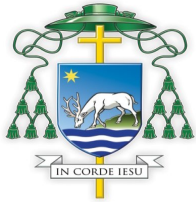


THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 7th September 2025

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C, Psalter Week III

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 7th Sept	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Vocations to the Priesthood
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Private Intention
Mon 8th	THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Birthday Int. Daniel Woode
Tues 9th	St Peter Claver, Religious, optional memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Youth of the Parish
Wed 10th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention
Thurs 11th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Canon Jeremiah Cronin RIP (Dio)
	12.30 pm	SB	Funeral Service for Richard Stettner RIP
Fri 12th	The Most Holy Name of Mary, optional memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Fr Kevin Delaney RIP (Dio)
Sat 13th	St John Chrysostom, Doctor of the Church, memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Thomas Leon Fenton
	<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>		

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C, Psalter Week IV

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

One of the most persistent teachings of Jesus is the call to lead a simple life. Today's Gospel ends with the words of Jesus: "None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up his possessions." The call to sell possessions and give the money to those who are poor is a constant theme in the teachings of Jesus. The first Christians in Jerusalem did this, and throughout history others have done it and still do. It is the inspiration of what we call the religious life, following Jesus under the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. It is perhaps the most distinctive mark of the Catholic Church. After the Reformation this teaching of Jesus was, for centuries, no longer heard in England, except by Catholics in secret, and His call for simplicity could no longer be fully lived in this way, until the restoration of the religious life of monks, friars and nuns in the nineteenth century. An explanation should perhaps be given for the perplexing words "If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children" and so on. Jesus used hyperbole to make His hearers sit up and listen. He simply meant a simple life, free of attachments, attached to Christ alone.

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

FEAST LIGHT BASINGSTOKE (FLB) 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

The FLB is celebrating their 10 year anniversary on the 27th September 2025 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. The Feast aims to create a welcoming space for spiritual growth and community, extending beyond traditional church settings. The event starts with an anticipated Mass at 5pm which will be celebrated by Fr John Lee, to be followed with praise and worship and very 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 and be blessed! If you want to know more about the event, please either get in touch with Herman Yabut by dropping him a line on his email address yabherm@aol.com or visit the FB page 'The Feast Light Basingstoke, UK.' Tickets are available using the link: [Book Tickets | Anvil Arts](#)

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.

THE SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation runs from 1st September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4th October (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) each year. It is an ecumenical season dedicated to prayer and action for the protection of creation. It is a time to renew our relationships with God our Creator, and with all creation, as we join together in prayer.

FINAL REMINDER! ADVENT FAIR POSTER COMPETITION

Please design an A4 size poster to go up around the town to advertise our Advent Fair. All ages are invited to create a poster. The closing date for entries will be Sunday 14th September. Relevant information to include in your poster is as follows:

- Saturday 29th November from 11.30am to 3pm at St Bede's, Popley Way, Basingstoke
- FREE ENTRY, musical entertainment, £250 Prize Draw.
- Fancy hat competition, tombola bottle stall, craft stalls, games, food from multinational groups in the parish
- Money raised will be split between St Michael's Hospice and Holy Ghost Parish

Please bring your completed poster to St Bede's Parish Office and include your name and contact details separately, when submitting your poster.

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. An outline of the program will be shared with all attendees during both evenings. 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: jlwry@cafod.org.uk.

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. All Parishioners are warmly encouraged to come and venerate the relics on Saturday 20th 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. Please spread the word for this special occasion.

FUNERALS

Funeral Service for Richard Stettner RIP at St. Bede's Church on Thursday 11th September at 12.30 pm. Funeral Mass for Desmond Rafferty RIP on Tuesday 16th September at 11 am 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 31st August amounted to £2,278.89. Many thanks for your support and generosity. Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service.

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.

