THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 1st November 2026

All SAINTS, *Solemnity*

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses

Sun 1st	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Maureen McCauley RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Decd mbrs of Holy Ghost Parish (Fond)
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 2nd	**Commemoration of All Souls**		
	12.00 pm	SB	Mass: Rita Obadaki RIP
Tues 3rd	**St Martin de Porres,** Religious**,** *optional memorial*		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Joanna Laska
Wed 4th	**St Charles Borromeo,** Bishop, *memorial*		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Tim & Maureen Murphy RIP
Fri 6th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec mbrs McAulay, Grasso families
Sat 7th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Kate Raymund RIP (Fond)

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Year A, Psalter Week IV

Sun 8th Nov	**St Willibrord,** Bishop**,** *optional memorial*		
	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Leszczynscy family
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	2.00 pm	SB	Blessing of Graves, Worting Road Cemetery
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Tony & Giuseppina Tambascia RIP

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The clue in interpreting today's Gospel is the closing phrase "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven". We are not being advised to mourn, to be meek, to be peacemakers. Rather, we are being shown that faithful discipleship is a blessed way of life and points to a blessed future and eternal life in heaven. Living our discipleship bears fruit, bears blessings, both in the here and now, and eternally with the Lord. Jesus is not saying that discipleship prevents misfortune and suffering for the disciple, but with God's help they can be the route to blessedness; this is the meaning of redemption – where God brings blessings from suffering. One key word underlying all the Beatitudes is vulnerability, when either through choice or not we are vulnerable to other people. The Lord can redeem our vulnerability, and we can rejoice in our promised reward.

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

DO YOU RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL?

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.

ALL SAINTS' DAY CELEBRATION FOR CHILDREN

A reminder that children and their parents are warmly invited to the All Saints' Day Celebration following 11am Mass on Sunday, 1st November. We will honour the heroes of our faith with fun activities, games and dancing. Children are highly encouraged to come dressed as their favourite saint. Let's celebrate the joy of holiness together!

BAMENDA SUNDAY

This weekend is Bamenda Sunday, a celebration of a partnership between our two dioceses where we learn, pray and support each other. An important part of the link has been the support we have sent over the years. Your generosity has made a huge impact on the lives of many of the poorest and most vulnerable people in Bamenda, and it most sincerely appreciated by them. You can read how your donations have supported Caroline and Stephen in the **Bamenda Sunday newsletter** where you can also see the different donation options including Gift Aid. Please give as generously as you can, as your contributions really do transform lives.

Donate to Bamenda

Thank you

POPE LEO NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

This month Pope Leo asks us to pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

BANK CHARGES

The Diocese finance team has advised that we will now start incurring bank charges for all cash and cheques paid into our account. If you are able to consider making donations by standing order or bank transfer instead, we would be very grateful. 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. If you currently use an envelope to gift aid your donation, we will still be able to match your name to the database if you move to bank transfer. Grateful thanks to all for your generous support of the Parish.

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.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

The annual Blessing of Graves will take place on Sunday 8th November at 2pm in Worting Road Cemetery. We remember all our Parish Family Members who are buried in there. May they Rest in Peace.

PARKING

There are increasing instances where cars are being parked in an inconsiderate and unsafe way, which impacts on all of us here at St Bede's. Please DO NOT PARK in the yellow lined area, in the centre of the car park or at the side of the building alongside the driveway into the church. These areas should be kept clear at all times for the safety of everyone and for emergency access if required.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 25th October totalled £ 2,858.29 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits, Contactless and Mass Collections. The World Mission Sunday Collection total was £352.15. Thank you for your generosity, as always.

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

The easiest way to donate to the Parish is via bank transfer **online** or via our contactless terminal by the hall.

ON THE WAY

WEEK 5

B.E.C.O.M.E.: ONGOING RENEWAL

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 **O** in **B.E.C.O.M.E.** is Ongoing Renewal.

Commit to Growth reminds us that we have a part to play in our discipleship. Ongoing Renewal reminds us that God is also continually at work in us, giving healing, new sight and a deeper freedom to follow Him.

The cloak of Bartimaeus has become a helpful image for our parish. It can represent fear, habit, comfort, old structures or simply the way things have always been done. When Jesus calls, Bartimaeus throws his cloak aside, comes forward and receives new sight.

Renewal is not about discarding our inheritance or constantly looking for something new. It is about discerning what should be treasured, what should be renewed and what may now need to be laid aside.

This is true in our own lives. Through prayer, Scripture, the Eucharist, Reconciliation and the life of the Church, Christ continues to call us back to Himself. He shows us what is bearing fruit, where healing is still needed and where we may have become too comfortable or resistant to His invitation.

The Missional Prayer, our shared prayer for parish renewal and mission, is now part of our common prayer. Our Local Mission Plan is also intended to remain a living pastoral plan. The parish-wide consultation will help us listen and discern. Our priorities will help us act. The diocesan maturity work will help us look honestly at where we are and what the next faithful step might be, while a small number of measures will help us learn what is genuinely bearing fruit.

These tools do not create renewal. They help us respond more faithfully to the work of the Holy Spirit. The aim is not change for its own sake, but a parish becoming more open to Christ, more capable of mission and more willing to follow where He leads.

What in your life should be treasured, what may need renewing, and what might Christ be asking you to lay aside?

Next week: Missionary Led.