

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 30th August 2026

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week II

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses

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
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Mary, Joseph Palliyan RIP
Mon 31st	St Aidan, Bishop		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Dec mbrs Liddell Family (Fond)
Tues 1st Sept	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Lucas Laski
Wed 2nd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec mbrs Hynes & Murphy Families
Thur 3rd	St Gregory the Great, Pope, feast		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Joackim & Stella Roche RIP
Fri 4th	St Cuthbert, Bishop, optional memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	St Bede's School Welcome Mass Mass: Roy & Simon Goodier RIP (Fond)
Sat 5th	St Teresa of Calcutta, Religious, optional memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Yve Treadgold RIP
	<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>		

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week III

Sun 6th Sept	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Anne Murray RIP
	12.00 pm	SB	Farewell to Fr Paul Nwune
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Tony Darroch RIP (uncle of Dcn Tony)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Taking up our cross can be a positive action – loving the unloved, reaching out to that person whom everyone else ignores, volunteering for a charity. Perhaps we have never thought of things this way – 'denying ourselves' to help someone else, and in the process finding our true identity. Taking up the cross is not about losing our life; it is about finding it – and finding it in new and surprising ways and places we never thought existed.

When we take up our cross and allow Jesus to help us we are, in this way, also helping Jesus to carry His.

Suffering is part of life: all of us will have a cross to carry at some point. Jesus offers to help us carry our cross and ease our burden.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and welcome to Andrew Butcher, who is to be received and confirmed into the Catholic Church this Sunday 30th August during 9am Mass.

FAREWELL TO FR PAUL NWUNE

Fr Paul will soon be taking up his new appointment as Priest-in-Charge on the Isle of Wight. There will be a farewell gathering in the hall on **Sunday 6th September** after 11am Mass. All are welcome and we would be most grateful for any cake donations.

MASS INFORMATION

Please note that from week commencing 7th September there will no longer be Mass or Adoration on a Thursday at St Bede's. If you would like to attend Mass at St Joseph's it is held at 9:15am on a Thursday. See their [website](#) for more details.

LEAVE YOUR MARK

Leaving a gift in your Will is an opportunity to leave a lasting mark and express gratitude to God for all He's given you. It cultivates Catholic Stewardship and demonstrates the profound impact a gift can have beyond an individual's lifetime. We are truly indebted to all those who choose to support us in this way. For more information see the [Diocese website](#). Leaflets are also available in the church entranceway.

NEWSLETTER

Sue Riley will be preparing the Newsletter going forward; if you have any community articles that you would like to be considered for inclusion, please send them to newsletter@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk by Wednesday morning for the following week's issue. Thank you.

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 SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

During September, Pope Leo asks us to pray for the care of water – Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



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](#)

A reminder that 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 with ChurchSuite on your behalf if required. Even if you have already registered, this will be an opportunity to put a face to a name and introduce yourself to Sue who will be delighted to meet you.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 23rd August totalled £2,400.52 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.

