

# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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## Sunday 21st September 2025

### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Year C, Psalter Week I*

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

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	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 22nd	12 noon	SB	Mass: Int. El Shaddia Community
Tues 23rd			<b>St Pio of Pietrelcina, Religious, memorial</b>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Daniel Woode
	7.30 pm	SB	Adoration
Wed 24th			<b>OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM, feast</b>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Cecily, Jacob Peter RIP
Thurs 25th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Hynes Family
Fri 26th			<b>Ss Cosmas &amp; Damian, Martyrs, optional memorial</b>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Lorraine Moody RIP
Sat 27th			<b>St Vincent de Paul, Founder, memorial</b>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. St Vincent de Paul Group <i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

### TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Year C, Psalter Week II*

Sun 28th Sept	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Maria Manuela, Fernando Vale Costa RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Michela Colella RIP

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### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's parable is not the easiest to understand, there are two conclusions. The first says: "make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings". But the second says: "You cannot serve God and money." Neither of the protagonists in the parable is offered to us as a model. We have a harsh rich master and a devious steward. The master himself praises the steward for the way he escapes the disaster of being sacked. He praises his prudence or astuteness, and the comment then follows that the children of light are not similarly endowed. The second conclusion is much more in line with the teaching that is offered in the two parables that bookend today's story. Just before we have the parable of the prodigal son and immediately afterwards comes the story of the rich man and Lazarus, the poor man at his gate. Their themes are reconciliation and sensitivity to those in our midst who are needy. The difficulty in today's story is that it does not really show us what serving God entails. The other stories do. The father welcoming his son is being neither prudent nor astute. Dives, the rich man, knows very well that Lazarus is at his gate but does nothing about it. The message is much clearer.

*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](http://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)

## CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER

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](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.



## FHC & CONFIRMATION 2026

This weekend is the final 'cut off' weekend for children who do not attend St Bede's School to enrol into the 2025-26 First Holy Communion programme. The Confirmation programme for 2025/26 is oversubscribed, sadly, no more applications can be accepted this year.

## FEAST LIGHT BASINGSTOKE (FLB) 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

The FLB celebrates 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). Tickets are available using the link: [Book Tickets](#) | [Anvil Arts](#)

## BACCA

The Basingstoke African Caribbean Catholic Association (BACCA) will be hosting the 2025 Black History Month celebration on Sunday 5th October after the 11am Mass in St. Bede's church hall. All are welcome.

## 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)

## KSC 'LUCKY ME' WINNER

The September 'Lucky Me' £50 winner was Francis Boland, many congratulations.

## MASS COUNT

This weekend will be the first of four Autumn Mass counts.

## FATIMA RELICS AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, PORTSMOUTH 4TH – 5TH OCTOBER

The World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) Team are organising the visitation of the two National Pilgrim Statues and the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco to all Cathedrals and Catholic Shrines in England and Wales between May 2025 and October 2026. Further details about this and other upcoming events can be found at: <https://www.worldfatima@englandwales.org.uk/events>

## EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY

Our second collection is in support of Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (formally known as Home Mission Sunday). It is a day dedicated to proclaiming the joyful message of the Gospel—a message that brings hope and transformation to all who receive it with an open heart. This year, the Church commemorates a significant milestone: the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. This historic gathering of bishops laid the foundation for the creed we profess each Sunday, a creed that expresses the core of our faith and mission—to know and love God in this life, in order to be happy with Him forever in the next. The creed begins with the powerful declaration, "I believe," which serves as the theme for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday 2025. This special Sunday highlights the Church's evangelisation efforts at both parish and diocesan levels. To donate online go to: [Home Mission Sunday Second Collection | Give as you Live Donate](#)

## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING – SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

Please keep this date clear for Safeguarding training which will be held at St Bede's Church hall. Training will cover both children and adults at risk from a church perspective. The training will last 2.5 hrs, starting at 10am to 1pm. The course is for all volunteers or staff members who wish to secure Diocese approved safeguarding training which will be valid for three years.

## CARE OF OUR CHURCH

We welcome wholeheartedly everyone into Our Church here at St. Bede's, and we ask you to please always respect Our Church and its facilities. We are alarmed that children are allowed to run around the Church during Mass, blow out candles and use the candle stand as a sand pit. We are also very concerned about parking both in St Bede's car park and St. Bede's School car park. The entrance area into the Church should be clear in the event of the Emergency Services trying to gain access to the Church. People are now using the grassed area as a 'parking lot', blocking the entrance also to the Priest's Presbytery. Children are running around the car park as if a play area. Let's bless our children by keeping them safe and free from accidents.

## FUNERALS

Funeral Service for Shirley Smith at the Crematorium on Wednesday 1st October at 11.45 am. Funeral Mass for June Scott RIP on Friday 10th October at 11 am in St. Bede's Church. Funeral arrangements for Jan Knowles RIP will be confirmed next weekend. May they Rest in Peace.

## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 14th September amounted to £2,811.25. Last weekends second collection for the Catholic Education Service amounted to £488.28. 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](#)

