

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 1st September 2024 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week II

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 1st Sept	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Nicholas Hollingshead RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Alesh Teshny RIP
Mon 2nd	12 noon	SB	Mass: Barbara, Andrew Rokosz/44th Wedding Anniversary/birthday
Tues 3rd			ST GREGORY THE GREAT , Doctor of the Church, <i>feast</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Philip O'Reilly RIP
Wed 4th			St Cuthbert , Bishop, <i>optional memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Roy, Simon Goodier RIP (Fond) <i>St Bede's School joining us for Mass</i>
Thur 5th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Fr JP Coulon
Fri 6th			Sorry, No 9.30 am Mass today
Sat 7th			Sorry, No 9.30 am Mass today
Sat 7th	2.00 pm	SB	Diocesan Significant Weddings Anniversary Mass

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week III

Sun 8th Sept	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Patrick Lee RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Daniel Woode
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The scribes and Pharisees criticised Jesus for not being as particular as they were about washing their hands before eating. The Jewish Law was and is specific about ritual purity—but if there was no water available for washing, did the scribes and Pharisees choose to starve or did they make excuses for themselves and eat? Their legalism extended to people's relationships so that somebody could refuse to care for elderly parents by saying that the resources which should have been used on their behalf were dedicated to the Temple instead. In following the tiny details of the law which had been written by human hands, the scribes and Pharisees sometimes neglected the law of love which God had written on human hearts. Jesus did not say that it was wrong to support the Temple or to wash one's hands before a meal. Instead, He invited His listeners to see things differently. He condemned, not the Law, but the legalism which killed its spirit and denied justice to those who needed it. What is the point of handwashing if it is accompanied by greed and waste? Why support good causes if someone can't be bothered to visit their parents to check on their wellbeing? Jesus challenged His listeners to identify their priorities and their motivations underlying their actions. Life isn't about *looking* good but about *being* good.

Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications

WELCOME TO FR PAUL NWUNE

Fr Paul Nwune has been appointed as the new Assistant Priest to Holy Ghost & St Bede's. Initially he will be moving to St Joseph's to cover for Fr Paul Leonard during his Sabbatical from September to November. Welcome to the Pastoral Area Fr Paul!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

Please note Enrolment Date has changed to Sunday 8th September after the 11 am Mass in the Church hall. For further details please email: fhc@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

FLAME 2025 - FOR YEAR 9 TO YEAR 13

After the success of Flame 2023 we have booked a bigger coach so that more of you in the Pastoral Area get the chance to join us and 8,000 others on Saturday 15th March 2025 in the Ovo Arena, Wembley for a day event buzzing with energy, prayer, joy and hope. The cost will be £25 and the coach will leave from Bishop Challoner School at 8.45 am returning at 7.45 pm. To be part of this fantastic event see the posters in the Cloister, the website, or click the link: [Flame at the OVO Arena, Wembley. \(office.com\)](https://www.office.com)

READERS TRAINING DAY

A Diocesan training day for Readers led by Fr Anthony Fyk will be held on Saturday 19th October between 10.30 until 2 pm here at St. Bede's Church. You will need to register to attend at: liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Please bring your own lunch, tea and coffee will be made available.

'WARM SPACE' STARTING SOON

Starting on Wednesday 18th September after the 9.30 am Mass until 12 noon, we are having a "Warm Space" in the hall for tea/coffee and fellowship. Please feel free to bring your knitting, games, jigsaws etc.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Our Parish 'Journey in Faith' course begins on Wednesday 18th September at 7.30 pm until 9 pm in St. Bede's Church hall. The course is for adults wishing to be Baptised and/or Confirmed, or for anyone who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith. The course runs until Easter and will give an introduction to the Catholic Faith to help people decide whether they wish to join the Church. Please come along if you are considering becoming a Catholic, or are already Baptised a Catholic but are not yet Confirmed.

BACCA

The Basingstoke African Caribbean Catholic Association (BACCA) warmly invites all parishioners to celebrate Black History Month after the 11 am Mass on Sunday, 6 October 2024 at St Bede's Church. Join us for an afternoon of rich African cuisine and immerse yourself in the vibrant and unique culture of the African Caribbean community. All are welcome!

POPE FRANCIS SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

During September, Pope Francis asks us to pray for the cry of the Earth. *We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.*

BLESSING FOR CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL

On Sunday 1st September we will offer a blessing to all children starting school for the first time. It will take place during each of the Sunday Masses.



SEASON OF CREATION

This Sunday, 1st September, is also the World Day of Prayer for Creation. An ecumenical prayer service will be taking place at Christ Church, Chineham at 3pm. To attend please email: creation@onechurchbasingstoke.org

WELCOME BACK

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

DIOCESAN SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS ANNIVERSARY MASS

On Saturday 7th September at 2 pm here in St. Bede's Church, we welcome Bishop Philip who will be celebrating the Diocesan Significant Weddings Anniversary Mass.

ALTAR SERVER ALBS

Please can Altar Servers take home their Alb each week after use and not leave them in the cupboard. This will provide an opportunity for them to be washed at home on a regular basis. Also, we ask that Altar Server's dress appropriately, ideally no trainers !!!

MONEY MANAGEMENT FOR ALL

Following the success of the sessions organised last year, Holy Ghost parish is delighted to tell you that once again we have partnered with Christians Against Poverty [CAP] to deliver one of their 'Money Coaching' programmes in St Bede's Church hall on October 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st. 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 who've been 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 are very limited, so please book your space asap. The sessions will begin at 7pm with a light meal and end at 9:30pm. Please contact Deacon Tony or Pam at: adarroch@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 07883 059 529 for more information. But to book a place, please go to this link to book direct: [Get to grips with your finances | CAP UK](https://www.gettogripswithyourfinances.com) We hope to see you there!

FUNERALS

Funeral Mass for Catherine Daly RIP on Friday 13th September at 11.30 am in St. Bede's Church. We welcome Fr Peter Codd who will be Officiating at the funeral. Funeral Mass for Audrey Campbell RIP on Monday 16th September at 12 noon in St. Bede's Church. May they Rest in Peace.



PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 25th August amounted to £2,512.48. Thank you for your generosity.