

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 6th October 2024

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week III

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

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
Mon 7th			Our Lady of the Rosary, memorial
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Int. Jimmy Hickey
Tues 8th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Aleyamma Philip RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 9th			ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, Religious, feast
	9.30 am	HG	Mass: Nick Hollingshead RIP
			Please note that Mass will be celebrated at Holy Ghost
Thur 10th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: <i>Sorry, no Mass today</i>
Fri 11th			St John XXIII, Pope, optional memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Mr. Mrs. Onuvbaiye RIP
Sat 12th			Our Lady on Saturday
	9.30 pm	SB	Mass: In thanksgiving Goolye & Gibson Family
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week IV

Sun 13th Oct	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Mary Fowler RIP (Fond)
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Audrey Campbell RIP

Welcome to Fr. Jimmy who will be celebrating all our Masses from Sat 12th October until Friday 18th October while Fr. John is away on Retreat

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus appeals to the natural child within us all whose deepest desires are incapable of disguise. Do we gaze adoringly on Jesus like the street children of His day? Do we fearlessly call upon His name, beg more of His spirit, breathlessly tumble out our needs in prayer? What matters is how hungry we are for God's love; how eagerly we place God at the centre of our lives; how affectionate and trusting we are towards one another. Jesus commends to us, not the conformity of a perfect child, but the natural exuberance of the loveable little ones who were bursting to get close to Him. No one is ever turned away who holds out an empty heart for God to fill with love ... nor is it impertinent to ask for more!

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.

BACCA

The Basingstoke African Caribbean Catholic Association (BACCA) invites all parishioners to celebrate Black History Month after the 11am Mass this 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!

DRAINAGE WORKS

In recent months very heavy downpours have resulted in the church being repeatedly flooded. We are very grateful to everyone who has been involved in helping to clear up, but clearly the underlying problem must be resolved. Discussions have been taking place with the Diocese Estates team and St Bede's School to tackle the problem. On Wednesday 9th October, there will be no access to St Bede's Church car park all day whilst we have engineers on site to power jet drainage and undertake a CCTV survey. The report from this will direct the next stage of our plan. We are also in contact with Hampshire Highways. A further update on progress will follow in due course.

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 this weekend. To donate use the envelope in church or give online at: [Give by virtual envelope \(cafod.org.uk\)](https://www.cafod.org.uk)



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

October is traditionally a month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. Bishop Philip writes 'The Rosary is a wonderful prayer for us to say, praying to Our Lord for protection from all danger, sickness and evil.' For a simple explanation of the Rosary click the link: [The Holy Rosary \(mailchi.mp\)](https://www.mailchi.mp)

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

Please note there will be no 'Warm Space' this Wednesday, 9th October.

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 operate every day from 1st December to 28th February to give a Christian welcome, a hot meal and a warm, dry bed to men and women who are homeless and sleeping rough in our town. Training is mandatory before anyone can volunteer face to face in the shelter. The final training date is on Wednesday 9th October at 7:30pm at Praise Embassy, Lennox Road Basingstoke RG22 4AP. Here is a link to let the admin team know you plan to attend: [Training Registration Form \(google.com\)](https://www.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 chris@kvsc.co.uk if you want more information.

PLANT SALE

Grateful thanks to parishioners who bought plants at the recent plant sale. You helped raise £402 to support the work of St. Michael's Hospice, many thanks.

GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER Pope Francis has called for a global day of prayer and fasting on **Monday 7th October...** to mark the one-year anniversary of the Hamas attack on Israel amid escalating violence in the region. The Pope's surprise announcement, made at the end of his homily at Mass in St. Peter's Square on Wednesday, comes the morning after Iran launched hundreds of missiles toward Israel following the launch of the Israeli military's ground offensive in Lebanon. Pope Francis said that the Church is always at the service of humanity, "especially in his dramatic hour of our history, as the winds of war and the fires of violence continue to ravage entire Peoples and Nations."

THE MARONITE CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND

St Thomas More Catholic Church in Bournemouth will host a public talk titled 'The Maronite Christians in the Holy Land' on Sunday, 20th October 2024, from 3pm to 5pm. The event will explore the rich history of Maronite Christianity, including the Aramaic language, liturgies, and the current practices of Maronites in the Holy Land. Tickets are £7 per person or £10 per family, with advanced booking required. For more details and booking, visit the event's official page TICKETSOURCE and search for 'Maronites': [TicketSource - Discover Great Events & Things To Do Near You](https://www.ticketsource.com)

ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL

ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat 26th October 10.00 - 1.00 "Heal the sick – ministering in the charisms of the Holy Spirit," Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Joe Livingston. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at [Meeting Registration - Zoom](https://www.meetingregistration-zoom.com) More information at www.altonrenewal.com

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 29th September amounted to £2,620.30 Thank you for your generosity.