THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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Sunday 22nd November 2026

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses

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
Mon 23rd	**St Clement I,** Pope, Martyr**,** *optional memorial*		
	12.00 pm	SB	Mass: Decd mbrs Broadbent Family (Fond)
Tues 24th	**St Andrew Dung-Lac,** Priest **& Companions,** Martyrs, *memorial*		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Mike Took RIP (Fond)
	7.30 pm	SB	Men's Group
Wed 25th	**St Catherine of Alexandria,** Virgin, Martyr, *optional memorial*		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Mary, Joseph Palliyan RIP
Thurs 26th h	*There will be no 9.30 am Mass today*		
Fri 27th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: John Flannagan RIP
Sat 28th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Jacob, Peter Cicily RIP
	Confession after 9:30am Mass		

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Psalter Week I

Sun 29th	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Michaela Waterfield RIP
	12.30 pm	SB	Baptism with Fr John
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Vera & Antonin Svoboda RIP

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SAFEGUARDING ADULTS WEEK: EVERY VOICE, EVERY CHOICE

Every person deserves to feel safe, respected and heard. This week, Safeguarding Adults Week reminds us of the importance of listening to those who may be vulnerable, recognising signs of abuse and ensuring that nobody feels they must suffer in silence.

As a Catholic community, safeguarding is much more than a collection of policies and procedures. It is an expression of our belief in the dignity of every human being. We are called to listen with compassion, take concerns seriously and create communities where people feel safe enough to speak.

If you see, hear or are told something that makes you concerned about the safety or wellbeing of an adult, please contact our Safeguarding Officer or the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. If someone is in immediate danger, call 999.

For further information about the campaign and its resources, visit http://www.anncrafttrust.org

Every voice matters. Every person matters."

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.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROJECT

Basingstoke Foodbank wants to support those who are unable to buy items to make Christmas special, unless they go without the necessities. You can help by donating essential food items or Christmas treats including mince pies, chocolates, tinned fruit or a Christmas pudding. Donations can be left at our collection point here at St Bede's, preferably by 1st December. See the **Foodbank website** for more information about the project.

Basingstoke Foodbank
Together with Trussell



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.



CHURCHSUITE

There are still lots of parishioners that haven't yet registered with ChurchSuite. It would really help if you could do this, so that we have the correct and current details of everyone within our church family. You can register **online** in just a few minutes, or you can contact Sue Riley in the office who will happily help you to complete a paper form. Thank you

PARISH FINANCE REPORT

The latest finance report for Holy Ghost & St Bede's is now available to view on our website, on the Giving page. There are also some hard copies in the entrance to the church for anyone who is not able to access the report online.

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 15th November totalled
£3,070.69 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits, Contactless and Mass Collections. Total raised for the Priests' Retirement Fund was £1,110.45. 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: CHRIST AT THE CENTRE OF EVERYTHING

Over the past nine weeks, we have explored our Guiding Star, the vision inspired by Bartimaeus, and our B.E.C.O.M.E. journey.
As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, we return to the heart of it all: Jesus Christ.
His kingship is unlike any earthly power. He leads through love, serves rather than demands to be served, and gives Himself for others.
That is the kind of Church we are called to become.
Our vision is not simply about bringing five churches together under one name. It is about creating communities where people belong, encounter Christ, grow in faith and discover the joy of serving others.
Bartimaeus heard Jesus calling, threw aside his cloak and followed Him. His story reminds us that faith is never simply about where we have been, but where Christ is inviting us next.
As Advent approaches, our journey enters a new chapter. Our Parish Pastoral Council will begin its work in early December, helping our clergy listen, discern and look towards the future.
There will be important decisions ahead. But this feast reminds us of something that must never be lost amid the changes: Christ is our King. Our parish exists to follow Him and help others discover His love.

Next week: Looking Towards the Horizon.