

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 13th September 2026 TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week IV

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses

Sun 13th Sept	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Anita Davidson
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Chris & Brian Young
Mon 14th	Exaltation of the Holy Cross, feast		
	12.00 pm	SB	Mass: Evelyn Wheeler RIP
Tues 15th	Our Lady of Sorrows, memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Lucas Laski
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 16th	Saints Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Mary Jose Manjalay
Thurs 17th	St Hildegard of Bingen, Religious, Doctor of the Church, optional memorial		
	<i>There will be no 9:30am Mass Today</i>		
Fri 18th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Laski Family
Sat 19th	St Januarius, Bishop, Martyr, optional memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Jeff Farrell RIP

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week I

Sun 20th Sept	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Bartlomiej Ufnal
	11.00 am	SB	Mass Budzynski-Seymour Family
	12.30 pm	SB	Baptisms
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Many of us tend to see life from a negative point of view. We are forever making decisions about our own behaviour and that of others. However, instead of finding fault and being inclined to criticise and condemn in the family, the workplace, school, college or society, we must teach the virtues of love and compassion, treating others with consideration. Human lives are a kaleidoscope of experiences and emotions: we interact with one another in so many ways that it is impossible not to feel anger at times. But we are called upon to pardon any offence committed against us and we must not harbour hatred. So, as we seek God's mercy, we follow Jesus' words: we forswear anger; we are willing to reconcile ourselves with those we might think of as enemies. We sinners accept our own guilt and ask for pardon. Our souls are God's and we are granted eternal life if we show love to our neighbour by forgiving them in all circumstances, even the most difficult.

Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications

SCAM EMAIL

We were made aware earlier this week that some parishioners had received an email purporting to be from Fr John, requesting that vouchers were purchased on his behalf. The issue was immediately reported and the email address in question blocked. The Diocese Governance department has subsequently advised that there are no further actions to take from a GDPR perspective. *"It is possible that there may have been a data breach at some point in the past, for example if an email stored on someone's computer was accessed, but we are unlikely to be able to determine whether this occurred".*

Thank you to everyone who made contact to alert us to this matter. On behalf of Fr John and all of the St Bede's Church team, please accept our apologies for any confusion or disturbance caused to anyone.

MASS INFORMATION

A reminder that 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.

BACCA

The **Basingstoke African Caribbean Catholic Association (BACCA)** holds its monthly meeting on the **last Sunday of every month**. Join us in the church hall immediately after the **11:00 AM Mass**. All are welcome to attend! For more DETAILS please contact bacca.unitedkingdom@gmail.com.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

Join the **Basingstoke African Caribbean Catholic Association (BACCA)** in celebrating Black History Month on **Sunday, 4 October 2026**. The celebration will begin with the **11:00 AM Mass**, followed by a vibrant cultural reception in the church hall. please contact bacca.unitedkingdom@gmail.com.

ALPHA AT ST BEDE'S

We're delighted to host Alpha at St Bede's, starting on **Monday 21st September at 7pm**.

Each evening begins with a free hot meal, followed by a short film or talk and plenty of time for friendly discussion and questions. Alpha is a relaxed and welcoming space to explore the Christian faith, share your thoughts, ask questions or simply listen. **Everyone is welcome**, whether you're exploring faith for the first time, returning to church, or simply curious to find out more. If you've been praying for someone during our **3 people • 21 days • 11:02** initiative, perhaps now is the time to invite them — **and come along with them!**

[Register](#) for Alpha at St Bede's

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

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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (RCIC)

If your child is **aged 7 years or above**, the RCIC programme is an age appropriate course for children over 7 years of age who would like to learn more about becoming Catholic. The group consists of 10 sessions, which will take place on a Tuesday from 4:30—5:30pm. The first session is on Tuesday 13th October. Please complete the [online form](#) to register your child.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY BRIEFING

Saturday 19th September in St. Bede's Hall 10:30am. You are warmly invited to come along and hear Catherine Ogola, CAFOD's country rep for Kenya, Uganda and Eritrea share how CAFOD is using your donations to improve the lives of our brothers and sisters from our Global Family. Learn about Tayla from Northern Zimbabwe, who is featured in our Harvest Fast Day appeal and how you could help children like her access school meals and safe water and therefore have the chance to learn. It's a great chance to meet like-minded people who want to make a difference. All are welcome.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 6th September totalled £2,897.58 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.

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

CAP UK are delighted to be returning to St Bede's Church to deliver a Money Coaching course, which has been run successfully for the past few years. The course and all materials are free, and there will be a free meal at the start of the evening. Spaces are filling up, so book your [free place](#). Course dates are Thursday 15th, 22nd, 29th October and 5th November. Each session starts at 7pm.

ADOREMUS 2026

Adoremus is a National Eucharistic Congress initiated by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to deepen devotion to the Eucharist and encourage adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

There will be an Eucharistic Procession in the grounds of St Bede's School on the afternoon of Friday 9th October, starting at 2pm, leading into all night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St Bede's Church through to 9.30am Mass on Saturday morning. The Blessed Sacrament cannot be left unattended when exposed, so we are asking that people sign up for an hour's slot (or more) sometime through the Exposition, Please volunteer your time [here](#).