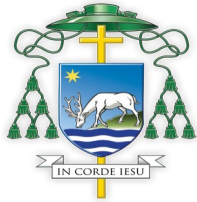


THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 9th August 2026

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week III

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses

Sun 9th Aug	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: John Togher RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Jozef Truszkowski
Mon 10th	ST LAURENCE, Martyr, feast		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Private Intention
Tues 11th	St Clare, Foundress, memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Jacob, Peter Cicily RIP
Wed 12th	St Jane Frances de Chantal, optional memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Valencia Salvia Baptista
	2.00 pm	SB	Funeral Mass for Moira O'Brien RIP
Thur 13th	St Pontian & St Hippolytus, Martyrs, optional memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Young People of the Parish
Fri 14th	St Maximilian Maria Kolbe, Martyr, memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Bernard & Margaret McDonnell RIP
Sat 15th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention
	<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>		

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Year A, Psalter Week IV

Sun 16th Aug	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Sister Maria
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Agatha Mendonca RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

How do we strengthen our faith, restore our hope and make time to listen for God's quiet promptings in our own hearts? Our prayer life can help to muffle the raging of the world. To stop and breathe, pray and listen, is the way that we can find a moment of stillness which strengthens us for all that we face, and which leads us to do something wonderful. In the same way that Jesus reaches out to Peter, whom do we notice reaching out to us when we are struggling? What do the people who help us in the stormy times teach us about God's steadfast presence in our life? Whatever storm we face, once it is over we emerge blinking into the sunlight, surveying the destruction – the damage done to our surroundings or to our life – working out where we go next. In this moment we can also turn to God. Offering up in prayer our struggles, our hopes and listening for gentle guidance as to where we are called to go. Let us pray then that God will guide us through the storm and as we rebuild afterwards. May we be filled with courage and faith that we are never abandoned, and may we stand alongside and support one another in the difficult times.

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.

COURTYARD SAFETY

The fountain in the courtyard has been drained of water while it undergoes some maintenance work. **Please do not let your children climb into the fountain, or run around the outer ledge.** We do not want any child to have an accident.

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. To register your interest please go to: [Diocesan Catechist Day, 2026](#)

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. To register for the meeting please go to [Alpha Online Forum](#) or you can send an email to: 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 for this older age group which starts in October: office@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

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.*

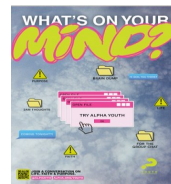


FIRE SAFETY REMINDER

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 details on how to enrol please send an email to: 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 St Bede's Church Sacristy. To register please complete the online form using the link: [St Bede's RCIA Registration Form - Adult](#) 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: [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.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 2nd August amounted to £2,686.43 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.

