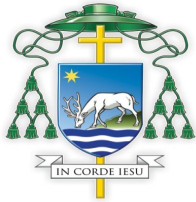


THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 23rd August 2026

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses

Sun 23rd Aug	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Sokol Family
	12.30 pm	SB	Baptisms
	2.00 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Agatha Family
Mon 24th	St Bartholomew , Apostle, <i>Feast</i>		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Int. Furtado-Viegas family
Tues 25th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention
Wed 26th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. P Murphy & Family
Thur 27th	St Monica , <i>memorial</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Raymond Dsouza/Lucy Moras RIP
Fri 28th	St Augustine of Hippo , Bishop, <i>memorial</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Audrey Campbell RIP
Sat 29th	The Passion of St John the Baptist , <i>memorial</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Ernest Akwaboa RIP
	<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>		

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week II

Sun 30th Aug	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Nadine Curran RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	12.30 pm	SB	Baptisms
	2.00 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Mary, Joseph Palliyan RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus has been spending time on the way to Jerusalem teaching the people who come to see Him. They ask Him questions, sometimes out of real interest, sometimes trying to catch Him out. Today He asks His disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' Perhaps He'd overheard gossip about His possible identity. We can't be sure why people might have been gossiping about Jesus, although, many human beings like to be part of elites, or special groups that only a few people can join. Do they want to be associated with Jesus because they believe His message, or from a desire to be seen with a celebrity? Jesus, as so often, sets a challenge to the ready-made assumptions and value judgements of His listeners. 'But who do you say that I am?' It's a question which demands a personal response and commitment. Peter replies, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' He has glimpsed the reality of Jesus. His answer is an 'I believe' that enables Jesus to declare Peter to be the rock on which He will build the Church. He does not say that the road will be easy. He knows that Peter has much to learn. However, as Pope Francis said, 'He tells us things as they truly are: the doorway is narrow'.

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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.

LEAVING COLLECTION FOR FR PAUL NWUNE

Fr Paul will soon be leaving us to take up his new appointment as Priest-in-Charge in the Isle of Wight. There will be a leaving collection for Fr Paul on Sunday 23rd August, and after 11am Mass on Sunday 6th September there will be a farewell gathering in the hall. All are welcome and we would be most grateful for any cake donations.

DIOCESAN CATECHIST DAY, SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER

9:30AM–1:30PM, ST BEDE'S CHURCH

Are you involved in passing on the faith in your parish? Join catechists from across the Diocese for a morning of prayer, inspiration, and practical formation as we reflect on our shared mission to **form missionary disciples**. Inspired by Jesus' words, "*Go therefore and make disciples...*" (Matthew 28:19), we will explore how catechists can lead others to Christ, hand on the living faith of the Church, accompany people in conversion, and help build vibrant missionary parishes. Whether you are an experienced catechist or new to the ministry, you are warmly invited to attend. Click [here](#) to register your interest.

ALPHA FORUM FOR PARISHES, MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER, 7:30PM - 8:30PM, ONLINE

Has your parish run Alpha, or are you thinking about starting one? Join the Formation for Mission team for an online Alpha Forum designed to encourage, support, and connect parishes across the Diocese. This informal gathering is an opportunity to share experiences, learn from one another, explore best practice, and discover fresh ideas for running Alpha in your parish. Click [here](#) to register for the meeting or email: ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. A link will be sent out nearer the time.

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 Hall. These sessions are for parents of children under the age of 7. To enrol please email: baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk.

If your child is aged 7 years or above, please email the Parish Office for an application form to join the next children's preparation programme starting in October.

POPE LEO AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION

During the month of August, Pope Leo asks us to pray for evangelisation in the city. *Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.*

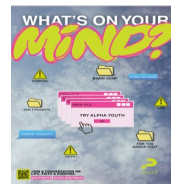


FIRE SAFETY REMINDER

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.

CALLING ALL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Our new Confirmation programme will be commencing in September 2026 and we would like to invite prospective candidates to apply. If you are in **Year 10 or above** and would like to be Confirmed in 2027, please send an email to: confirmation@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk to request an application form. The closing date for the return of completed forms is **Friday 4th September**. Please note you must be a Baptised Catholic, regularly attending Mass and have received the Sacrament of Holy Communion to participate. Once we have final numbers we will contact everyone with the programme dates and content.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027

 Enrolment for the Parish First Holy Communion programme will take place on 5th and 6th September. For further information, course dates and enrolment details please email fhc@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk. Please note that St Bede's School run their own FHC programme.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Our Parish 'Journey in Faith' course will begin on Wednesday 16th September at 7.30pm in the Church Sacristy. To register please complete the [online form](#). If you need any assistance please contact the Parish Office.

ALPHA AT ST BEDE'S THIS AUTUMN

This autumn, we are delighted to offer Alpha 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. After praying, please complete the [form](#).

CHURCHSUITE REGISTRATION

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.

[BASHG Adult Registration Form](#)

[BASHG Child Registration Form](#)

If you are unable to register online, Sue Riley will be here after Mass on Sunday 30th August (11am) and Sunday 6th September (9am) to answer any questions you may have and to register on your behalf if required. Sue will need confirmation of your name, date of birth and contact details so please do speak to her on either of these dates and she will be happy to help.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 16th August totalled £2,666.16 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](#) or via our contactless terminal by the hall.

