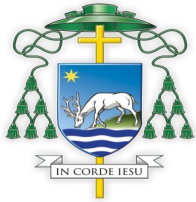


# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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## Sunday 24th August 2025

### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Year C, Psalter Week I*

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses**

Sun 24th Aug	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Nicola Kinder
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Bill Woods RIP
Mon 25th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Birthday Int Bernadette Vernon
Tues 26th	<b>Blessed Dominic Barberi</b> , Religious, <i>optional memorial</i> Sorry NO Mass today		
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 27th	<b>St Monica</b> , <i>memorial</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Ella Maria Fernandes RIP
	12 noon	SB	Funeral Mass for Brenda Taylor RIP
Thurs 28th	<b>St Augustine of Hippo</b> , Bishop, <i>memorial</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Molly De Santa RIP
Fri 29th	<b>The Passion of St John the Baptist</b> , <i>memorial</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Gibson & Goolye Families
Sat 30th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int Agata Wecel
	<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>		

### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Year C, Psalter Week II*

Sun 31st Aug	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Liddell Family (Fond)
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int Lorraine Moody
Mon 1st	12 noon	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Colella, Bibbo Families
Tues 2nd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Fr Michael Cooley RIP (Dio)
Wed 3rd	<b>ST GREGORY THE GREAT</b> , Pope, <i>feast</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Rita Truszkowski RIP
Thurs 4th	<b>St Cuthbert</b> , Bishop, <i>optional memorial</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Roy & Simon Goodier RIP (Fond)
Fri 5th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention
	St. Bede's School joining us for Mass		
Sat 6th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Pacita Yabut RIP
	<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>		

### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Year C, Psalter Week III*

Sun 7th Sept	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Vocations to the Priesthood
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

## WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to any visitors who join us for Mass. Welcome also to all who join us for our Liturgies live-streamed via our webcam: [www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](http://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025/26

To join next years FHC program your child must be 7 years or over and a Baptised Catholic . You must register your child by email: [fhc@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](mailto:fhc@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk). The program will start in September

## CLERGY RETIREMENTS

Please pray for the following priests who are retiring around this time, that they may be blessed with long and happy retirements following many years of loyal and faithful service to our Diocese.

- Mgr. Jeremy Garratt retires from Waterlooville and Horndean. He was ordained in July 1975 and has just celebrated his Golden Jubilee of priestly ordination. He was appointed a Canon of the Cathedral Chapter in 1993. He has also served in various Diocesan roles including as Vicar-General, Episcopal Vicar for Vocation and as Rector of Womersley Seminary.
- Dom Austin Gurr OSB retires from Andover. He was ordained in June 1977 and is a Benedictine monk of the English Benedictines at Douai Abbey.
- Fr. Jonathan Redvers Harris retires from Cowes and East Cowes. He was ordained as a priest of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham in June 2011, following previous ministry in the Church of England. He also serves as the Chancellor of the Ordinariate and as a Defender of the Bond for our Diocesan Tribunal.
- Fr. Patrick Tansey retires from St Michael's Tadley with St Oswald's Burghfield Common. He was ordained in December 1982 and has served in a number of parishes across the Diocese as well as being Chaplain to the UCM.
- Mgr. Paul Townsend retires from Ringwood and Fordingbridge. He was ordained in February 1984. He was appointed a Canon of the Cathedral Chapter in 2006. He has also served in various Diocesan roles including as Vicar-General and Vicar for Clergy. We give thanks to God for their many years of dedicated ministry.

## SICK OF THE PARISH

We remember and pray for the sick of our Parish, those who are in hospital, nursing homes and at home, and for those who are caring for them. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The next Baptism Preparation sessions will be held on Sunday 12th and Sunday 19th October at St Bede's. To register please email: [baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](mailto:baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)

## PLANT SALE

The plant sale we had here last weekend, raised over £450 in aid of St. Michael's Hospice. Thank you to Alfredo & Eileen Alavorgna for organising this plant sale. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Office closed 28th, 29th Aug, 1st Sept for annual leave.

## AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION

During August, the Holy Father asks us to pray for mutual coexistence. *Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.*



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The Parish 'Journey in Faith' course will be on both a Tuesday (7 pm) and Wednesday evening, (7.30 pm) The Tuesday session will start on September 16th, and the Wednesday session on the 17th. An outline of the program will be shared with all attendees on both evenings. Attendees only need to attend on one of the evenings, not both.

## LOST PROPERTY ITEMS

Lost property items that parishioners have left behind will be on display this weekend, and weekend 31st September. If an item belongs to you, please take it away. If not, the items will be donated to charity or discarded.

## FUNERALS

Funeral Mass for Brenda Taylor RIP on Wed 27th August at 12 noon at St. Bede's Church. Funeral Service for Richard Stettner RIP will take place at St. Bede's Church on Thurs 11th September at 12.30 pm. Funeral Mass for Desmond Rafferty RIP on Tues 16th September at 11 am in Holy Ghost Church. May they Rest in Peace.

## RELICS OF KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

The Knights of St. Columba proudly safeguard the revered relics of St. Columba, St Andrew and St Margaret. Once again this year local Knights have been helping bring these sacred relics to locations across the country, inviting pilgrims to partake in their spiritual legacy. We are blessed to have the relics of the Saints coming to St. Joseph's here in Basingstoke. Parishioners from around the Pastoral Area are warmly encouraged to come and venerate the relics on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

There will be a short liturgy at 2pm to welcome the relics. Thereafter, there will be opportunity for silent prayer and veneration of the relics interspersed with gentle music throughout the afternoon. The relics will be displayed until after the 6pm Vigil Mass. You are welcome to make known any prayer intentions which can be placed before the relics. Please spread the word for this special occasion.

## WELCOME BACK

We welcome back our Teachers and Children to start the new academic year. We trust you have all had a wonderful summer holiday. Please also keep in your prayers students preparing to start College and University.

## DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

The easiest way to make a donation to the Parish is via Standing Order/Bank Transfer, online at: [Donate to Basingstoke St Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate](#) or via our contactless terminal by the Hall.