

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 3rd November 2024 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week III

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

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
Mon 4th	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop, memorial		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Peter James Hughes RIP
Tues 5th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. for the Church, Clergy & Religious Life
	12 noon	SB	Funeral Service for Norah Hudson RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 6th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Wayne Togher RIP
	2.00 pm		Service at the Crematorium for Patrick McCann RIP
Thur 7th	St Willibrord, Bishop, optional memorial		
	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Brenda Herron RIP
	Please note the earlier Mass start time		
Fri 8th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Holy Souls
Sat 9th	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA, feast		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: In thanksgiving Gabryel Lloyd, Sonme Domantay Gibson
	<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>		

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Year B, Psalter Week IV



Sun 10th Nov	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Paddy and Anne Byrne RIP
	2.30 pm		Blessing of the Graves at Worting Road Cemetery
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Tony Tambascia RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

As Jesus comes to the end of His public career, He rounds up His teaching by having final exchanges with His old adversaries, the scribes, the Pharisees and the Sadducees. When you examine the Law, the Torah, the first five books of the Old Testament, the instructions that stand out are these two great commandments: the love of God and the love of our neighbour as ourselves. Jesus has attempted to illustrate, through His life and teaching, how these two commandments may be lived out in practice. Jesus offers a life of service which lifts burdens, restores and nourishes in both word and deed. To see and practice this is to be close to the Kingdom of God, that is, to be a channel of God's loving presence in the world.

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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.

NOVEMBER

November is the Month of the Holy Souls, and 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.

UNWANTED GIFT SALE

We are holding a 'Gift Sale' on Sunday 17th November after all Masses to help raise funds for a local charity, HHH, Hampshire and Hoima Hospitals and the Little Hospice of Hoima in Uganda. The money raised will help fund equipment needed for patients and also fund repair of existing equipment at the hospital in Hoima. The Hospice does amazing work for a very poor community and we would like to support them too. If you have any 'unwanted' gifts at home that you would like to donate to the sale, please bring them to the church before Sunday 17th November.

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. *(Please note that Mass will be celebrated at St Bede's at the earlier time of 9.00 am on this day as Fr John will be attending Mass at the Cathedral)*

BAMENDA SUNDAY

This Sunday we celebrate our Diocesan link with the Archdiocese of Bamenda, now in its 50th year. Please pray for a peaceful resolution to the political crisis in Bamenda and for the priests generously sent here from the Archdiocese to serve in the Diocese of Portsmouth:

- Fr Gaston Afah Forbah (English Martyrs, Reading and Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation)
- Fr Emmanuel Rinda, (Corpus Christi & St Joseph's, Portsmouth)
- Fr Elijah Fru Nde, (Christ the King & St Colman Bitterne and Hedge End & West End)
- Fr Anthony Njinga (Immaculate Conception, Portswood)
- Fr Benedict Ndikum (Assistant Priest in Winchester)

We remember them and their families in our prayers this Bamenda Sunday. The second collection this weekend is the main source of annual income for the various joint projects our Bamenda Funds will support. Please be as generous as you can in these very challenging times. Any contribution of any size is most welcome and can make a real difference. Donations can also be made online at: [Donate - Bamenda and Portsmouth](#)

HALF TERM BREAK

We hope you have all had a relaxing half term break and are refreshed and ready to return to school/college.

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.*

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Blessing of the Graves in Worthing Road Cemetery will take place next 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.

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. Funeral Mass on Monday 25th November at 12 noon at St. Bede's Church for Gerard McElroy RIP May they Rest in Peace.



PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 27th October amounted to £2,476.10. Second collection for Mission Sunday amounted to £482.20. 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.