

# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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## Sunday 9th June 2024

### TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Year B, Psalter Week II*

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses**

<b>Sun 9th June</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: June, Tom Bowers RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Vocations
<b>Mon 10th</b>	12 noon	SB	Mass: Private Intention
<b>Tues 11th</b>			<b>St Barnabas, Apostle, memorial</b>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Eileen Cullen RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
<b>Wed 12th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Anthony Furtado RIP
<b>Thur 13th</b>			<b>St Anthony of Padua, Religious, memorial</b>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Thanksgiving Lenora Aranha
<b>Fri 14th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Canon Cornelius Reidy RIP
<b>Sat 15th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Gerado Silanio RIP
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

### ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Year B, Psalter Week III*

<b>Sun 16th June</b>	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

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#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A sense of “us” and “them” prevails in today’s readings. The book of Genesis presents the intrusion of temptation and evil into the beautiful world God created. The harmony of the garden is shattered by the image of the man and woman and their offspring as enemies of the serpent and its offspring. We know from hearing many other Old Testament readings that this sense of “us” and “them” led to war and injustice, and that many prophets spoke God’s word in that context, attempting to encourage God’s people to do God’s will. In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus makes it clear that it is in doing God’s will that we are united. The Scribes seem intent on “othering” Jesus - insinuating that “Beelzebub” or an “unclean spirit” is in him - thereby discouraging the crowd from listening to Him. In an atmosphere of such division, Jesus is emphatic in His assertion that people who are divided can never stand. When people in the crowd tell Him that His mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for Him, He gestures towards those who have been sitting listening to Him and identifies them as His mother and brothers, saying that anyone who does the will of God is His brother and sister and mother. He refuses to see God’s family as polarised into “us” - His family - and “them” - not His family.

*Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications*

## WELCOME

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

## FR JIMMY LINDERO

We welcome back Fr Jimmy who will be celebrating Masses on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week whilst Fr John is at the Catholic Parish Summit in Harrogate.

## SCAFFOLDING SAFETY

Scaffolding has now been erected in the courtyard and work is in progress. To keep everyone safe, can we ask that you be careful when in this area. **Please do not leave children unattended in the courtyard, or allow them to play around the scaffolding.** Thank you for your cooperation.

## MONEY MANAGEMENT FOR ALL

Following the success of the sessions organised last year, Holy Ghost Parish is delighted to tell you that once again we have partnered 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. Anyone can benefit - from those who've been using a budget for years to those struggling to get to grips with their spending. We'll hear from specialists in saving and spending wisely, to credit and debt professionals; you will receive guidance that's second to none. Places on the forthcoming course are very limited, so please book your space asap. 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](mailto:adarroch@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 07883 059 529. But to book a place, please go to 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). All money raised will support Parish projects.

## GENERAL ELECTION 2024

The Prime Minister has called a general election for Thursday 4 July. In response to this the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have a page with information and guidance on key issues of importance to us, as Catholics, to help inform how we vote. Go to: [General Election 2024 - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](#) There is also a message from President of the Bishops' Conference, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, who is asking voters to be active rather than passive to engage with politicians on the key issues. "You want to know what your candidate will think and say on your behalf when that candidate gets into Parliament," says the Cardinal. Watch the full message at: [Cardinal encourages participation in UK General Election \(youtube.com\)](#)

## PARISH DIARY

Sun 9th: BACCA Café in hall after 11 am (SB)  
Mon 10th: KSC (SB)  
Tues 11th: 7 pm – 9 pm Kneeler Group (SB)  
Tues 11th: 7.30 pm Adoration (SB)  
Sat 15th: 4 pm – 8 pm The Lord's Flock (SB)  
Sun 16th: 12.30 pm Baptism (SB)

## HOLY COMMUNION

Communion under both kinds will be introduced at ALL Sunday Masses from this Sunday, 9th June.

## NEW ONLINE COURSE - STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Do you want to develop a prayerful life? Are you wanting to learn how to cultivate a meaningful relationship with God? We are excited to bring you a new online CaFE course - Strength to Strength - which focuses on your prayer life. During this 6 week course we will learn to develop ways to deepen our relationship with God, and to build and sustain a fruitful and prayerful life. The course starts on Monday 24th June from 7.30pm – 9.00pm. If you are interested in learning how to sustain a fruitful prayer life, learn tips and best practices, please register your interest by emailing Joan at: [jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## 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](mailto:baptisms@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)

## FATHER'S DAY

Just a gentle reminder that Sunday 16th June (next Sunday) is Father's Day. We remember all Father's on this special day and also all deceased Father's.

## CARITAS PORTSMOUTH - REFUGEE WEEK

There are two online events for Refugee Week where we look to make our communities more welcoming to those arriving in our country. 13th June from 6-7pm with Caritas Plymouth and Tuesday 18th June from 12:30-1pm to hear from a Parish project. Everyone welcome. Registration links can be found at: [HOME - Caritas Portsmouth](#)

## HOSPITAL

If you are going into hospital, please let the Parish Office know. We are very happy to take Holy Communion to you during our weekly visit to the hospital. But it is up to you to let us know.

## 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.

## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 2nd June amounted to £2,749.50. Thank you for your generosity. Our contactless device is now working.

**AND FINALLY ...** Thank you to those parishioners who take Holy Communion to the sick in the Parish.