

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 5th October 2025

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C, Psalter Week III

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

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
Mon 6th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Reg Smart RIP
Tues 7th	Our Lady of the Rosary, memorial		
	8.00am	SB	Mass: Int. Mark, Grace Miranda Wedding Anniversary, 80th birthday Theresa Rodrigo
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 8th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Aleyamma Philip RIP
Thurs 9th	St John Henry Newman, Religious, feast		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Tim & Maureen Murphy RIP
	12 noon	HG	Funeral Mass Margaret Dimpleby RIP
Fri 10th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Yve Treadgold RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Funeral Mass for June Scott RIP
Sat 11th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Hannah Katrina Yabut RIP <i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C, Psalter Week IV

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

At first sight, Jesus' words in today's Gospel seem to be harsh. Is He recommending that a worker who's tired out by a day's ploughing in the fields should then have to wait hand and foot on his master, who's been sitting around doing nothing all day? It seems quite out of character of the compassionate and caring Jesus. But it has a different ring if we note that Jesus begins His story by saying in effect to His disciples "Which one of you wouldn't behave like this?" Is He belittling them? Rather, we could rather say He is warning them. He has chosen them but they still need to learn. We remember other accounts in the Gospels where the disciples are arguing among themselves about who is greatest in the kingdom. Or when Jesus shows them a little child and tells them to stop being silly. Or the time when the mother of James and John comes to Jesus asking for top-management jobs for her two boys. In today's reading, Jesus reminds them, that as servants, they are only doing what they are meant to do. In other words, they are not to become proud or puffed up. All they have and can do depends on God's kindly grace that is given them.

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

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.



BACCA

The Basingstoke African Caribbean Catholic Association (BACCA) will be hosting the 2025 Black History Month celebration with refreshments this Sunday, 5th October after the 11am Mass in the hall. All are welcome.

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 below to watch the YouTube video which summarises the course: [Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother - Official Trailer](#)

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

MASS COUNT

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

POPE URGES US TO PRAY ROSARY FOR PEACE

Pope Leo XIV is inviting the faithful to join in praying the Rosary every day during October to invoke God's gift of peace, and announces a Rosary in St. Peter's Square on 11 October as part of the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality. He wants Catholics across the globe to unite to pray the Rosary for peace in war-torn lands, especially during the month of October, which the Church dedicates to the Holy Rosary. The Rosary for Peace will be held during the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality, which takes place on October 11-12. That day also marks the 63rd anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, which Pope St. John XXIII opened on October 11, 1962.



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 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.

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 and to demonstrate that this is a global Jubilee. The Icon will be hosted by City Centre Parish Southampton from 11th – 19th October 2025. For more information click here: [The Jubilee icon](#)

SICK OF THE PARISH

Please pray for all the sick in our Parish, those who are unable to be present with us for Mass. We remember all in hospital and those who are being cared for at home. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us all.

CAN YOU HELP?

The Bishop and Trustees of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth are looking to appoint Foundation Directors to form the Trust board of the expanding Mother Teresa Catholic Academy Trust. For more information click here: [Advert for Foundation Directors.pdf](#)

FUNERALS

Funeral Service for Margaret Dimbleby RIP on Thursday 9th October in Holy Ghost Church at 12 noon. Funeral Mass for June Scott RIP on Friday 10th October in St. Bede's Church at 11 am. 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 to be arranged....We remember their family and friends at this sad time. May they Rest in Peace.



PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 28th September amounted to £3,027.31. 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](#)

