

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 25th October 2026

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week II

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses

Sun 25 th	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
Mon 26 th	Saints Chad & Cedd , Bishops, <i>optional memorial</i>		
	12.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Katarzyna, Mariusz Truszkowscy
Tues 27 th	8.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. June Riley
	<i>Please note earlier Mass time</i>		
Wed 28 th	Saints Simon & Jude , Apostles, <i>feast</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. P Murphy & Family
Thurs 29 th	<i>There will be no 9:30am Mass Today</i>		
Fri 30 th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Private
Sat 31 ^s	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Bertie & Mamie Quinn (RIP) (Fond)
	<i>Confessions after 9.30am Mass until 11.00am</i>		
Sun 1 st Nov	All SAINTS, Solemnity		
	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Maureen McCauley RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Decd mbrs Holy Ghost Parish (Fond)
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We read in the Book of Exodus how God passionately defends those who are weak and vulnerable, and He expects His people to do likewise. For those who do not share God's compassion there is a stern warning: 'my wrath will burn'. Jesus invites us to love others as He has loved us. We remember especially all those who have left their homeland in search of safety and a better life for their children.

We are told that Francis of Assisi once said to his friars, 'Go forth and preach the good news – and use words if you have to!' Francis knew what Paul had understood in the early days of Christianity: our greatest sermon is the way we live our life. We need not say anything. In his first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul reminds his readers how they received the Word with the joy of the Holy Spirit and that their faith in God had 'gone forth everywhere'. People could see the joy of the Gospel, and so Paul could add, 'We need not say anything.'

Jesus invites us to love God and to love our neighbour as ourselves. Jesus teaches us insights revealed, in a veiled way, by our children. They teach us that we are all weak, vulnerable and utterly dependent on the compassion of God. When we rest in His love and extend that love to others, we will begin to understand the fulfilment of the Law.

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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

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!

BASINGSTOKE CHORAL SOCIETY PRESENTS:

An evening with The Haydn brothers
Sunday 15th November 2026
Concert starts 7:30 pm
The Anvil Basingstoke
Conductor: Jordan Theis
Orchestra: The Docklands Sinfonia
Programme:
Joseph Haydn Nelson Mass
Michael Haydn Requiem
Book your tickets [here](#)



HOLY GHOST

Please do not park at the Holy Ghost on Monday 28th or Tuesday 29th October, as work is being carried out in the car park.

Portsmouth Diocese Parish Evangelisation Formation Day

Saturday October 31st, 10am – 1:30pm, Christ the King, Northumberland Avenue, Reading, RG2 8NR

You are warmly invited to join us for a morning as we explore how parish groups, one of our Diocese's Six Holy Habits, can deepen our faith and impact our parishes as they become welcoming places for all. The "Parish Cell System" (often called PECs) focuses on transforming parishes into active, missionary communities through small, home-based groups (cells) focused on fellowship, prayer and scripture. Join us on Saturday 31st October for an inspiring day of teaching, prayer, practical formation, and fellowship at the Portsmouth Diocese Parish Evangelisation Formation Day. Lunch will be provided as part of the day. Please register by 27th October, via email to ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or by using the [link](#).

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.

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.

THE KNIGHT OF ST COLUMBA "LUCKY ME" DRAW

Recent monthly £50 winners were:

August - Roger Poole

September - Jayney Lampard

October - Martin Webb

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone for their support.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 13th September totalled £ 2,276.79 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 make a donation to the Parish is via bank transfer [online](#) or via our contactless terminal by the hall.

ON THE WAY

WEEK 4

B.E.C.O.M.E.: COMMIT TO GROWTH

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 C in B.E.C.O.M.E. is Commit to Growth.

An encounter with Christ is not intended to remain a single moment. It opens a life of following Him, learning from Him and allowing Him to shape us more deeply.

Our Local Mission Plan identifies a clear challenge: what happens next? Too often somebody finishes Alpha, the course where people can explore Christian faith and ask questions, receives a Sacrament, returns to Mass or takes an important first step and is then left to work out the next stage alone.

Commit to Growth means responding to grace by taking the next faithful step. For one person that may mean beginning to pray regularly or reading Scripture. For another it may mean returning to Reconciliation, joining a small group, learning more about the faith, discovering a gift or beginning to serve.

Growth is not the same as becoming busier. It includes a deepening relationship with Christ, greater maturity in our character and relationships, and a growing willingness to place our lives at the service of others.

Our Local Mission Plan therefore proposes stronger follow-up after Alpha and clearer ways for families, newcomers and returning Catholics to continue their journey. It also proposes renewed use of Called & Gifted, a process that helps people recognise the gifts God may have given them, and better support for those who teach and accompany others in faith. Over time, prayer, small groups, preparation for becoming Catholic, volunteering and leadership should connect more naturally with one another.

The same need is particularly clear for our young Church. The developing 16+ community and our longer-term hope for a recognisable youth ministry are intended to help First Holy Communion and Confirmation become stages in discipleship rather than finishing points.

ChurchSuite, the digital system planned for parish contacts, communication and follow-up, can help us avoid losing touch and offer meaningful next steps. But relationships, prayer and discernment remain central. Our longer-term hope is that mature disciples will increasingly accompany others.

What next step would help your faith become more deeply rooted and more fruitful?

Next week: Ongoing Renewal.