

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 16th June 2024

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week III

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 16th June	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Tony Rhodes RIP
	12.30 pm	SB	Baptism
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Jadach Family
Mon 17th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Marion, George Bedford RIP
Tues 18th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Anita, Tom Davidson
Wed 19th			St Romuald , Abbot, <i>optional memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Bruno Dias RIP
Thur 20th			<i>Sorry no Mass today</i>
Fri 21st			St Aloysius Gonzaga , Religious, <i>memorial</i>
	12 noon	HG	Requiem Mass Victor Johnson RIP
Sat 22nd			Ss JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE , Martyrs, <i>feast</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Barry Brown RIP
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week IV

Sun 23rd June	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Brian Fahy RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Mathew Thomas RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus, like the prophets before Him, used images that were familiar to the people of His time. In today's Gospel the two parables are about seeds. From something small, something wonderful can grow. Obviously, Jesus knew about mustard. It was used throughout the Roman Empire and, in fact, the word "mustard" itself comes from Latin. Of course, in Palestine it would have been a darker spice than our yellow. It's not too far-fetched to imagine Jesus being served it at a meal, say at the house of Zacchaeus the tax collector, or when He was invited to dinner by Pharisees. Whatever the reality, it was clear that He knew His listeners would understand the imagery of the mustard seed growing into a tree. There's a point to note here; Jesus is not being literal in this parable. The mustard seed is not the smallest, nor the mustard tree or shrub the largest. He's using a poetic device to show the contrast between the tiny seed of God's Kingdom sown on earth which will grow to something immense in the fulness of time. At the end of the parable Jesus echoes the imagery we heard in the first reading, from the prophet Ezekiel, when he says that the birds of the air will live and find shelter in the shade of the tree. In one of his talks our late Pope Benedict XVI had a lovely image of people who were looking for God being like birds perching on the trees of the Church where its members had already built their nests.

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WELCOME

A very warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors who join us for Mass whether in our Church or via the livestream.

FATHER'S DAY

This Sunday we remember and pray for all Father's and also all deceased Father's.

MONEY MANAGEMENT FOR ALL

Holy Ghost Parish is once again partnering with Christians Against Poverty [CAP] to deliver one of their 'Money Coaching' programmes in St Bede's Church hall on June 20th & 27th and July 4th and 11th. Delivered by local churches in partnership, money coaching is a free service designed to empower you with the knowledge, skills, tools and confidence to better manage your finances. The sessions will begin at 7pm with a light meal, ending at 9pm. For more information contact Deacon Tony or Pam on either: adarroch@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 07883 059 529. But to book a place, please use this link to book directly: [Get to grips with your finances | CAP UK](#)

BACCA SUMMER FETE

The annual BACCA Summer Fete will be held on Saturday 22nd June from 12 noon to 6pm on St Bede's School field. There will be a BBQ, bouncy castles, face painting, sack races, musical chairs and much more! Tickets cost £10 for adults, £5 for children (under 2's go free) and £30 for a family ticket (two adults and up to four children).

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE

On Saturday 22nd June, the Eve of the Vigil of the Feast of St John the Baptist, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. This is the last monthly day of prayer and fasting for life before the General Election. An election which could well result in an even more pro-abortion government than we have currently had. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. "And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least...God saw their efforts to renounce their evil ways. And God relented about the disaster which He had threatened to bring on them, and He did not bring it." (Jonah 3:5,10) Please invite others to join the day on Facebook: [National Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life | Facebook](#)

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The next Baptism Preparation sessions will be held on Sunday 7th and Sunday 14th July at 1.15pm at St Bede's Church. To register please send an email to: baptisms@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk



PARISH FINANCE REPORT

Copies of our second Parish Finance Report which is for the financial year ended 31st August 2023 are available in the Cloister. A copy will also be published on our website shortly.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 9th June amounted to £2,476.83. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH DIARY

Tues 18th 9 am—3 pm Diocesan meeting (SB)
Wed 19th 10 am Fire Alarm Testing (SB)
Wed 19th 7.30 pm Choir (SB)
Thurs 20th 7.30 pm Christian Against Poverty Coaching
Fri 21st 6 pm Polish Rehearsal (HG)

TOM MESSENGER/ALTAR SERVER

Tom was an Altar Server with us here at Holy Ghost Church and St. Bede's Church for many years. On Saturday 22nd June at 11.30 Tom will be making his Final Vows as a Monk at Douai Abbey, Upper Woolhampton, Berkshire RG7 5TQ. If you wish to attend the Service, Tom would be delighted to see you. Congratulations Br Aidan Messenger OSB on such a wonderful occasion.

DAY FOR LIFE

This Sunday, 16th of June, we will be celebrating the Day for Life, along with the Dioceses of Scotland and Ireland. This year's theme is "The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life", which allows us to reflect on end-of-life care in the midst of national debates on assisted suicide. There is also a second collection this weekend or you can donate online at: [Day For Life Second Collection 2024 | Give as you Live Donate](#)

AFTERNOON TEA

The next 'Afternoon Tea' will be held on Sunday 23rd June at 3pm in the Hall. All are invited to come along.

CARITAS PORTSMOUTH - REFUGEE WEEK

The theme for Refugee Week this year is 'Our home' and we want to see how we can make our parish communities more welcoming to those arriving in our country, fleeing war, persecution and violence. On Tuesday 18th June from 12:30-1pm we are holding an online lunchtime event where we will hear from one of our parishes who works with refugees and asylum seekers, with time to discuss and ask questions. Everyone is welcome. Register via our website: [HOME - Caritas Portsmouth](#)

POPE FRANCIS JUNE PRAYER INTENTION

During June, Pope Francis asks us to pray for those fleeing their homes: We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

FUNERAL

Requiem Mass for Victor Johnson RIP on Friday 21st June at 12 noon in Holy Ghost Church. We remember Victor's family and friends at this sad time. May he Rest in Peace.

CAR PARK

We ask Parishioners to please enter the Church car park carefully, not at 50 mph..... We are concerned there is going to be a fatal accident at the speed parishioners are entering the car park

AND FINALLY ...

Thank you to the members of the Polish Community, who did a great job tidying up and cutting back the shrubs in the Holy Ghost Church grounds.