

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 4th October 2026

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week III

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses

Sun 4th	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Reg Smart RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: BACCA Black History Month
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 5th	St Faustina Kowalska , Religious, <i>optional memorial</i>		
	12.00 pm	SB	Mass: Jonas Rocque RIP
Tues 6th	St Bruno , Founder, <i>optional memorial</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Jimmy Hickey
	7.30 pm	SB	Men's Group
Wed 7th	Our Lady of the Rosary , <i>memorial</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Broadbent Family (Fond)
Thurs 8th	<i>There will be no 9.30am Mass today</i>		
Fri 9th	St John Henry Newman , religious, Doctor of the Church, <i>FEAST</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Charles W
	12.00 pm	HG	Funeral Mass: Joe (Charles) Burnand RIP at Holy Ghost
	2.00 pm	SB	Adoremus—Eucharistic procession & all night Adoration
Sat 10th	St Paulinus of York , Bishop, <i>optional memorial</i>		
		SB	Diocesan Catechist Day
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Mary Hickey
	4.45 pm	SB	Polish Community Prayer gathering

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week IV

Sun 11th	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Agatha Mendonca RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Jolanta Wrobel

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In His parables, Jesus uses the life experience of the people to teach them about the Kingdom of God and about the relationships that we need to develop if our lives are to reach their ultimate fulfilment in the Kingdom of Heaven. The stories relate to what the people know about life at home and how to make these things work for the common good. They are examples which even today relate to life as we know it. In the Gospel today, the context is a vineyard, with tenants employed to manage it. Having been left with the responsibility, they begin to think of it as "their" vineyard and when the time comes to produce the harvest for the owner they resent it. They beat up and kill the owners representatives, including his own son. The story is an allegory. Jesus reminds the chief priests and elders of the prophecy of Isaiah. God is the creator of the vineyard, God's own people, on whom God has spent a great deal of love and attention, but has not received the harvest which was expected. Jesus develops this image, focusing on those who are responsible for the care of this vineyard: the priests and elders. They have begun to think of the people as their own possession and so reject the message of the emissaries of God, the prophets.

Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications

WELCOME

Welcome to all who join us for Mass in person, and to all who join us online via our webcam. Together we are a community united in prayer.

COUNTDOWN TO ADOREMUS 2026 - CAN YOU HELP?

We are still welcoming volunteers for the all night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday 9th October. 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. The Eucharistic Procession in the grounds of St Bede's School starts at 2pm, leading into all night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 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](#). **Volunteers are still needed for an hour between 4—8pm, and 6—9am. Thank you**

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY HARVEST APPEAL

Don't forget you can donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection on Sunday, 4th October. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at [Give by virtual envelope](#) or call 0303 303 3030.

SYCAMORE PROGRAMME

St Michael's in Tadley is running a programme that is open to anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. Sycamore is presented by Fr Stephen Wang using a series of teaching videos to explore Christianity and the Catholic Faith. For those who would like to become Catholic, or for those who are already Catholic and wish to complete the Sacraments, or for anyone who would just like to acquire a clearer and deeper understanding of Catholic Catechism, there is something on this course for everyone. The course will be held weekly at St Michael's on Tuesday evenings from 7pm – 9pm, starting on 6th October. Please contact the parish office for more information on 0118 981 4572 or tadley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

FORMATION DAY FOR READERS: 17TH OCTOBER 2026

It is not too late to sign up for the Formation Day for Readers being organised by the Diocesan Liturgy Team on 17th October 2026 at the Pastoral Centre in Winchester. Beginning with Mass at 9am the day will finish at 1.15pm. Bring your sandwiches but tea/coffee will be provided. Anyone wishing to attend is kindly asked to email: liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING—SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER

Cllr Paul Harvey (Leader of Basingstoke & Deane District Council) will share briefly about current council challenges before we pray for him and the council. 6:45-8:30 pm @ Hope Community Church Sarum Hill. RG21 7NU . Everyone is welcome.
[2026-10-18 Praise and Worship Evening](#)

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH MISSION PLAN SURVEY

A reminder that you are invited to take part in the [Mission Plan Survey](#), following the reading of Bishop Philip's Pastoral Letter last weekend. You can read the Bishop's letter [here](#).

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION HALF DAY ONLINE CONFERENCE

The Spiritual Directors Leadership team for Portsmouth Diocese have organised a half day online conference on Saturday 21st November via Zoom. It is an excellent opportunity to explore what 'spiritual direction' means, to ask questions and share thoughts with others. Members of the Spiritual Direction Team will offer their insights, including those who are currently receiving direction. The keynote speaker for the conference is Nicola Smedley who leads courses with the Ignatian School of Spiritual Direction. You can register [here](#).

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

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

Join the Basingstoke African Caribbean Catholic Association (BACCA) in celebrating Black History Month on Sunday 4th October 2026. The celebration will begin with the 11:00am Mass, followed by a vibrant cultural reception in the church hall. Contact bacca.unitedkingdom@gmail.com for more information.

NEWSLETTER

As we continue our transition to the ChurchSuite database, we will be moving towards sending the newsletter through this channel at some stage. If you currently receive the newsletter via email you will need to be registered with ChurchSuite to continue to do so. Please complete a Registration Form by clicking the links below, or speak to Sue in the office who can help you with this. Thank you .

[BASHG Adult Registration Form](#)

[BASHG Child Registration Form](#)

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (RCIC)

If your child is **aged 7 years or above**, the RCIC programme is an age appropriate course for children over 7 years of age who would like to learn more about becoming Catholic. The group consists of 10 sessions, which will take place on a Tuesday from 4:30—5:30pm. The first session is on Tuesday 13th October. Please complete the [online form](#) to register your child.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 27th September totalled £2,439.36 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits, Contactless and Mass Collections.

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

Much is changing as our five church communities move towards one parish. Alongside the practical work of amalgamation, our Local Mission Plan asks a deeper question:

What kind of parish is Christ calling us to become?

THE **B.E.C.O.M.E.** JOURNEY

The story of Bartimaeus has become our Guiding Star. He hears Jesus passing by, calls out, throws aside his cloak, comes to Christ, receives new sight and follows Him on the way. The crowd changes too. Those who first try to silence him become the people who encourage him: "Take heart. Get up. He is calling you."

Alongside Bartimaeus we have developed **B.E.C.O.M.E.**, a simple way of describing the journey from spiritual curiosity towards missionary discipleship. It stands for Belong in Community, Encounter Christ, Commit to Growth, Ongoing Renewal, Missionary Led and Evangelising Witness.

B.E.C.O.M.E. is not intended to place people into categories or suggest that everybody follows the same route. It helps us keep one pastoral question in view: what is the next step for this person?

Our Local Mission Plan is beginning to connect welcome, worship, Alpha, formation, young people, volunteering, leadership, service and communications around that journey. The aim is not simply to offer more activity. It is to help people become known, encounter Christ, grow in faith, discover their gifts and eventually help others do the same.

There are already encouraging signs. When people from different church communities work together, relationships grow and we begin to discover gifts and experience which can help the whole parish flourish. Over the next six weeks, On the Way will look at each part of **B.E.C.O.M.E.** and at some of the ways our Local Mission Plan is helping us support the journey more clearly.

Where might Christ be inviting you to take your next step?

Next week: Belong in Community.