

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 27th October 2024

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week II

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 27th Oct	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Maureen McCauley RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. for Marriages in the Parish
Mon 28th			Ss SIMON & JUDE , Apostles, <i>feast</i>
	12 noon	HG	Mass: Maureen Burnand RIP (Fond)
			<i>Please note that Mass will be celebrated at Holy Ghost</i>
Tues 29th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Henry Odiah RIP
Wed 30th			<i>Sorry, NO Mass today</i>
Thur 31st	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Bertie, Mamie Quinn RIP (Fond)
Fri 1st			ALL SAINTS , solemnity, <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. St. Bede's Church Donors
	7.30 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Donna Lloyd
Sat 2nd			Commemoration of ALL SOULS
	9.30 pm	SB	Mass: Rita Obadaki RIP
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>
	2.00 pm	SB	Lord's Flock 20th Anniversary Mass <i>(Parishioners are most welcome)</i>

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week III

Sun 3rd Nov	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Vocations
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: John Hennessy RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's scripture readings are about the journey of life and the journeys within it. In Jeremiah and in the psalm, we hear that the people's journey was far from smooth. There were tears, suffering, and captivity, but Jeremiah tells of God's promise to comfort and guide them, and the psalm sings of the marvels God has worked for His people. In the Gospel, Bartimaeus is described as "a blind beggar". His life has not been smooth, and there has probably been little he has been able to do to make it smoother for himself. When he makes noise, he is told to be quiet. He seems powerless and cast aside - someone who should have no right to bother Jesus along the road. But Bartimaeus has faith in Jesus and persists. He calls Jesus "Master" and asks Jesus to let him see again. Jesus tells him that his faith has saved him, and Bartimaeus follows Jesus along the road. While this story is of physical healing, it is also one of choice. Bartimaeus, who had little power on his own, has chosen to have faith in Jesus. When his sight is restored, he chooses to follow Jesus on the path of discipleship.

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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.

ALL SAINTS

Friday 1st November is the Feast of All Saints and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 9.30 am and 7.30 pm at St Bede's Church.

BISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER

This weekend a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Philip will be read at all Masses. Copies will be available to take away.

ALL SOULS

All Souls Day on 2nd November is devoted to praying for these souls believed to be in Purgatory, seeking God's mercy and their ultimate release into eternal joy. The history of this observance dates back to the 11th century when St. Odilo, the Abbot of Cluny, instituted a day dedicated to pray for the souls of the departed. So we pray for all our family and friends who have gone before us on this special day.

BASINGSTOKE FOODBANK APPEAL

The Foodbank, now in its 13th year in the town, is busier than ever across its 7 centres in the Borough. The numbers of people in a crisis, seeking help to prevent them and their families going hungry, has more than doubled when compared to times pre pandemic. Please will you help the Foodbank to top up its low stocks by donating one or more of the following: **Tinned veg; Tinned fruit; Tinned meat; Tinned Soup; Custard; Cooking Sauce; Washing up liquid.** Please leave donated items in the wooden boxes in the Cloister to be collected and taken to the Foodbank. Many thanks for your ongoing generosity and support for the work of the Foodbank.

ST. BEDE'S SCHOOL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Fr John will be available on Tuesday 10th December between 10.30 am – 11.30 am, and again on Saturday 4th January 2025 between 10.30 – 11.15 am to sign forms. There is no need to make an appointment, just turn up. Fr John will be in the hall. Please remember to bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Form with you.

REQUIEM MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY

Canon David Hopgood, the Provost, and the Cathedral Chapter, invite you to the Cathedral, Portsmouth on **Thursday 7th November at 12.15** for the annual Mass for Deceased Bishops, Priests and Deacons of the Diocese. This annual Mass, celebrated by the Bishop, is organised by the Chapter and one of the canons usually gives the homily. This year, Canon Simon Thomson, our Judicial Vicar and the parish priest of Corpus Christi Wokingham, is the preacher. As we pray for our deceased clergy, let us also pray for all our deceased religious and lay faithful of the Diocese and throughout the month of November for our departed loved ones. May they Rest in Peace.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend there will be a second collection for our sister Diocese Bamenda.

POPE FRANCIS NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

During November Pope Francis asks us to pray for anyone who has lost a child. *We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.*

NOVEMBER

November is the Month of the Holy Souls, there will be a basket to the side of the Altar, please place all those names of members of your family and friends you wish to remember. May they Rest in Peace. Please do not put money into the envelopes, thank you.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Blessing of the Graves in Worting Road Cemetery will take place on Sunday 10th November at 2.30 pm. This short service reminds us to honour the graves of our loved ones, and to pray that their souls are now with the Lord sharing His promise of eternal life. May they Rest in Peace.

CAFOD-DEC MIDDLE EAST HUMANITARIAN APPEAL

Donate to the Middle East Humanitarian Appeal to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help local aid workers to give urgent, practical help to families in Lebanon and Gaza, the West Bank and Israel. You can donate at: [DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal](#)

ONLINE SESSION ON THE NEW LECTIONARY

In preparation for the new lectionary which comes into use in Advent, two sessions are being held which offer the opportunity to learn more about it. Each session will be led by Fr. Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgy, and will be identical - you need only attend one. The session will cover what the lectionary is, its revisions and what they mean for us. If you would like to pose a question, please submit it in advance in writing to: liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. The sessions are on **Tuesday 5th November** and **Tuesday 19th November** and will last one hour, from 7 to 8 pm. Please register for the Tuesday 5th November session here: [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#) and for the Tuesday 19th November session here: [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

FUNERALS

Funeral Service at St. Bede's Church on Tuesday 5th November at 12 noon for Norah Hudson RIP. Funeral Service at Basingstoke Crematorium on Wednesday 6th November at 2 pm for Patrick McCann RIP. May they Rest in Peace.



PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 20th October amounted to £2,302.41. 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.