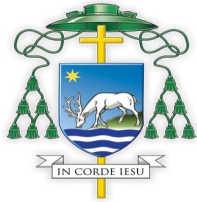


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Sunday 19th July 2026

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week IV

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses

Sun 19th July	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Josephine, Sam Francis RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Persecution of Christians in Nigeria
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 20th	St Apollinaris, Martyr, optional memorial		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Int. Laski Family
Tues 21st	St Laurence of Brindisi, Religious, optional memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. St Bede's School <i>St Bede's School Leavers' Mass</i>
Wed 22nd	ST MARY MAGDALENE, feast		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. P Murphy & Family
Thur 23rd	ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, Patron of Europe, feast		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Nicholas Hollingshead RIP
Fri 24th	St Sharbel Makhlof, Priest, Religious, optional memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Jacob & Peter Cicily RIP
Sat 25th	ST JAMES, Apostle, feast		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Mary, Joseph Palliyan RIP <i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week I

Sun 26th July	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Avelino Domantay Sr RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Steele/Waterford Families
	12.30 pm	SB	Baptisms
	2.00 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Holman Hunt's famous painting, "The Light of the World", shows Christ standing outside the door of our house, knocking patiently, holding a light. The door has no handle on the outside. Whoever is on the inside must open the door: a door, covered in ivy, which has never been opened before. The search is over when we open that door from the inside and realise that God has been there all the time, waiting for us. The one who searches will always find. Jesus tells us that if we search we will find, and "the door will be opened to you". But what is it that is preventing us from following Christ more faithfully and pushing that door wide open? God does not withhold Himself from us, but we can withhold ourselves from Him. Finding Him is really allowing Him to find us.

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.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

We wish all our parishioners, pupils, teachers and school staff a safe, happy and healthy summer break. Thank you to all those people who are involved in so many ways in the life of the Parish.



NEW CLEANER

On Monday we welcome Faith Tompkins who joins the Parish Team as our new cleaner at St Bede's Church. We look forward to Faith joining us and hope that she will enjoy working at St Bede's.

SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF VENEZUELA

Following the terrible twin earthquakes in Venezuela on 24th June, CAFOD has joined forces with the DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal to raise vital funds for the communities affected. CAFOD is a long-standing member of the DEC and the collaboration across 15 of the UK's main humanitarian agencies is an important initiative. To donate online click the link: [DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal](#)

LOST PROPERTY

This weekend there will be a table in the Cloister displaying lost property. Please take a look and reclaim anything that belongs to you. Any items remaining after two weeks will be recycled or disposed of.

REPOSITORY

During August the Repository will be taking a well earned break. It will reopen again in September. Grateful thanks to our team of Repository volunteers.

FANNING THE FLAME SUMMER CAMP 2026

The Fanning the Flame Summer Camp for 11-17 year olds is happening from 17th - 21st August, in the beautiful grounds of St Cassian's Centre, Kintbury. The cost is £195 and the theme this year is Allegiance - *"But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"* (Joshua 24:15). The camp includes daily sacraments, prayer of the Church, age-appropriate teaching, sports, team activities, craft, workshops and more. It is a wonderful opportunity for young people to grow in faith and make friends in Catholic fellowship - and the camping is easy! For more information or get in contact please visit: [Fanning The Flame Catholic Mission](#)

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

Please remember to keep Vocations in your daily prayers: to all states of life and ministry in the Church, but particularly to the ordained ministry and especially for the Lord to send us more priests. Please pray for all our priests, deacons, seminarians and diaconate students in our diocese.

FIRE SAFETY REMINDER

In the event that the fire alarm sounds, without hesitation, please leave the Church through the nearest exit, and get as far away from the building as possible, until the cause of the activation has been established.

ALPHA AT ST BEDE'S THIS AUTUMN

Jesus calls us to "make disciples of all nations." As a pastoral area, we seek to be an invitational, evangelising community, reaching out to those who are spiritually searching. Many parishes have found Alpha to be a gentle and effective way to help people encounter Christ - whether they are curious about faith, new to Christianity, or considering a return after time away. Alpha offers a welcoming space to explore life's big questions in an open and informal setting. In our Local Mission Plan, Bartimaeus reminds us to take courage, rise, and respond to Jesus' call. This autumn, we are delighted to offer Alpha for the first time at St Bede's. It begins in late September and will run for 11 weeks on Monday evenings in the church hall. Please complete the short form to help us prepare. We want to know who may be interested in attending, who might invite someone, and who may be willing to support the evenings as part of the Alpha team. Please pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance, about whom you might invite, and whether you are being called to help in this new mission of evangelisation. After praying, please complete the form: [Alpha at St Bede's - Autumn 2026](#)



CHURCHSUITE REGISTRATION

A big thank you to everyone who has registered on ChurchSuite. If you have not yet done so, please complete a new Registration Form by scanning the QR codes. There is a separate adult and child registration form. If you require any assistance, please see Sue Riley in the Parish Office who will be able to help.



THANK YOU

Thank you for giving to Sea Sunday last weekend. Our Parish raised £554.70. Your generous gift will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 12th July amounted to £2,547.85. 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.

