

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 6th September 2026 TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week III

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses

Sun 6th Sept	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	10.00 am	SB	FHC Enrolment
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Anne Murray RIP
	12.00 pm	SB	Farewell to Fr Paul
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Tony Darroch RIP (Dcn Tony's relative)
Mon 7th	12.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Bernie
	4.00 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
Tues 8th	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, feast		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Private
Wed 9th	Feast Day of Holy Ghost & St Bede's Parish		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Joy & Pat Murphy
Fri 11th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Barbara Noble RIP
Sat 12th	<i>There will be no 9:30 am Mass today</i>		

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week IV

Sun 13th Sept	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Anita Davidson RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Chris & Brian Young

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It is possible that we regard our membership of the Church as giving us a badge of respectability whilst continuing our hidden and unaltered lives. We may also try and impress others with our extreme acts of devotion or self-denial, but perhaps both attitudes are sides of the same coin. In both cases we are using our membership of the Church as a cover for what is ultimately a lack of true faith. In both circumstances we create divided communities, based on competitive and adversarial attitudes rather than understanding and harmony. True faith recognises our own poverty, our need to grow into an ability to use our life, not for self-aggrandisement but for the good of others. To do this we need to convince ourselves that God loves us as we are. There is no need for the games of self-glorification. As we begin to accept his love, we discover how we may give and receive each other's love. And Christ is then present amongst us.

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.

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.

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.



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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

All are welcome at Dashwood Manor for their [free community events](#).

These are wonderful opportunities to come together, meet new people, enjoy friendly company and take part in a range of enjoyable activities in a welcoming and relaxed setting. Dashwood Manor is proud to offer a fully accessible environment, free parking and complimentary refreshments for all guests. We would be delighted to welcome you to Dashwood Manor and hope you can join us.



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 11:02 PRAYER CHALLENGE

As we prepare for Alpha at St Bede's, we're inviting everyone to take up the 11:02 Prayer Challenge.

Who are **three people** in your life that you would love to see come to know Jesus? Write down their names, set an alarm for **11:02am each day**, and simply pray for them - asking God to work in their lives and to show you how you might be part of that.

Prayer is where it begins. Let's be open and expectant to see what God might do.

For any questions, interest in Alpha, or to find out more, please contact alpha.stbedes@outlook.com



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 9am Mass on Sunday 6th September 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.

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.

The collection total for week ending 30th August will be published in next week's Newsletter.

