

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 22nd October 2023

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 22nd Oct	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Maureen McCauley RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Antonio Martino RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 23rd	Diocesan Day of Prayer & Reparation for Life		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Annette Buse RIP
	2.00 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass Valsamma Philip RIP
Tues 24th	St Anthony Claret, Founder, Bishop, optional memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Hugh Cooke RIP
	1.00 pm	HG	Funeral Service Michael Mulcahy RIP
Wed 25th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Stella & Joackim Roche RIP
Thur 26th	Ss Chad & Cedd, Bishops, optional memorial <i>Sorry, no Mass today</i>		
Fri 27th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Reg Smart RIP
Sat 28th	Ss SIMON & JUDE, Apostles, feast		
	11.00 am	HG	Baptism
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Maureen Burnand RIP (Fond)
	<i>Welcome to Fr. Claro Conde from the El Shaddai Community</i>		

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week II

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 29th Oct	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Desiree Margaret Partridge RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Felix Alphonsos RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

King Cyrus of Persia, spoken of by Isaiah in today's first reading, brought the Jews back to Israel. It was the role of Cyrus in restoring Israel that first showed the Jews that their God was the God of the whole world. Cyrus was the instrument of God, but he did not know that. We may not do the great things that Cyrus did, but the small things we do have more meaning than anything he did. That is because we know that our lives are shaped by God. Every encounter, every word we say, everything we do, is under God's providence. We are all instruments of God's purpose. This does not mean that we are free from sin, and it certainly does not mean that our sins do not matter. What it does mean is that if we see mercy, then our sin can add to the glory of God, by showing the limitless power of God's mercy. If we refuse then we become like Cyrus, unconscious instruments of God. We still serve God but unwillingly, and out of this can grow resentment and anger. Unlike the coin that Christ held in His hand, there is no limit to the value that we can have in God's eyes. The coin has a fixed value, but we are like a coin that God can use again and again.

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.

HALF TERM BREAK

We wish all our school children, teachers, and staff a relaxing half term break.

ST BEDE'S KNEELER GROUP DRAW

The Kneeler Group would like to thank the parishioners for their wonderful generosity. We have raised a total of £653 from the Draw and donations. The following tickets have yet to be claimed;

063,071,074,076,082,094,138,281,282,283,284,293,296, 459,491,495,662,674,693,778,881,887,889,900 and 901.

Please contact Susan on 07847 711720 to arrange a time to collect.

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 25th October at 7.30pm in St Bede's Church Hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

The Parish First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes have started. Both are fully subscribed and there will be no more children accepted on to both programmes this year.

NOISE IN CHURCH

Again and again the issue of noise in church is raised. It is impossible for everyone to be totally quiet but sometimes the noise becomes not just a distraction but almost unbearable!! This is created not just by children but also by adults. Adults should be easy: no talking at any stage during the celebration of Mass!!! Children more difficult, try to engage them in what is happening (books, bibles, Mass books for children). As a last resort, remember that the Cloister area has speakers and TV's so that disruptive children can be taken out and you can still 'see and hear' the Mass.

TALENTS

God has given us the gift of life, each person, is unique, with the special gift of life. God gave us all talents, not only for ourselves but also to use for the benefit of others. If we can learn to use our talents to assist and help one another with love, kindness, patience, understanding, not only when we attend Mass, but also when we leave the Church, we can take Gods love to the community outside our Church. It is by example in the way we act towards others is a way for others to follow this will enhance God's work.

AFTERNOON TEA

The next 'Afternoon Tea' will take place on Sunday 29th October at 3pm in the hall. All are welcome, we hope to see you there!

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 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.

POPE FRANCIS OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION

During October Pope Francis asks us to pray for the Synod: *We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.*

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

October is traditionally the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary developed in the High Middle Ages period and the reason that October came to be devoted to its recitation is primarily because the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on 7th October. The Rosary is a wonderful prayer for us to say, praying to Our Lord through the intercession of His Blessed Mother for protection from all danger, sickness and evil.' Bishop Philip recorded a CD of Rosary meditations which is available on our website at: [Online Rosary - St Bede's, Basingstoke \(stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk\)](http://Online Rosary - St Bede's, Basingstoke (stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)). There are many intentions, not least for an end to the war in Ukraine and for peace in Holy Land. May Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us.

FUNERAL

Funeral Service for Michael Mulcahy RIP on Tuesday 24th October at 1 pm in Holy Ghost Church, we remember his family and friends at this sad time. May he Rest in Peace.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 15th October amounted to £2,267.42. Thank you for your generosity. Second collection this weekend is for Foreign Missions (Missio).

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.

DON'T FORGET ... the clocks go back one hour on Sunday 29th October!

IT TECHNICIAN

Permanent Full time, 35 hours per week.

Based in St Edmund's House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth PO1 3QA

Salary: £22,000 per annum depending on skills and experience.

Do you have 1 year or more of experience within IT support, delivering high-quality support to customers within service level agreements and achieving high satisfaction rates? Do you want to use this experience and be part of a small team delivering support to over 750 users across 87 different sites? Do you have the skills to problem solve effectively whilst helping develop and implement an IT strategy throughout an organisation? If so, then we have a fantastic opportunity for you.

The IT Technician will play a key part in the development and implementation of the Diocesan IT Parish Blueprint which aims to standardise hardware, software, and security as we work towards our Cyber Essentials Plus Accreditation. The post-holder will be the lead technician for the IT Support Helpdesk supporting users both remotely and visiting sites when required.

You will be joining a busy team at an exciting time. The team are responsible for ensuring high quality IT support and services are delivered across the Diocese. We're looking for a talented individual who is passionate about supporting transformational change in IT. You will have at least 1 year of experience within IT support and be confident operating independently and work closely with important external and internal stakeholders.

At a time of ambitious IT development within the Diocese of Portsmouth, this is a brilliant opportunity for someone to grow their skills and knowledge and develop their career in IT.

For Job Description and details of how to apply please contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk:

For an informal chat about the role please contact our IT Manager: itmanager@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Closing Date: 6 November 2023

Interview Date: 15 November 2023