

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 20th September 2026 TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses

Sun 20th	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Bartłomiej 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
Mon 21st	St Matthew , Apostle, Evangelist, <i>FEAST</i>		
	12.00 pm	SB	Mass: Laurence Williams RIP
Tues 22nd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Barbara Rokosz
	7.30 pm	SB	Men's Group
Wed 23rd	St Pio of Pietrelcina , Religious, <i>memorial</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Joe Burnand RIP
Thurs 24th	Our Lady of Walsingham , <i>FEAST</i>		
	<i>There will be no 9:30am Mass Today</i>		
Fri 25th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Mary & Joseph Palliyan RIP
Sat 26th	St Cosmas & Damian , Martyrs, <i>optional memorial</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Henry (Andy) Malone RIP

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A, Psalter Week II

Sun 27th Sept	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. John McCauley
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	2.00 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. St Vincent

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

There is something to annoy us all in today's parable of the vineyard labourers. Jesus says the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner hiring workers for his vineyard. After agreeing to pay each person one denarius a day, he continues to hire new people, including some at the eleventh hour. When he comes to pay them, all are given the same, which leads the first-hired to grumble and complain – why should they be paid the same as those who only did an hour's work? The landowner replies, 'Do you begrudge my generosity?' The landowner is clearly not a businessman; what he does is simply not fair. Surely, we should get what we earn?

The needs of those who arrive late to the vineyard are no less than those of those who got there early. The latecomers aren't necessarily lazy; they are the ones 'no one has hired', people who were overlooked, marginalised and desperate, those whom society puts at the back of the queue. They too have families to feed and bills to pay – the landowner asks the workers to look with solidarity on their brothers and sisters and be grateful for his benevolence.

Similarly, God knows what we need, and isn't being unfair to the first group, who receive exactly what had been agreed: he is being extraordinarily generous to the last. This is the heart of the Gospel: God never gives us what we deserve; he gives us what we need.

Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who attend Mass in person, and to all who join us online.

SCAM EMAIL

We were made aware last week that some parishoners 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. [St Michael's](#) in Tadley also holds Mass on a Thursday, at 9:30am.

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

A reminder that Alpha at St Bede's starts 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

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.



MASS COUNT

Over the next four weekends, starting on Sunday 20th September, Parishes across all of the Dioceses of England and Wales will be undertaking their annual Mass count for the numbers of people in attendance at Sunday Masses. Thank you in advance to all our Priests, stewards and parishioners who will be facilitating this important endeavour.

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](#).

PARISH COLLECTION

This Sunday is Home Mission Sunday, the day parishes are asked to pray for the work of evangelisation and to support this vital work. There will be a second collection after all Masses or you can donate online at:

[Home Mission Sunday - 20 September 2026 - Give as you Live Donate](#)



Collection for week ending 13th September totalled £2,578.28 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.



LOCAL MISSION PLAN

As part of our emergence as the Parish of Our Lady, Queen of Peace we will be sharing weekly 'On the Way' notices with you as our journey as a new parish unfolds.

On the Way: Our parish renewal, one step at a time

What is our Guiding Star?

As we become one parish, there will be many decisions, opportunities and changes ahead. Some will be straightforward. Others will be messy because change can be difficult, especially when it touches things we value deeply.

Whether the route is easy or difficult, we need to know what we are steering towards.

That is the purpose of a Guiding Star.

A Guiding Star is a fixed point that gives us direction. We return to it again and again to ask whether what we are doing is taking us towards the kind of parish Christ is calling us to become.

Our Guiding Star is the story of Bartimaeus (*Mark 10:46-52*)

Bartimaeus is sitting by the roadside when Jesus passes. He cries out. At first the crowd tries to silence him. Then Jesus stops and calls him. The crowd changes too:

"Take heart. Get up. He is calling you."

Bartimaeus throws aside his cloak, comes to Jesus, receives new sight and follows Him on the way.

Our Guiding Star statement

As one parish, we answer Christ's call with openness and trust, helping one another encounter Him, letting go of what holds us back, receiving His healing and new sight, and following Jesus together as missionary disciples.

Next week: *what does this story mean for us personally, for our families and friends, and for the way our parish makes decisions?*