

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 12th October 2025 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C, Psalter Week IV

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 12th Oct	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Cecily, Jacob Peter RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Filemon Nuesca, Remegio Nuesca RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 13th	St Edward the Confessor, optional memorial		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Mary Fowler RIP (Fond)
Tues 14th	St Callistus, Pope, Martyr, optional memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Sylwia Piec
Wed 15th	St Teresa of Avila, Foundress, memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Kathleen, Patrick Bruen RIP <i>St Bede's School joining us for Mass today</i>
Thurs 16th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Jimmy Hanafée RIP (Fond)
Fri 17th	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr, memorial		
	<i>Sorry, no 9.30 am Mass today</i>		
	12 noon	SB	Funeral Mass Jeanne Knowles RIP
Sat 18th	ST LUKE, Evangelist, feast		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Nemy Verga <i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C, Psalter Week I

Sun 19th Oct	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Vincent Roddy RIP, Antonio Martino RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Genowefa Sawko RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's Gospel story of the ten lepers is a great illustration of how important actually expressing our gratitude is. "One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks." This man expresses his gratitude at the top of his voice, happy for all to hear. His thanksgiving is evident to everyone as he throws himself at Jesus' feet in humble praise. His thanksgiving is whole-hearted and joyful, and he freely recognises that he owes the Lord a huge debt of gratitude. He realises that God is present and active both in his healing and in the person of Jesus, the one who healed him by the power of God. This can be our approach in life, too. After all, everything we have and are comes to us as an undeserved gift from God. As the Trappist monk Thomas Merton said, "To be grateful is to recognise the love of God in everything God has given us – and God has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of God's love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from God."

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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

DRAW CLOSER TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother begins Monday 20th October at 7.30pm. 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. To register for the study please email Joan: jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Click the link to watch the video which summarises the course: [Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother - Official Trailer](#)

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL

Last Sunday's CAFOD Family Fast Day collection raised a fantastic £1,178.64. Thank you to everyone for your support and generosity.

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

ADORE DAY OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

On 25th October there will be a special celebration of 50 years of ministry, with Bishop Philip Egan, Charles Whitehead KSG, and the Basingstoke Filipino Choir. This will take place at St. Bede's Church from 9.30 -15.30 and also include prayer for healing. The theme: is "PILGRIMS OF HOPE: THE PATH OF PRAYER" - Our spiritual pilgrimage into an intimate relationship with Jesus. Register in advance for in-person attendance at: [ADORE 50th JUBILEE CELEBRATION](#) The morning session from 10.00-1.00 will also be live-streamed. Further information can be found at: [Spiritual renewal this month at ADORE \(Alton Day of Renewal\)](#)

NIGHT LIGHT WINTER SHELTER

Basingstoke's winter shelter for homeless and rough sleepers will be open at nights again this year for 3 months starting on 1st December. The shelter provides a safe space during the coldest months for both men and women less fortunate than many, to enjoy fellowship, a hot evening meal, a warm and dry bed to sleep and a breakfast the morning after. Some parishioners have volunteered for many years and are often overheard saying that they are so pleased to be involved as they feel that they are living out the Gospel in a very practical way. Volunteers are needed for evening (1830 - 2200); overnight (2200 -0600) and morning (0600 -0800) shifts for the 90 nights. Full training is arranged on dates in November. Contact Pat Murphy 07785 312486 who can provide more information.

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

An Advent Fair will be taking place at St Bede's Church on Saturday 29th November from 11.30am to 3pm. Look out for posters with more details and please do save the date and come along.

FORMATION MORNING FOR READERS

Fr Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgical Formation along with the Liturgy Project team are holding a Formation morning for Readers 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. To register please email: liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

SEEKER SATURDAYS

Our Vocations Promotion team invites you to join them for Seeker Saturdays, beginning Saturday 18th October, 11am-3pm, at Sacred Heart Church, Fareham. PO16 ONQ. For your diary: the other Seeker Saturday dates for this academic year are: 15th November, 6th December, 17th January, 28th February, 21st March, 25th April, 16th May and 13th June. To find out more about this regular event or to enquire about attending (as booking is required) please email the Vocations Promotion Team.

FUNERALS

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. Funeral Mass for John Taylor RIP on Wednesday 22nd October at 1 pm in St. Bede's Church. Funeral Mass for Mario Patrizio RIP at St Bede's Church on Tuesday 28th October at 12 noon. Funeral Mass for Sheila Armstrong RIP at St. Bede's Church on Friday 31st October at 1 pm. We remember their family and friends at this sad time. May they Rest in Peace.



PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 5th October amounted to £2,579.10. Many thanks for your support and generosity. The second collection next weekend is in support of World Mission Sunday. To donate online go to: [Missio - World Mission Sunday Second Collection 2025 | Give as you Live Donate](#)

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](#)

MASS COUNT

This weekend will be the final Autumn Mass count.