

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 18th October 2026

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses

Sun 18th	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Antonio Martino RIP (Fond)
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Nemy Domantay Vergara
Mon 19th	Sts John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions,		
	Religious, Martyrs, <i>optional memorial</i>		
	12.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Lucas Laski
Tues 20th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Roza Truszkowska
	7.30 pm	SB	Men's Group
Wed 21st	9.30 am	SB	St Bede's School Harvest Mass
		SB	Mass: Private Intention
Thurs 22nd	<i>There will be no 9.30am Mass today</i>		
Fri 23rd	St John of Capestrano, Religious, <i>optional memorial</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Leena/Alodia Menezes Baptista
	2.00 pm	SB	St Bede's Inset Day Mass
Sat 24th	St Anthony Claret, Founder, Bishop, <i>optional memorial</i>		
	10.00 am	SB	El Shaddai 10th Year Anniversary

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week II

Sun 25th	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Mary, Joseph Palliyan RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	12.30 pm	SB	Baptisms
	2.00 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Kathleen & Patrick Bruen RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Men with evil intent tried to trick Jesus into saying something that would compromise Him with the authorities and weaken His mission. They met their match in Jesus, whose gentle strength and disarming wisdom sent them away even more focused on working towards His downfall.

We do not need to be reminded in these troubled times that many powerful men of this world are threatened by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, perhaps even by Jesus Himself. The 'Caesars' of our world demand unconditional obedience to their will, tolerating no dissension. They lie, cheat, squander, exploit, wage war, sow division and happily flout God's most basic commandments.

When Jesus responded that we should give to Caesar what is Caesar's, He surely did not mean we should submit without question to those who clearly act contrary to the Gospel. The Gospel arms us with the truth that we are one in Christ, who leads us to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. St Paul reminds us in today's second reading that we are chosen and loved by God. This gift carries with it the responsibility to share our faith in word and action, that is, to be missionaries where we are and support the global mission of the Church. By giving to God what is God's, we will challenge those values that are contrary to the Gospel, and welcome God's kingdom into our world.

Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications

ON THE WAY

WEEK 3

B.E.C.O.M.E.: ENCOUNTER CHRIST

If you are joining the series here, **B.E.C.O.M.E.** is our simple way of describing the journey from spiritual curiosity towards following Jesus and helping others follow Him: Belong in Community, Encounter Christ, Commit to Growth, Ongoing Renewal, Missionary Led and Evangelising Witness.

The **first E** in **B.E.C.O.M.E.** is Encounter Christ.

At the heart of parish renewal is a simple conviction: people are not only looking for information about faith. They need opportunities to meet Jesus Christ and to respond to His call.

Bartimaeus first hears that Jesus is passing, but then he comes before Him personally. Jesus stops, listens and asks what he wants. The encounter gives Bartimaeus new sight and a new direction for his life.

There is already much in our parish life through which people can encounter Christ. The Eucharist, celebrated at Mass, remains at the heart of our communities. We have different traditions of music and prayer, the Rosary, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, often called Confession, times of quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and established prayer groups. Alpha is a course where people can explore Christian faith and ask questions. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, usually shortened to RCIA, accompanies adults who are considering becoming Catholic, while preparation for Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation supports many others.

Our Local Mission Plan asks us to make these opportunities easier to discover. It also asks us to look honestly at liturgy, prayer, preaching, music, hospitality and participation across our churches. Becoming one parish gives us an opportunity to recognise what is particularly life-giving in each community and to share that learning without losing the character of each church.

Testimony will also have an important place. People are often moved deeply when they hear what Jesus has done in another person's life. A real story can help someone recognise that Christ may be calling them too.

The aim is not uniformity or a busier calendar. It is a parish in which worship, prayer and community increasingly help people encounter Christ and follow Him.

Where is Christ meeting you at present, and who might you gently invite to come closer to Him?

Next week: Commit to Growth.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY!

Thank you for putting your faith into action this Family Fast Day. Your generous donations will help more children stay in school. Children like Tayla in Zimbabwe, where CAFOD's local partners worked with her community to install a solar-powered water supply. Now Tayla has access to safe water and nutritious food at school, helping her to keep learning and develop her God-given talents. Find out [here](#) about the work that your generosity makes possible.

BANK CHARGES

The Diocese finance team has advised that we will now start incurring considerable bank charges for all cash and cheques paid into our account. Please could we ask you to consider making donations by standing order or bank transfer? The Parish bank account details are as follows:

[Account Name: CDP Basingstoke Holy Ghost](#)

[Sort Code: 30-93-04](#)

[Account Number: 00874184](#)

Donations can also be made via the contactless machine in the cloister or via the website, both of which incur a small charge. Grateful thanks to all parishoners for your generous support to the Parish

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This Sunday, 18th October, is World Mission Sunday which is celebrated by parishes worldwide. By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme 'One in Christ, united in mission' to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God's love to communities in need.

Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital collection. To donate, use the Missio envelope, or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

Thank you for your support.

BASINGSTOKE NIGHT LIGHT WINTER SHELTER

The Winter shelter is looking for extra volunteers and has organised a session for anybody interested to find out more.

TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2026

7:30—9:30PM

**The Safe, 18 Winchester Street, Basingstoke
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If you wish to continue receiving the newsletter you need to register on ChurchSuite if you haven't already done so. [Online registration](#) is simple and takes just a few minutes to complete. If you would rather fill out a paper form please collect one from the church entranceway and return it to Sue in the office. Please note: If you do not register before 30th November you will no longer automatically receive the newsletter via email.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 11th October totalled £2,668.47 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits, Contactless and Mass Collections.

Our second collection for CAFOD raised £585.83. 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.