

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 16th November 2025

ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON

Joint-Principle Patron of the Diocese

Year C, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 16th Nov	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Edward James O'Brien RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Fr Paul - Birthday Intention
	2.30 pm	SJ	Syro Malabar Rite (St Joseph's Church)
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Genowefa Sawko RIP
Mon 17th	12 noon	SB	Mass: In thanksgiving Armelina Domantay
Tues 18th	Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul, Rome, optional memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: John Taylor RIP
Wed 19th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Maria Sauleek RIP (Fond)
Thurs 20th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Mike Took RIP (Fond)
Fri 21st	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Lynn McKeown RIP
Sat 22nd	St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr, memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Nicola Kimber
	<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>		

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,

KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Year C, Psalter Week II

Sun 23rd Nov	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Michaela Waterfield RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	2.00 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Dec Members Broadbent Families (Fond)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In today's Gospel, Jesus foretells the destruction of the Temple, a devastating event which happened on 30 August AD 70, only thirty-five to forty years after He finishes speaking. As He spoke of the damage to Jewish life and culture, Jesus also foretold the coming of wars, division and persecution. Destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem was in the living memory of many of the people for whom Luke wrote his Gospel. If that was the past for some, the present was one of persecution and suffering. The future was no brighter as early Christians expected the end of the world to be approaching. Were they experiencing the beginning of the end? Was there a point in remaining faithful to Jesus amid the hardship that was their reality? Jesus offers hope. He tells His followers that, yes, life has been tough, is difficult now and will possibly become more difficult, but they are not to give up, not to lose hope. He is there for them and will be with them for ever and always.

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

ST BEDE'S SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORMS (SIFS)

Fr John will sign Supplementary Information Forms on Saturday 22nd November between 11 am and 12 noon, and also on Saturday 3rd January 2026 between 11 am and 12 noon in the Parish Hall. Please remember to bring a copy of your child's Baptismal form with you!!

ADVENT FAIR

On Saturday 29th November we will be holding an Advent Fair. We are now asking for donations for the tombola, bottle stall and raffle. If you can, please put whatever you have in the donations box in the Cloister.

ADoRE (ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL)

Join ADoRE for a morning of online spiritual renewal on 22nd November from 10.00 - 1.00 on Zoom. "PILGRIMS OF HOPE - SIGNPOSTS TO THE KINGDOM." How we can revitalise Parishes to show people the way and share our hope with the lost. Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from guest speaker Dr. Hannah Vaughan-Spruce.

Please register in advance at: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

For more information go to: [ADORE Catholic Charismatic Renewal Meeting for spiritual renewal](#)

BASINGSTOKE CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

A new group for Catholic Men will be starting in January. Men of all ages are welcome from 18 upwards. The idea will be that Catholic men can come together to chat about issues that face us, enjoy fellowship and have time to pray. We will also arrange the occasional social night out. Sessions will run on Tuesday evenings at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke. To register your interest please use the QR code or sign up here: [Basingstoke Catholic Men's Group](#)



ADVENT PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Parishioners are warmly invited to attend opportunities for prayer during Advent taking place at St Joseph's Church. Events are as follows:

Advent Taize - join us for a simple service of Taize chants, scripture and periods of silence around the Taize cross, St. Joseph's on Wednesday 10th and 17th December, 4-5pm.

Afternoon of prayer and reflection - you are warmly invited to an afternoon of prayer and reflection at St. Joseph's on Saturday 6th Dec from 2pm. This will be led by Fr Paul's friends from the Verbum Dei community. While the afternoon will finish at 4pm there will be a further opportunity for some extended prayer in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 4-5pm. More details to follow. Please consider coming as a great way to prepare spiritually for the season of Christmas.

ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON, OUR PATRON

This Sunday, 16th November, replacing the Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Edmund of Abingdon (1175 - 1240), the secondary patron of our Diocese of Portsmouth. Happy Feast-day! Please pray for our beloved Diocese of Portsmouth and the graces needed for our ten-year mission plan.

NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

During November, the Holy Father asks us to pray for the prevention of suicide. *Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.*

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

World Gifts are a wonderful way for us to share the hope and joy of Christmas with our global family. Please see the catalogues in the Cloister area.

AN INVITATION TO CATHOLIC WOMEN

On Saturday 29th November, Catholic Mothers Portsmouth and Catholic Mothers Southampton invite Catholic Women, including those with babes in arms, to join them from 9.30am - 4pm at Sacred Heart Church in Waterloooville (PO7 7SR) for a Women's Retreat Day. The speaker will be Fr Thomas Hiney. Lunch will be provided and a donation of £10 per person is suggested. See this week's e-News for details on how to book.

SEAFARERS CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Stella Maris ask for your support for their Christmas Appeal to help give Christmas chocolates to seafarers in Southampton this December. About 400,000 seafarers will be working over Christmas, separated from their families and friends. Stella Maris meets and supports seafarers around the world. We want to show them that they are not forgotten this Christmas, so we are planning to collect hundreds of chocolate Christmas presents for seafarers visiting the Southampton ports in the days before Christmas. We invite local Catholic parishes and primary schools to donate chocolate tubs, which our chaplains and volunteer ship visitors pass on to seafarers coming into Southampton and Fawley ports. To support this appeal please email: gregory.hogan@stellamarisemail.org

FUNERAL

Funeral Mass for Giuseppina Tambascia RIP in Holy Ghost Church on Wednesday 3rd December at 11 am. We remember her family and friends at this sad time. May she Rest in Peace.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 9th November amounted to £2,947.96. Many thanks for your 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.