

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 14th September 2025

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Year C, Psalter Week IV

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

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| Sun 14th Sept | 9.00 am | SB | Mass: Int. Myrna Lyon |
| | 11.00 am | SB | Mass: People of the Parish |
| | 6.00 pm | SB | Mass: Genowefa Sawko RIP |
| Mon 15th | Our Lady of Sorrows, memorial | | |
| | 12 noon | SB | Mass: Laurence Williams RIP |
| Tues 16th | Ss Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs, memorial | | |
| | 9.30 am | SB | Mass: Tom Merriam RIP |
| | 12 noon | SB | Funeral Service Desmond Rafferty RIP |
| Wed 17th | 9.30 am | SB | Mass: Dec Mbrs Broadbent Family (Fond) |
| Thurs 18th | 9.30 am | SB | Mass: Yve Treadgold RIP |
| Fri 19th | 9.30 am | SB | Mass: Monica Lobo RIP |
| Sat 20th | St Andrew Kim Taegon, St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions, Martyrs, memorial | | |
| | 9.30 am | SB | Mass: Mary Payne RIP |
| | <i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i> | | |

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C, Psalter Week I

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| Sun 21st Sept | 9.00 am | SB | Mass: Wedding Anniversary Int. Sylvia & Felix |
| | 11.00 am | SB | Mass: Gregorio Micabalo RIP |
| | 2.30 pm | SB | Mass: Syro Malabar |
| | 6.00 pm | SB | Mass: People of the Parish |

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

By his death on the cross Jesus tells us that our pain is his pain, every act of suffering we experience is also his. Hence, we are never alone in our pain, our grief, our death. Jesus does not passively watch our pain and suffering from a distance; he is in our suffering, by our side, in our pain. He is the God of everyone who suffers. Knowing that he suffers with us and in us gives us the opportunity to turn suffering into love, pain into hope, death into resurrection. Just as Jesus surrendered to his suffering, at times we too will be called to the cross, called to sacrifice and surrender in love as we experience our own moments of pain and loss. By understanding how love conquers death on the cross, and by uniting our suffering with his, we can begin to glimpse the light of love in our own pain and darkness.

Jesus, fully man, flesh and blood, suffers on the cross to tell us that whatever we endure, he has endured, he is with us in our pain, and there is a loving liberation and a healing resurrection close at hand. Jesus says he hasn't come to condemn or punish the world. Of course he challenges us, but only so that we may be healed, only to restore and renew us. *He saves us by healing us* – that is the whole Gospel in a nutshell. So, the cross *does* save us; it frees us from sin, but not perhaps in the way we once thought.

Taken from the Living Word, Redemptorist Publications

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

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL THIS HARVEST

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.



FEAST LIGHT BASINGSTOKE (FLB) 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

The FLB is celebrating their 10 year anniversary on the 27th September at the Haymarket Theatre, Basingstoke from 17.00 to 20.00. "The Feast" is a Catholic prayer meeting and community founded by Bo Sanchez, stemming from the Light of Jesus Family in the Philippines. Beginning with Mass at 5pm celebrated by Fr John Lee, and followed by praise and worship with inspiring talks from Fr Paul Leonard and Bro Arun Gogna (Feast Builder Manila). Please come, bring your families and friends and join us in our celebration! If you want to know more please contact Herman Yabut: yabherm@aol.com. Tickets are available using the link: [Book Tickets | Anvil Arts](#)

BISHOP CHALLONER SECONDARY SCHOOL 50 YEARS OLD!

Bishop Challoner Catholic Secondary School is 50 Years Old! We would welcome former members of staff to join us for our Patronal Feast Day Mass, on Friday 26 September at 12.10pm and afterwards for light refreshments. If you are able to attend please complete this short form confirming your name: [Bishop Challoner Golden Jubilee Patronal Feast Day Mass 12.05pm, St Joseph's Church](#) or email: jubilee@bcs.hants.sch.uk to help us with arrangements.

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

ADVENT FAIR

There will be another planning meeting for the Advent Fair on Tuesday 16th September at 8pm in St Bede's Hall. Plans are moving forward but there is still time to get involved. If you want to do so, just turn up. If you are not able to, please contact Judith via email: jaylmer232@gmail.com.

ADORE MINI RETREAT

On 20th September the next of our "PILGRIMS OF HOPE" meetings for 2025 will take place. The theme is "PILGRIMS OF HOPE MINISTER TO ONE ANOTHER." There will be an Inspiring talk from Geoff Poulter, Director of the Catholic Bible School for 12 years and leader of training courses in Prophecy, Healing and Discipleship, as well as live-streamed Mass, Adoration, Prophecy, Praise, and Prayer. Please register in advance at: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

During September, the Holy Father asks us to pray for our relationship with all of creation. *Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.*



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)



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

CAFOD MEETING

You are invited to a CAFOD meeting at St Bede's Church Hall on Saturday 20th September from 10.30am to 1.30pm. Come and hear about the difference your donations are making to communities around the world and CAFOD's work with partners in Southern Ethiopia. A simple lunch will be provided so please book your place by emailing Jo on: jlewry@cafod.org.uk.

SACRAMENTALS

We have been asked on numerous occasions to accept Missals, Bibles, Prayers books, Medals etc that have been left by people who have recently died. Sadly, we are unable to accept any items.

MASS COUNT

Next weekend will be the first of four Mass counts.

SECOND COLLECTION - CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE

Our second collection is in support of the Catholic Education Service which represents the Catholic Bishops' Conference and works to promote and support Catholic education across the country. One of the Diocese of Portsmouth's priorities is working with children and young adults by providing places of education, university chaplaincy, parish youth ministry and opportunities for social action. There are 69 Catholic Schools in our Diocese providing education and faith formation to 30,799 pupils. Donate online at: [Catholic Education Service Second Collection 2025 | Give as you Live Donate](#)

FUNERALS

Funeral Mass for Desmond Rafferty RIP on Tuesday 16th September at 12 noon in St. Bede's Church.

Funeral Mass for June Scott RIP on Friday 10th October at 11 am in St. Bede's Church. We remember their family and friends at this sad time. May they Rest in Peace.



PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 7th September amounted to £3,063.30. Many thanks for your support and generosity.

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.

