

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

A PUBLICATION OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH REGISTERED CHARITY No. 1199568



St. Bede
Popley Way
Basingstoke
RG24 9DX
01256 465214

Parish Priest:

Rev. Fr. John Lee
Parish Priest of Holy Ghost Parish;
Coordinating Pastor for Basingstoke
Pastoral Area and Dean of Blessed John
Body Deanery
jlee@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Assistant Priest & Hospital Chaplain:

Rev. Fr. Paul Nwune

Permanent Deacon:

Rev. Tony Darroch
adarroch@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Parish Administrator:

Sue Riley
Mon, Wed, Thur & Fri 9 am to 2 pm
office@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

Treasurer:

Faye Lyons
accounts@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

Website:

www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

Baptism:

Sacraments – St Bede's, Basingstoke

Facebook:

facebook.com/stbedesbasingstoke

Safeguarding:

Safeguarding Officer: Maria Mahdavi
Parish Office: 01256 465214
Diocesan Office: 023 92816396
safeguarding@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP):

For confidential help call 07434 773219

Holy Ghost Church Address:

Sherborne Road, Basingstoke, RG21 5TD

PASTORAL AREA CLERGY

St. Joseph, Basingstoke 01256 323595

Rev. Paul Leonard

Sacred Heart, Hook 01256 577007

Rev. John Chadwick

St. Michael, Tadley 0118 981 4572

Rev. Stephen Vooght

Sunday 14th June 2026

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week III

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses

Sun 14th June	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Mendonca Family
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Anna & Jack Bowman RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 15th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Int. Laski Family
Tues 16th			St Richard of Chichester, Bishop, optional memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Barbara Birt & Family
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 17th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. P Murphy & Family
Thur 18th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Holy Ghost Parish
Fri 19th			St Romuald, Abbot, optional memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Married Couples in the Diocese
Sat 20th	11.00 am	SB	Significant Weddings Anniversary Mass with Bishop Philip

There will be no Adoration or 9.30 am Mass today

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week IV

Sun 21st June	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Peter McDonnell RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Ryan Hawkes

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus spends a lot of His time with crowds. In the end it will be a crowd that causes His downfall, egged on by manipulative leaders. Perhaps it was the same crowd that cheered Him loudly on His way but a few days earlier. This is how crowds behave, even in this case to the point of declaring that they would willingly take His blood upon their heads and upon the heads of their children. Carried away by the passion of the moment, they are capable of anything. But for all this Jesus never condemns the crowd. Rather He sees their underlying misery and despair. They are like sheep without a shepherd, lacking direction and security. It is in response to the dejection of the crowd that Jesus gathers His disciples together for their first mission. He wants to offer true leadership, a leadership that will cast out evil spirits and cure all kinds of disease and sickness. He wants to take away their brokenness and lack of love. He has shown He can do this Himself. Now He shares His power with His disciples, sending them first of all to the people of Israel, for it is right that such healing is offered first to those the Lord has chosen as His own. Later the mission will be to the peoples of the nations as well, the Gentiles, for all are called to be healed and reconciled and to become members of God's people.

Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors who join us for Mass and all who join us for our liturgies online.

RETURNING TO ORDINARY SUNDAYS

Sunday 14th June is the Eleventh Sunday of the Year, or of Ordinary Time, as we celebrate the first "green" Sunday since mid-February!

BANNS FOR ORDINATION

We are pleased to inform you that Ryan Hawkes, a student of the Venerable English College and a member of our parish, is due to be ordained to the Sacred Diaconate on 5 July 2026. If anyone knows of any reason why he should not be ordained could you please inform me at the earliest opportunity. Fr John Lee, Parish Priest of Holy Ghost Parish

POPE LEO JUNE PRAYER INTENTION

During June Pope Leo asks us to pray for the values of sports. *Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.*

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The next Baptism preparation programme, which consists of two sessions, will be held on Sunday 12th and Sunday 19th July at 1pm in St Bede's Church Hall. These sessions are for parents of children under the age of 7. To enrol please send an email to: baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk. If your child is aged 7 years or above, please contact the Parish Office for more information about classes to attend.

SET THE CAPTIVES FREE

An Inter-Diocesan Prayer Ministry Training Day under the title, Set the Captives Free, is being organised by the Arundel & Brighton and Portsmouth CHARIS Diocesan Service and Communion (CDSC) Teams at St Bede's Church on Saturday 18th July at 10.30 am. Have you discerned a charism of Intercessory Prayer, Healing or Prophecy? If you want to use your gifts further, please come and join us. Further details and a registration link to follow soon.

SICK OF THE PARISH

Please pray for 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.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend there will be a second collection for Day for Life. The theme this year is 'The Wonder of the Child in the Womb'. Parenthood is a vocation of joys and hopes, of grief and anxieties. On this year's Day for Life, we acknowledge the particular grief of mothers and fathers who have lost a child before birth or in infancy. Many parents find consolation in their faith and its assurance that every child, including those who lose their life before they are born or soon after, is created, willed and deeply loved by God for all eternity. To donate online click the link: [Day For Life Second Collection 2026 - Give as you Live Donate](#)

A NAME FOR THE PARISH WE ARE BECOMING

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to pray, discern, and vote on the name of our future parish. Voting has now closed across Sacred Heart, St Michael's, St Oswald's, St Joseph's, and St Bede's. As Scripture reminds us, the Church is built of living stones, and we are grateful for the participation of so many parishioners. Final counts are being completed in our schools this week. Once all votes have been received and counted, the three most popular names will be submitted to Bishop Philip, who will discern and confirm the final parish name. We look forward to sharing the voting results with you in the coming weeks.

STELLA MARIS

Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is seeking one volunteer from this parish please to help with Sea Sunday (which falls on 11/12 July this year) in this parish. This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses that weekend. If you can do this, please contact: roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org

ADVENT FAIR UPDATE

Anyone with any feedback about the Advent Fair last year is invited to a meeting on Monday 15th June at 7.30pm in the hall. If you are unable to attend but would like to comment, please contact Judith via the Parish Office email: office@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk. We will also start planning this year's Advent Fair that will be held on Saturday 28th November. Come and give us your ideas!

ADOREMUS 2026

Overnight Adoration will take place at St Bede's Church on Friday 9th October ending with Mass on Saturday morning. More details to follow in September! Adoremus is a National Eucharistic Congress initiated by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to deepen devotion to the Eucharist and encourage adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

VOCATIONS

"The harvest is abundant but the labourers are few." Jesus calls labourers to work in His abundant vineyard. Priests and religious men and women are called to serve God's people with dedication and joy. Could God be calling you to serve as a priest or in consecrated life? Talk to your priest or email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 7th June amounted to £2,474.96 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits, Contactless and Mass Collections. Thank you for your generosity.

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

The easiest way to make a donation to the Parish is via bank transfer, online at: [Donate to Basingstoke St Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate](#) or via our contactless terminal by the hall.

