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Sunday 1st September 2024, Twenty-Second in Ordinary Time

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Deuteronomy 4:1-2-6-8 *Moses urges the people to be faithful to God's law, which is not a burden to be endured, but a source of life and wisdom.*

James 1:17-18.21-22.27 *It is not enough to listen to the word of God; we must put it into practice.*



The Pharisees question Jesus, James Tissot, 1886-1894

Mark 7:1-8.14-15.21-23 *Jesus tells the Pharisees that they have substituted their own laws for the Law of God, and are more concerned about outer cleanness than cleanness of heart.*

Education Sunday is next Sunday 8th September. Please pray for everyone who works in our schools and donate to the Catholic Education Service in our retiring collection.

The following weekend we have a collection for our Home Missions.

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration that calls us together each year to pray and respond jointly to the cry of Creation. The Celebration begins on Sunday 1st September Feast of Creation, and concludes on 4th October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. Visit our [web page](#) for links to resources, prayers and ideas to celebrate the season and be inspired for change.

Our Liturgies this week

Reconciliation: in the half hour prior to Mass.

Saturday 31st August St Aidan

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Vigil Mass Clive Judge RIP

1st September

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 am Mass Alan King RIP

Monday 2nd September Feria

9 am Mass at St Thomas More School

Tuesday 3rd September

St Gregory the Great

10 am Mass Frances Murphy's intentions

Wednesday 4th September St Cuthbert

10 am Mass Helen Townsend RIP

10.30 am until 11.30 am Adoration

Thursday 5th September Feria

Friday 6th September Feria

12.30 pm Mass at St John's Cathedral

for the visit of the Papal Nuncio

Archbishop Miguel Buendia

Saturday 7th September

Our Lady on Saturday

6 pm Vigil Mass for the people of the Parish

8th September

Twenty-third Sunday Of Ordinary Time

10 am Mass Helen Townsend RIP

Universal Meal We celebrate our Patronal Feast on Sunday 29th September after Mass. We rejoice in our Parish diversity with a shared lunch, people bringing dishes from their nation of origin. Pop the date in your diary!

Readers There is a Readers training day at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke on Saturday 20th October, 9.30 am - 2.30 pm. It includes a sandwich lunch. Please enrol by emailing: liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

The Word of the Lord A new translation of the Lectionary, the books from which we proclaim the scriptures at Mass, will be used from Advent. We are grateful for a generous parishioner's donation towards the cost. If anyone else wishes to help with the purchase, perhaps dedicating a volume in memory of a loved one, please let Canon Gerard know. Thank you.

Becoming a Catholic Are you interested in becoming part of the Church? Or do you have a child in Year 3, or above, who could make their **First Holy Communion** next year? We invite you to join a ten-week **Alpha** programme this autumn. To help everyone there are two weekly opportunities:

- Mondays from 23rd September, 1 – 3 pm, freeing you for school's end &
- Tuesday evenings from 24th September from 7 – 9 pm, beginning with a simple soup, bread, cheese and fruit supper.

After this we will enrol children for First Holy Communion and prepare those who wish to join the Church with their own programme.

Welcome to Albert & Genevieve, baptised last Sunday.



A prayer for this Wednesday

King of heaven, who called Cuthbert from tending sheep to be a shepherd of the people, help us, inspired by his example, to bring those who are lost home to your fold. In the name of Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. Amen.

