

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 25th August 2024

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 25th Aug	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Vocations
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: John Reilly RIP
Mon 26th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Mary Maguire RIP, Mary Frances Durkin RIP
Tues 27th	St Monica, memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Ella Fernandes RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed 28th	St Augustine of Hippo, Bishop, memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: In thanksgiving Furtado-Viegas Families
Thur 29th	The Passion of St John the Baptist, memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention
Fri 30th	Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, Martyrs, optional memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Liddell Family (Fond)
Sat 31st	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention Lloyd Family Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week II

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus' teachings are hard and many of the disciples were not able to accept them. So, they left Jesus and returned to their former lives. The way of the cross and narrow road were too difficult. But Peter, like Aragorn, is willing to accept the challenge and even more importantly, he is ready to accept the truth. The Twelve realised how difficult it was but were compelled to stay. Peter says, "To whom shall we go?", because once we have the truth in our grasp how can we turn to anything else? The twelve tribes of Israel came to the same conclusion in Joshua's time. When he bluntly asks them to decide there and then if they are going to continue to serve the Lord, we see that they were not willing to abandon themselves to the ways of their surrounding culture. They chose to stay the course, to serve the Lord, and not forget what God had done for them.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

Please note Enrolment Date has changed to Sunday 8th September after the 11 am Mass (Enrolment will be in the Parish hall). (We need to see a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate, and the fee of £35 in cash please – no card payment). For further details 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.

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 have not yet been Confirmed.

BACCA

The Basingstoke African Caribbean Catholic Association (BACCA) warmly invites all parishioners to celebrate the 2024 Black History Month after the 11 am Mass on Sunday, 6 October 2024 at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke. 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!

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The next Baptism Preparation sessions will be held on Sunday 15th and Sunday 22nd September at 1.15pm. For more information or to register please send an email to:

baptisms@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

ADORE SPIRITUAL MINI RETREAT

Taking place on Saturday 31st August via Zoom from 10:00-13:00, the morning will explore in more depth how we need to ask the Holy Spirit to transform our thinking. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

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. This is open to all of our children regardless of which school they will be attending.



ORGAN REPAIR PROJECT

Fr John has arranged for a more detailed examination of our church organ to be carried out imminently. Many thanks to those of you who responded so spontaneously and generously to Fr John's 'bold' appeal for financial assistance with this project. At this time, Fr John respectfully requests that offers of help are withheld until after the examination of our church organ has been carried out. Eventually we hope to rebuild our organ. More information to follow.

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

SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS ANNIVERSARY MASS

On Saturday 7th September at 2pm 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 who will give you a form to complete. This is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to marriage.



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.*

FUNERALS

Funeral Mass for Chris 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. We remember their family and friends at this sad time. May they Rest in Peace.



PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 18th August amounted to £2,299.48. 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.