

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 29th September 2024

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week II

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 29th Sept	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Kate Raymund RIP (Fond)
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Marian, George Bedford RIP
<i>Welcome to Mgr Vincent Harvey who will be celebrating all Masses today</i>			
Mon 30th	St Jerome , Priest, Doctor of the Church, <i>memorial</i>		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Nelson Bento Mendonca RIP
Tues 1st	St Teresa of the Child Jesus , Religious, <i>memorial</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Chandy Joseph RIP
Wed 2nd	<i>Sorry no Mass today</i>		
Thur 3rd	<i>Sorry no Mass today</i>		
Fri 4th	St Francis of Assisi , Founder, <i>memorial</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Audrey Campbell RIP
Sat 5th	St Faustina Kowalska , Religious, <i>optional memorial</i>		
	9.30 pm	SB	Mass: Paddy Payne RIP
	<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>		

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week III

Sun 6th Oct	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Reg Smart RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs O'Meara Family
	2.30 pm	SJ	Syro Malabar Rite at St Joseph's Church
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

There are several messages in today's readings, and they all call upon the authenticity of our bond with Christ. He asks us to cut out of our lives any sin that may hold us back from true service of His kingdom. This demands courage: it is painful but necessary for true discipleship. His words are stern but even more stern, is His righteous anger against those who damage or undermine the faith of the "little ones" who are dear to Him. Christ takes sin seriously, so seriously that He is on His way to Jerusalem to suffer and die for our redemption. We cannot be passive or casual about the insidious power that sin can have over us, and its effect on those to whom we are called to show a special protective love. The Letter of St James calls us to the same hunger and thirst for justice. The fire of the Holy Spirit is to be in our minds and hearts, and not some insipid faith that demands so little of us. We heed the cry of Moses: "If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave His spirit to them all!" Each day we pray for the same Holy Spirit, not the spirit of timidity and fear but of all that makes of us a prophetic people, speaking and acting as servants, not self-appointed owners of God's kingdom. There is no place for such elitism among the Catholic people. The "little ones" teach us otherwise.

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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - HARVEST APPEAL

Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD and you will fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. There will be a second collection next weekend. To donate use the envelope in church or give online at: [Give by virtual envelope \(cafod.org.uk\)](https://cafod.org.uk)



READERS TRAINING DAY

A Diocesan training day for Readers led by Fr Anthony Fyk will be held on Saturday 19th October from 10.30am until 2pm 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

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

MASS COUNT

Over the next four weekends, starting on Sunday 22nd September, Parishes across all of the Dioceses of England and Wales will be undertaking their annual Mass count for the numbers of people in attendance at Sunday Masses. Thank you in advance to all our Priests, stewards and parishioners who will be facilitating this important endeavour.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Our Parish 'Journey in Faith' course continues on Wednesday 2nd October at 7.30pm until 9pm in the hall.

BACCA

The Basingstoke African Caribbean Catholic Association (BACCA) invites all parishioners to celebrate Black History Month after the 11am Mass on Sunday 6th Oct 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!

ASDA CASHPOT

If you shop at Asda, you can support St Bede's Primary School in the 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. Search for St Bede's School using postcode RG24 9DX. The promotion ends 30th November 2024. Further details at: [Cashpot for schools \(asda.com\)](https://cashpotforschools.asda.com)

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The next Baptism Preparation sessions will be held on Sunday 13th and Sunday 20th October. For more information and to register please send an email to: baptisms@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

WINTER NIGHT SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS

The night shelter will be operating every day from 1st December to 28th February to give a Christian welcome, a hot meal and a warm and dry bed to men and women who are homeless and are sleeping rough in our town. Training is mandatory before anyone can volunteer face to face in the shelter. Here are the training dates: Tuesday 1st October at 7:30pm in Basingstoke Baptist Church, Gershwin Road, RG22 4HL or Wednesday 9th October at 7:30pm at Hope Church Sarum Hill RG21 8SR. Here is a link to let the admin team know which training session you plan to attend: [Training Registration Form \(google.com\)](#) There are also many other ways you could help e.g. setting up before guests arrive, cooking, laundry, etc. Contact the NLWS administrator, Chris Clarke-Williams (07411181887) or chris@kvsc.co.uk if you want more information.

BASINGSTOKE FOODBANK

The Foodbank are looking for volunteers to fill many different roles:

1. Help in one of the 7 centres where food is handed out
2. Help sort food donations at its Houndmills warehouse
3. Help with voucher admin in the Foodbank head office at Houndmills.

All the above involve approx. 3.5 hours per week but involvement can be flexed to meet volunteers individual availability. There is also a need for drivers to join the monthly rota for collecting customers' food donations at Tesco Chineham and bringing them to the warehouse at Houndmills. If you are interested Pat Murphy (07785 312486) will gladly tell you more about the roles.

RENEWAL EVENING

We warmly invite you to a Renewal Evening on Zoom, Thursday 10th October 2024, starting at 7:30pm until 9.45pm. This evening is as a follow up to the wonderful Life in the Spirit Seminar Series, held for Portsmouth Diocese, but anyone is welcome to participate. ***Please join us and invite your friends for an evening of praise, prayer and blessing. To participate please click on this Zoom Registration Link: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)***

MONEY MANAGEMENT FOR ALL

There is still time to register for the Christians Against Poverty [CAP] 'Money Coaching' programme in St Bede's Church Hall on October 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st. The sessions will begin at 7pm with a light meal and end at 9:30pm. For more information please contact Deacon Tony or Pam: adarroch@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 07883 059 529. Please go to this link to book directly: [Get to grips with your finances | CAP UK](#)

CHURCH FLOODING

Once again the Church and complex suffered severe flooding on Thursday afternoon..... We are extremely grateful to the Parishioners who turned up to help with the task of clearing up.....

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 22nd September amounted to £2,412.62. Thank you for your generosity.