THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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Sunday 15th November 2026

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Psalter Week I
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses

Sun 15th	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Hanna Truszkowska Baptisms with Fr John
	12.30 pm	SB	Baptisms with Dcn Tony
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Therese Brown & Family
Mon 16th	**St Edmund of Abingdon,** Bishop**,** Joint Patron of the Diocese, *solemnity*		
	12.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Joanna Laska
Tues 17th	**St Hilda,** Abbess, *optional memorial*		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Armelina Domantay
	7.30 pm	SB	Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed 18th	**Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul, Rome,** *optional memorial*		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Annam Pailey RIP
Thurs 19th	*There will be no 9.30 am Mass today*		
Fri 20th	9.30 am	SB	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
	Friday Mass is held at 11:30am at St Joseph's or 7pm at St Michael's in Tadley		
Sat 21st	*There will be no Adoration and no 9.30 am Mass today as Fr John is attending the Lay Leadership conference in Fareham*		
	5.00 pm	SB	Filipino Mass

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Sun 22nd	9.00 am	SB	Mass: William Jeffrey Farrell RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	12.30 pm	SB	Baptisms with Dcn Tony
	2.00 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Liam Curtis-Moore RIP

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In today's Gospel, Jesus foretells the destruction of the Temple, a devastating event which happened on 30 August AD 70, only thirty-five to forty years after He finishes speaking. As He spoke of the damage to Jewish life and culture, Jesus also foretold the coming of wars, division and persecution. Destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem was in the living memory of many of the people for whom Luke wrote his Gospel. If that was the past for some, the present was one of persecution and suffering. The future was no brighter as early Christians expected the end of the world to be approaching. Were they experiencing the beginning of the end? Was there a point in remaining faithful to Jesus amid the hardship that was their reality? Jesus offers hope. He tells His followers that, yes, life has been tough, is difficult now and will possibly become more difficult, but they are not to give up, not to lose hope. He is there for them and will be with them for ever and always.

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THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

"Lucky Me " draw Tickets will be sold at all masses during the next 2 -3 weekends. £12 gives you 12 chances to win the big draw in December, and £50 each month for the next 11 months. All money raised goes to local and national charities. Thank you for your support.

MASS INFORMATION

There is no longer 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.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND

This weekend we will hold a special collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund. This is an opportunity to support the priests who have faithfully served our parishes and communities throughout their lives. After decades of ministry, our retired priests deserve the security of knowing that the care and support they may need in later life will always be available. Your donation will help ensure that they can live with dignity and peace of mind in retirement. Donation envelopes will be available at all Masses over the weekend or you can donate **here.**

PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING

There is still time to sign up for the screening of the Emergency Briefing, which takes place here at St Bede's on Wednesday 25th November at 7:30pm. More information can be found **here**, where you can also get free tickets.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server training will take place on Saturday 28th November in St Bede's Church, from 11am to 1pm.
Ideally all Altar Servers should attend, however the training is **compulsory** for anyone who:

- is a new Altar Server
- is hoping to be awarded a Bronze Medal on St Stephen's Day and has not yet attended main Altar Service training

Permission forms are now being electronically collected, and must be completed for any Altar Server who is under 18.

Note to parents: If you have already completed a paper permission form, please complete the **online form** so that all our Server details are held electronically.

For any enquiries please email **altarservers@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk**

FILIPINO MASS – 21ST NOVEMBER

On Saturday 21st November there will be a Filipino Vigil Mass at St Bede's church at 5pm.



PARISH COLLECTION

Thank you to all who have been able to move to electronic giving, following our notice about bank charges. Your help with this is much appreciated. We are of course grateful for every donation made by our parish family; in whatever form it arrives.
Collection for week ending 8th November totalled £2,728.35 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits, Contactless and Mass Collections. Thank you for your generosity.

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 7

B.E.C.O.M.E.: EVANGELISING WITNESS

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 **final E** in **B.E.C.O.M.E.** is Evangelising Witness.

When people belong, encounter Christ, grow in faith, remain open to renewal and discover their part in the mission, something begins to overflow. Faith becomes visible in the way we live, serve, speak and invite.

Our Local Mission Plan recognises that personal invitation should become part of normal parish culture. Testimony matters too. People are often moved more deeply by hearing what Jesus has done in another person's life than by hearing an explanation of a programme.

Evangelising witness therefore includes both life and words. Love, hope, integrity, forgiveness and service can awaken questions. At the right moment, a simple account of why faith matters to us, an offer to pray or an invitation to come with us can help someone take a first step.

There is already considerable service beyond our church buildings. Parishioners support the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, usually known as CAFOD, the Church's Caritas network, the St Vincent de Paul Society, local food banks, vulnerable people, the sick and housebound, bereavement work, partnerships with other Christian churches and many other forms of outreach. Much of this good work, however, remains disconnected or almost invisible.

The developing Volunteer Hub is not a building, but a parish-wide way of understanding what is already happening and helping people find opportunities to serve. We also want to strengthen links with OneChurchBasingstoke, the local network of Christian churches, and other partners. By listening together, we hope to identify needs where the new parish might make a sustained difference, involve more young people and families, and deepen our response to Laudato Si', Pope Francis's call to care for our common home.

Our communications work describes a journey from Street to Door to Home to Sent. People first see something of parish life, find a door which is easy to enter, become known and cared for, and eventually discover how they themselves are called to serve and witness. When they are sent, their witness may become the beginning of another person's journey.

Bartimaeus receives new sight and follows Jesus on the way. That remains our pattern too.

Who might be encouraged by the hope you carry, the story you share or the invitation you offer?

Take heart. Get up. He is calling you.