

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 28th September 2025 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C, Psalter Week II

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

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
Mon 29th	THE HOLY ARCHANGELS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, feast		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Kate Raymund RIP (Fond)
Tues 30th	St Jerome, Doctor of the Church, memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Birthday Int Mrs White from Waterford, 102 yrs old
Wed 1st	St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Religious, memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Chandy Joseph RIP
Thurs 2nd	The Holy Guardian Angels, memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int Pope, Bishop Philip, all Clergy
Fri 3rd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Holy Ghost Parish
Sat 4th	St Francis of Assisi, Founder, memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Birthday Int Tom Davidson <i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C, Psalter Week III

Sun 5th Oct	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Vocations
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int BACCA Community
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Living out the Christian message by loving other people as God loves us can be difficult. Nowhere was more challenging than the multi-faith city to which Paul's letter was addressed. Ephesus was home to the pagan cult of Artemis and to devotees of many other Greek and Egyptian deities, too, not to mention a sizeable Jewish population. From this combustible mix of faith and superstition emerged a fledgling community of Christian believers. Timothy was their leader, but he was young, and not convinced that he had what it takes to uphold Gospel truths in a hybrid culture. Paul's letter encourages him to keep fighting "the good fight of the faith". It was not the sort of fighting the feisty Ephesians were used to, for Paul was advising Timothy to be gentle and loving; not to assert himself, but to be himself; that is, a good person of unwavering personal integrity. Persuade people of the truth, Paul was saying, by practising what you preach. Win people to Jesus by being like Jesus. Paul's words hold true: when what we say we believe is borne out by the kind of person we are and the way we treat others, it acts as a powerful witness. Let us, then, continue to fight the good fight of faith. For this, the Spirit of Jesus arms us gently: with love.

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 - 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 or text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Both the First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes for 2025/26 are full and won't be accepting any more applications for this year. Please keep our children, young people, their families and Catechists in your prayers.

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

RELIC OF ST CARLO ACUTIS TO VISIT QUARR

A First Class Relic of Saint Carlo Acutis is to visit Quarr Abbey, Quarr Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight, PO33 4ES on Sunday 12th October 2025 from 2pm. 2pm: Adoration followed by Benediction, 2.45pm: Talk by Anna Johnstone, Guardian of the Relic and former Governess to the Acutis Family (See BBC Songs of Praise from 24th August 2025). 3.15pm: Veneration of the Relic Refreshments will be available at Quarr Coffee Shop. All welcome. The visit is being organised by UK Miracles in collaboration with the Monks of Quarr Abbey. Enquiries to: admin@ukmiracles.com.

CAFOD JUBILEE ICON IS COMING TO OUR DIOCESE

To celebrate and commemorate the Jubilee Year 2025, Pilgrims of Hope, CAFOD commissioned an icon from artist Mulugeta Araya in Ethiopia, for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Ethiopia was chosen because of the strong tradition of iconography within the country and to demonstrate that this is a global Jubilee - not just something that is happening in England and Wales. The Jubilee Icon will be hosted by City Centre Parish Southampton from 11th – 19th October 2025. For more information click here: [The Jubilee icon](#)

GRANDPARENTS DAY

We celebrate Grandparents Day next weekend, (5th Oct). Grandparents are among life's great treasures. Taking time to pray for all grandparents, both living and deceased is a powerful way of showing appreciation. Bless them all.

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.

FORMATION MORNING FOR READERS

Fr Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgical Formation along with the Liturgy Project team are holding a Formation morning for Readers which will take place on Saturday 18th October at St Bede's Church. All readers, experienced and new, are very welcome to attend. This day will include a session on Lectio Divina. Anyone wishing to attend should register via: liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

DRAW CLOSER TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother Begins **Monday 20th October at 7.30**. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ.

Join us for Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother beginning Monday 20th October at 7.30pm and continuing every Monday for 8 weeks, leading up to Advent. For more information or to register for the study, email Joan at jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

FUNERALS

Funeral Service for Shirley Smith at the Crematorium on Wednesday 1st October at 11.45 am. Funeral Service for Margaret Dimpleby RIP on Thursday 9th October in Holy Ghost Church at 12 noon. Funeral Mass for June Scott RIP on Friday 10th October at 11 am in St. Bede's Church. Funeral Mass for Jeanne Knowles RIP on Friday 17th October at 12 noon in St. Bede's Church, burial at St. Leonard's Church, Sherfield on Loddon at 1.30 pm. May they Rest in Peace.



MASS COUNT

This weekend will be the second of four autumn Mass counts.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 21st September amounted to £2,549.25. Last weekends second collection for Mission Sunday amounted to £306.10. 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](#)

