

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 8th September 2024

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week III

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

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
Mon 9th	St Peter Claver , Religious, <i>optional memorial</i>		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Yvonne Treadgold RIP
Tues 10th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 11th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Catherine Daly RIP
Thur 12th	THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY , <i>optional memorial</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Mary, Victor Johnson
Fri 13th	St John Chrysostom , Doctor of the Church, <i>memorial</i>		
	11.30 am	SB	Funeral Mass Catherine Daly RIP
	<i>Sorry, there will be no 9.30 am Mass today</i>		
Sat 14th	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS , <i>Feast</i>		
	9.30 pm	SB	Mass: Mary McInerney RIP
	<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>		

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week IV

Sun 15th Sept	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Erin Lindsay RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite & Baptism
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Antonin, Vera Svobodovi RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Have you ever had an "Aha! Moment", a time when you suddenly realised something that you previously didn't comprehend or perhaps when your understanding of something suddenly clicked? The Greek scientist Archimedes is alleged to have experienced a great moment of insight whilst sitting in his bath, which led to him running down the street, naked, shouting "Eureka!" (I have found it!). Today is Education Sunday and we give thanks for all those who have provided those eureka moments for us, those who taught us in the past and all those currently teaching in our schools and colleges. As we celebrate the vocation of teaching we also give thanks to Jesus, the master teacher. In today's Gospel He touches a man's eyes, and ears and lets him see and hear. Good teaching is about opening eyes, ears and minds. Letting people see things differently, showing them a new perspective. Can we open our eyes and ears to Christ, the master teacher? Can we experience our own eureka moment, putting into practice the teaching of Jesus and thereby experiencing His promise of life in all its fullness?

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WELCOME

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

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.

MASS INTENTIONS AND TIME CHANGES

When an offering is made for a Mass to be celebrated and a date is booked, everything possible is done to ensure that the Mass takes place at the time arranged. There are times when Masses have to be moved if unforeseen circumstances occur (e.g. funeral or if Fr John has been called out). We ask you please to be patient and understanding

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!

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend there is a second collection for the Catholic Education Service. The Catholic Education Service acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. To donate online go to: [Catholic Education Service Second Collection 2024 | Give as you Live Donate](https://www.catholiceducation.org.uk)

FLOODING

Sadly, the Church was flooded again on Thursday afternoon, and Friday morning. Sincere thanks to the Parish Staff and parishioners who responded immediately, and helped with the 'clean up' operation which took all day on Friday, we are extremely grateful

SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS 'THANK YOU'

Enormous thanks to those who were involved with hosting our 19th Diocesan Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass here at St Bede's Church with Bishop Philip. There are so many people to 'thank'. I am so reluctant to name any one particular person, it was a typical St Bede's Team effort, displaying our hospitality at the highest level. In no particular order, to the Altar Servers, Sacristans, St Bede's choir for all their preparation and providing us with wonderful singing and presentation. To the behind the scenes volunteers who helped with the invitations, the certificates, the many trips to the various supermarkets and planning sessions, to our Catering team, to the Flower Ladies for spectacular displays of beautiful arrangements, to St Bede's School for their beautiful window display, to the Knights of St Columba for manning the car parks, to the 'welcomers' and 'ushers', who guided guests to their seats, to those who helped 'set up' and decorate the Church, Cloister and Hall, to the Lords Flock for helping with the First Aid, and donating the wedding cake, to our photographer, to our wonderful 'St. Bede's' Hospitality Group, who helped with serving tea, coffee, and afternoon tea to our guests. To the cleaning team, who cleaned the Church and complex to an inch of its life. To the team who helped with the clearing up, and preparing the Church for the Sunday Masses.... quite a task!!!! Thank you!!!

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.

MONEY MANAGEMENT FOR ALL

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. 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.gettogrips.org.uk) We hope to see you there!

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 1st September amounted to £2,454.53. Thank you for your generosity.