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Sunday 8th November 2026

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Year A, Psalter Week IV
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses

Sun 8th	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Leszczynscy family
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	2.00 pm		Blessing of Graves, Worting Road Cemetery
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Tony, Giuseppina Tambascia RIP
Mon 9th	**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica,** *feast*		
	12.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Gabryel Domantay
Tues 10th	**St Leo the Great,** Pope, Doctor of the Church**,** *memorial*		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Yve Treadgold RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	Men's Group
Wed 11th	**St Martin of Tours,** Religious, Bishop, *memorial*		
	8.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. P Murphy & Family
	Please note earlier Mass time		
Thurs 12th	*There will be no 9.30am Mass today*		
Fri 13th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Jacob, Peter Cicily RIP
Sat 14th	10.30 am	SB	Caritas Mass: Bishop Philip attending

Please note, no Adoration and no 9.30 am Mass today

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Psalter Week I

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

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In our first reading the prophet Ezekiel has a vision of the water of life flowing from the Temple. It echoes the words Jesus Himself spoke in the Temple in Jerusalem "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink." We heard St Paul, exasperated by the factions of the Christians in Corinth, telling them they had drifted from Jesus who was the foundation they were to build on. In the Gospel, John shows us an angry Jesus who is appalled by the blasphemy of God's holy Temple becoming a marketplace and a corrupt one at that. The Lateran Basilica is adorned with beautiful mosaics depicting Our Lady, Saints Peter and Paul, John the Evangelist, John the Baptist and smaller figures of St Francis and Anthony of Padua – but today, Remembrance Sunday, we pray to and for people who might be uncanonised saints, whose good works are known only to God, and to those for whom they literally laid down their lives. God has remained alongside and within His suffering people and those who have fought for peace. With God's help, we can live, we can rebuild, we can look to the future.

Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications

CHARITY MASS & NETWORKING EVENT

Come and connect with those involved in charities and parish project groups from across the Diocese at the Charity Mass and networking day, on Saturday 14 November from 10:30 am to 3pm at St Bede's Basingstoke. It is a day for thanksgiving, conversation, connection and inspiration and is open to everyone in the Diocese including clergy, parishioners, volunteers and charities. Click **here** for more information or **register your interest**. If you have any enquiries, please contact **caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk**.

SILENT PRAYER AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

Wednesday 11th November 11am – 3pm

On Wednesday 11th November, The UCM is holding a silent prayer for peace throughout the world – much needed at the moment – and for England to return to the dowry of Our Lady. The silent prayer session will run from 11am-3pm in The Sacred Heart Church, Hook and at least one member of the UCM will be present throughout. The session will finish with the chaplet of Divine Mercy. The Church hall will be open for tea/coffee and you are welcome to bring lunch if you wish.

We hope that you can join us even if only for a short period of time. Thank you

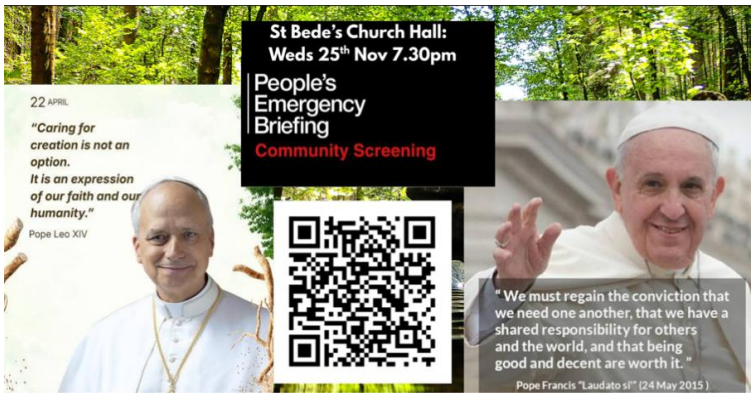
PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND

On the weekend of **14th/15th November**, we will hold our first Second 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 that weekend, or you can donate **here**

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.

PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING



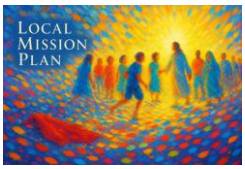
We were called by Pope Francis, in his *Laudate Si* encyclical, to "hear the Cry of the earth and the cry of the Poor." Pope Leo XIV continued that message to us throughout the season of Creation in October; stewardship is our collective responsibility.

Teresa Cripps says: "One way we can respond is to face the truth of our current situation and reflect. This 50-minute film helped me appreciate Laudato Si in a new way, and rather than leave the screening with a sense of doom and fear, I felt deep hope and moved to act".

It would be lovely if you could join us. Please sign up for a **free ticket here** or scan the QR code above.

LOCAL MISSION PLAN

Our Local Mission Plan as the Parish of Our Lady, Queen of Peace is now available to read on the website. You can access it **here**.



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.

PARISH COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who has been able to move to electronic giving, following our recent notice about bank charges. Your help with this is much appreciated. We are of course grateful for every donation made by our parish family; however it may arrive. Collection for week ending 1st November totalled £ 3,193.00 from Standing Orders, Direct Debits, Contactless and Mass Collections. The Bamenda Sunday Collection total was £382.63. 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 6

B.E.C.O.M.E.: MISSIONARY LED

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 M in B.E.C.O.M.E. is Missionary Led. Missionary leadership begins with service. It is about helping other people hear Christ's call and giving them the encouragement, formation and trust they need to respond. Our parish needs priests, deacons, lay leaders and volunteers, each serving in their own role and sharing responsibility for one mission. Healthy leadership does not gather every task into the hands of the same few people. It notices gifts, helps people grow and creates room for new leaders to emerge. There are already encouraging signs. The Leadership Team has gradually moved from discussing the practicalities of becoming one parish and individual projects towards discerning the kind of parish we are trying to become. When leaders from different church communities work together, relationships grow and people discover gifts and experience in another community which can help their own. The new Parish Pastoral Council, which will bring people from across the parish together for shared listening, discernment and advice, will be another important step. Beyond formal structures, our Local Mission Plan seeks a broader leadership culture. Alpha, where people can explore Christian faith, and Called & Gifted, which helps people recognise the gifts God may have given them, should increasingly connect people with volunteering and ministry, where potential leaders can be noticed, accompanied and supported. Our volunteering work begins by understanding and valuing what already exists across all five churches. We will map ministries, identify local contacts, improve communication and build a parish-wide network. Over time, people should be better supported, properly safeguarded and able to share skills across the parish. The aim is not simply to fill positions. It is to form servant leaders who help others hear and respond to Christ's call. A missionary leader does not only complete a task. A missionary leader helps another person discover that they too have a part to play.

Whose gifts could you encourage, and what part might Christ be asking you to play?

Next week: Evangelising Witness.