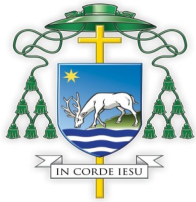


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Sunday 19th October 2025

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

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
Mon 20th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Int. Daniel Woods
Tues 21st	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Paddy McGlone RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 22nd	<i>Sorry, no 9.30 am Mass today</i>		
	1.00 pm	SB	Funeral Mass for John Taylor RIP
Thurs 23rd	Diocesan Day of Prayer & Reparation for Life		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: In thanksgiving Alodia Leena Baptista
Fri 24th	St Anthony Claret, Founder, Bishop, optional memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Unity in Universal Church
Sat 25th	10.00 am SB Mass: Rose Truszkowscy RIP		
	<i>Welcome to ADoRE who celebrate 50 years of ministry</i>		

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C, Psalter Week II

Sun 26th Oct	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Maureen McCauley RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Wedding Int Mariusz & Katarzyna Truszkowski
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Treadeusz Orlof RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In today's Gospel, we are called to continue to pray, not just for ourselves but for our neighbours. To continue to pray is to continue to hope, just like the widow in the parable. If we switch the story round, so that we don't put ourselves in the place of the widow, but in the place of the judge, what do we see? Are the widows, orphans and strangers of today important to us – do we answer our door when they knock? Pope Francis linked evangelisation to hope and also to patience. "We come to realise", he said, "that evangelisation is sustained by the power flowing from Christ's cross and resurrection. In this way, we learn to practise a virtue closely linked to hope, namely patience. In our fast-paced world, we are used to wanting everything now. We no longer have time simply to be with others; even families find it hard to get together and enjoy one another's company." The call to prayer is a call to pay attention, not to forget those who are on the margins of our society, those who are poor, hungry or in prison. We are now approaching the end of the Jubilee Year. It is a good time to review how we have approached the challenge of becoming tangible signs of hope in the world.

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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. Beginning Monday 20th October at 7.30pm and continuing every Monday for 8 weeks leading up to Advent. To register 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](#)

ADORE DAY OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

On Saturday 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. 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](#)

MASS INTENTIONS

When a Mass Intention has been requested in the Parish Office, it is booked in good faith, and we try hard to honour that Intention. However, there are times it is not possible to do so, it is moved to the earliest available date. Please be aware, that we do not have any Mass Intentions left for 2025/early part of January 2026.

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. 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.

REPOSITORY

Calendars, dairies and Christmas gifts and decorations are now on sale in the Repository, please check the Repository door for opening times.

CAR PARKING

Yet again, during the 11 am Mass last Sunday a parishioner parked a car on the 'flag stones' to the Church entrance, this is unacceptable and inconsiderate!!!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday will be celebrated this Sunday, 19th October. This year, Missio will be focusing on Myanmar and the work of missionaries who are offering help and hope to communities who are suffering. There will be a second collection to support the work of Missio or you can donate online at: [Missio - World Mission Sunday Second Collection 2025 | Give as you Live Donate](#)

BLESSING OF GRAVES

The annual Blessing of Graves will take place on Sunday 9th November at 2 pm in Worting Road Cemetery. We remember all our Parish Family Members who are buried in Worting Road Cemetery. May they Rest in Peace.

CAP MONEY COACHING SESSIONS

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Sessions will take place on Thursday nights 6th, 13th & 20th November in the Hall starting at 7pm. Bookings can be made at [CAP UK](#)

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.

CHARITY THANKSGIVING MASS FOR VOLUNTEERS

On Saturday 15th November 2025, the weekend of the World Day of the Poor, Bishop Philip will be celebrating a Thanksgiving Mass for volunteers involved in social action throughout the Diocese. The Mass is at 10:30am, at St Joseph's Church, St Michaels Road, Basingstoke RG22 6TY.

FUNERALS

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. Funeral Service at the Crematorium on Friday 7th November at 12.30 pm for Ron Rhodes RIP. We remember their family and friends at this sad time. May they Rest in Peace.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 12th October amounted to £2,851.64. 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 using our contactless device by the Hall.

FINALLY: Don't forget Summer time ends next Sunday 26th October, so an extra hour in bed. Clocks go back

