catholic Education Service.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH
PA to Vicar for Clergy and Administrator for Clergy Support Team

Hours of work: 18 hours per week (3 days)

Based at: Windsor 2 days per week and Sandhurst 1 day per week

Salary – around £14.00 per hour

A vacancy has arisen for a PA to work for 18 hours per week for the Vicar for Clergy and Clergy Support Team. The role will be based at Windsor (2 days per week) and Sandhurst (1 day per week). In this role you will provide a full confidential administrative and secretarial service to the Vicar for Clergy and a sympathetic and efficient focal point for enquiries and assistance to the Clergy Support Team.

Experience and qualifications required for role:

- Experience of working independently in a busy environment with many competing demands on time.
- Experienced PA with excellent 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.
- Knowledge and understanding of GDPR requirements.
- Excellent communication skills.

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 team please contact:

recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

for a job description and details of how to apply

Closing date for applications: Friday 15 September 2023

Foundation Governor Vacancy

Bishop Challoner Catholic Secondary School are actively seeking Foundation Governors to join the Governing Body.

Foundation Governors are personally appointed by Bishop Philip, Bishop of Portsmouth to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community at diocesan schools.

The Governors of a school work as a team, in close co-operation with the Headteacher and staff. As a Foundation Governor you will share the responsibilities of all Governors:

- *Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.*
- *Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its students, and the performance management of staff; and*
- *Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.*

In addition to this, Foundation Governors are appointed specifically to ensure:

- *that the religious character of the school is preserved*
- *that the school is conducted in accordance with its trust deed*
- *that the religious education curriculum is in accordance with the Bishop's policy for this Diocese*

To deliver the best for our entire school community we need a full complement of Governors. To operate effectively, a governing body must have Governors with a variety of skills who are willing to share ideas and workload and provide support and challenge in equal measure.

We are looking for practising committed Catholics with the time and enthusiasm to be a school governor, working with a strong established team in supporting the school and the wider community. You need to be willing to commit to a term of office of four years from the date of appointment.

The Diocese of Portsmouth website has lots of information on the role of a Foundation Governor and we would suggest that you take a look at this prior to taking the next step of applying for the position - <https://www.casoportsmouth.org.uk/recruiting-governors/>

If you would like to find out more about the role at Bishop Challoner Catholic Secondary School or would like a chat to one of the existing governors before making a commitment, then please contact Beverley O'Shea, School Business Manager, Beverley.oshea@bcs.hants.sch.uk