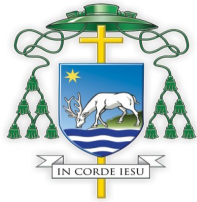


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Sunday 26th July 2026

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses

Sun 26th July	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Avelino Domantay Sr RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Steele/Waterfield Families
	12.30 pm	SB	Baptisms
	2.00 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 27th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Liddell Family (Fond)
Tues 28th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Michael Davidson RIP
Wed 29th			Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus, memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Peggy, Reg Osborne RIP
Thur 30th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Joy Murphy
Fri 31st			St Ignatius of Loyola, Founder, memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Fr Paul's 5th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood
	1.30 pm	SB	Wedding of Cloee Goes & Joshua Fernandes
Sat 1st			St Alphonsus Liguori, Founder, Bishop, memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: John Seeley RIP
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>
	1.00 pm	SB	BACCA Mass

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week II

Sun 2nd August	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Richard Luker RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Felicjan, Genowefa Sawko RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Gospel today is very short and goes straight to the heart of things. Jesus doesn't explain the Kingdom of God at great length. Instead, He tells two very simple stories. Someone stumbles across a treasure in a field. Another finds a pearl of great value. In both cases, once they realise what they've found everything else falls into place. The man in the field and the merchant with the pearl don't hesitate. They don't sit down and weigh it all up. They act, and they act with joy, because they know they've discovered something priceless. Pope Benedict XVI wrote that, 'Christ uses these words to refer to Himself: He, who is in our midst, is the "Kingdom of God," only we do not know Him... He Himself is the treasure; communion with Him is the pearl of great price.'! The Gospel images of the treasure and the pearl of great price are reminders to us that we need to be careful not to take our relationship with Christ for granted, but rather to treasure it greatly as giving deep meaning to our lives.

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WELCOME

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

The Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is this Sunday, 26th July. The theme Pope Leo XIV has chosen is 'I will never forget you' from Isaiah 49:15. On this day we pray for all grandparents and elderly within our community.

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.

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 is the final weekend to claim any lost property currently displayed in the Cloister. Please take a look and reclaim anything that belongs to you. Any items remaining after this weekend 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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME



The next Baptism preparation programme, which consists of two sessions, will be held on Sunday 11th and Sunday 18th October 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We still need a few more volunteers to assist with fire safety. Your role is simply to take authority in the event of the fire alarm sounding to get people out of the building as quickly and as safely as possible. There will be no requirement to deactivate the fire alarm. In the first instance please contact the Parish Office with your name and contact details if you can help.

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. 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 clicking the links below (there is a separate adult and child registration form).

[BASHG Adult Registration Form](#)

[BASHG Child Registration Form](#)

If you require any assistance, please see Sue Riley in the Parish Office who will be able to help.

VOCATIONS

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field." Discernment is the process of discovering the treasure God has placed in your life, your unique calling and purpose. It requires prayer, reflection, and openness to God's guidance, helping you recognise where He is leading you, whether to priesthood, consecrated life, or matrimony. If you feel a stirring desire to follow God's path, talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke on 01329 318869 or email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Cloee Goes and Joshua Fernandes who are getting married at St Bede's Church on Friday 31st July at 1.30pm.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 19th July amounted to £2,513.08 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.

