

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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Sunday 11th August 2024

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week III

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

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| Sun 11th August | 9.00 am | SB | Mass: Nicola Hughes RIP |
| | 11.00 am | SB | Mass: Danuta, Joseph Maleczek 50th Wedding Anniversary |
| | 12.45 pm | SB | Baptism |
| | 6.00 pm | SB | Mass: People of the Parish |
| Mon 12th | 12 noon | SB | Mass: Int. Valencia Baptista |
| Tues 13th | 9.30 am | SB | Mass: Philip O'Reilly RIP |
| Wed 14th | | | St Maximilian Maria Kolbe, Priest, Martyr, memorial |
| | 9.30 am | SB | Mass: Andrew Dick RIP |
| Thur 15th | | | THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY |
| | 9.30 am | SB | Mass: Private Intention |
| | 7.30 pm | SB | Mass: Intentions of all Mothers in the Parish |
| Fri 16th | 9.30 am | SB | Mass: Int. Abhigail Sheban |
| Sat 17th | 9.30 am | SB | Mass: John Curren RIP <i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i> |

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week IV

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| Sun 18th August | 9.00 am | SB | Mass: People of the Parish |
| | 11.00 am | SB | Mass: Holy Souls |
| | 2.30 pm | SB | Syro Malabar Rite |
| | 6.00 pm | SB | Mass: Marketa Placha RIP |
| Mon 19th | 12 noon | SB | Mass: Mary Joseph RIP |
| Tues 20th | | | St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church, memorial |
| | 9.30 am | SB | Mass: Mary, John Cullen RIP (Fond) |
| Wed 21st | | | St Pius X, Pope, memorial |
| | 9.30 am | SB | Mass: Private Intention/Lloyd Family |
| Thur 22nd | | | <i>Sorry, no Mass today</i> |
| Fri 23rd | | | St Rose of Lima, Religious, optional memorial |
| | 9.30 am | SB | Mass: Int. Tina Williams |
| Sat 24th | | | ST BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle, feast |
| | 9.30 am | SB | Mass: Cicily, Jacob Peter RIP <i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i> |

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week I

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| Sun 25th August | 9.00 am | SB | Mass: Vocations |
| | 11.00 am | SB | Mass: People of the Parish |
| | 6.00 pm | SB | Mass: John Reilly RIP |

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors who join us for Mass whether in our Church or via the livestream.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday 15th August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven. ***It is a Holy Day of Obligation.*** The Assumption celebrates the great dogma of faith that the Blessed Mother was taken up into heaven body and soul at the end of her life on earth. Masses will be celebrated at 9.30am and 7.30pm at St Bede's Church.

ST BEDE'S CHURCH HALL

Work will soon begin to repair areas of damage caused by the recent flood. The hall will remain out of use until the work is finished.

CHURCH FLOOD

We recently had severe flooding in the Church, cloister area, ladies toilets and utility area. Around 50% of the floor was covered with water. We are extremely grateful to the Flitcroft family and Tomy, who spent an evening and time the next day clearing the water away. They did a superb job!

CHURCH GROUNDS

We are extremely grateful to the Parishioners who are looking after the Church grounds by cutting grass, tending the borders, weeding and replanting flowers in the tubs placed in the courtyard also to the family who cleaned all the outside windows.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

Enrolment will be on Saturday 14th September between 11 – 12 noon. (We need to see a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate). The FHC Programme will start on Sat 21st September between 10 – 12 noon. 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 Sunday Mass weekly at St. Bede's Church and NOT attending a Catholic School (St Bede's School have their own course). For further enquiries please email: fhc@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN LEE - THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2025 AND BEYOND

Parishes have been notified of a change that Bishop Philip Egan is introducing to the celebration of Confirmation from 2025 onwards. The Sacrament of Confirmation in the Pastoral Areas will be celebrated once every two years. The venue for Confirmation will alternate between the Cathedral and a large church in the Pastoral Area. The next year Confirmation will be celebrated for Basingstoke Pastoral Area - Holy Ghost & St Bede's; St Joseph's; Sacred Heart, Hook & St Michael's, Tadley - will be 2026. The Sacrament of Confirmation that year will be celebrated at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. In light of this change, new Confirmation programmes won't begin in September as they normally would. Details of the next Pastoral Area Confirmation programmes will follow in due course.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

An ecumenical prayer service will take place at Christ Church, Chineham on Sunday 1st September at 3pm with the theme, 'Hope and Act with Creation'. All are welcome. To help with numbers, if you would like to come, please send an email to: creation@onechurchbasingstoke.org For more information see: [Season of Creation](#)

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sadly, Pippa, Elizabeth and Alison Ford have withdrawn from piano music ministry at St Bede's for personal reasons. We thank them for an incredible 30 years of service to Holy Ghost Parish and wish them well.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS ANNIVERSARY MASS

On Saturday 7th September at 2 pm here in St. Bede's Church.



Bishop Philip will be celebrating this Mass.

If you are celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or over 60 yrs, and wish to attend, please send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to request a form for you to complete and return. If you have no access to the internet, please contact Liz Murphy in the Parish Office (Tel. No. 01256 465214) who will give you a form to complete. This is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage.

ADORE SPIRITUAL MINI RETREAT

On Saturday 31st August, 10:00-13:00, there is an opportunity to participate in a free mini-retreat morning that will explore in more depth how we need to ask the Holy Spirit to transform our thinking. This meeting on Zoom, "Bear the Fruit of the Holy Spirit," is hosted by ADoRE one of the longest-running charismatic days of renewal in the country. The session includes Mass, Adoration, Praise and Worship, inspired Teaching and Prayer for all participants to foster the presence of the Holy Spirit in them. The main talk is given by Maria Heath, former National Coordinator for CHARIS England, and now Director of Mission Northampton. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#) More information go to: www.altonrenewal.com

POPE FRANCIS AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION

During August, Pope Francis asks us to pray for political leaders. *We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.*

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 4th August amounted to £2,384.26. Thank you for your generosity.

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.