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**HOLY GHOST PARISH  
BASINGSTOKE**

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# Pentecost Sunday

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## Pentecost Sunday

The readings for today's feast of Pentecost, each in their own way, describe the effect of God's Holy Spirit in terms of speaking a language, of understanding a culture. The Apostles are transformed from being huddled in the Upper Room in fear of their lives into people who are filled with joy and courage as they rush out to share the Good News of the Resurrection of Jesus and the coming of God's Holy Spirit. They speak foreign languages; they are given the gift of speech. Sometimes this event is understood as a reversal of the ancient story of the Tower of Babel, in which the diversity of human language is viewed as a curse, arising from humanity's swollen pride. The result was that people could no longer understand each other or work together. The coming of the Spirit overcomes this: not by suppressing the different languages and cultures, but by enabling all people to understand the Gospel message, each in their own language. The Spirit acts as a kind of Rosetta Stone, enabling people from diverse backgrounds and ethnicities to hear about "the marvels of God" and translate the message into their own lives, apply it to their own situations.

In the Gospel, Jesus describes the Spirit as the One who speaks the truth – acting as a witness to the truth about Jesus. Throughout John's Gospel, the truth about Jesus is quite simply that Jesus is the Son of God. The Spirit continues to speak this truth – to bear witness to it. And now the Spirit enables the Apostles to do this too. Like the Rosetta Stone, the Spirit is the key, enabling the Apostles to understand the meaning of who Jesus is and what He has done. The Spirit enables them to speak the language of God's love – to understand the "culture of God", who sent the Son not to condemn the world but so that through Him the world might be saved. With the Spirit speaking through them, the Apostles can translate God's love so that all people can hear and accept it.

Taken from Redemptorist Publications

## SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

24th May 2015

<b>Sun 24th May</b>	9.00 am	Fr P	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Fr P	SB	Winnie & Dorothy Orrell-Jones
	6.30 pm	Fr B	SB	Phyllis Marcus Eldridge RIP (Strickland)
Mon 25th	<i>Feast of St Bede (Please note: Mass at St Bede's Church)</i>			
	8.00am	Fr C	SB	Donors of St Bede
Tues 26th	<i>No Mass today at St B but Mass at St. J at 8.00am</i>			
Wed 27th	<i>St Augustine of Caterbury</i>			
	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	Vincent Gorman RIP (Adams)
Thurs 28th	1.00 pm	Fr C	SB	Requiem: Perseveranda Bell RIP
Fri 29th	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	Dec. Mbrs Edney & Huntley Families
	10am to 11am		HG	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 30th	9.30 am	Fr C	SB	Dorothy Liddell RIP
	10.00am	Fr C	SB	Confessions
<b>Sun 31st May</b>	9.00 am	Fr C	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Fr C	SB	Ignatius Vankan RIP (Cox)
	6.30 pm	Fr M	SB	Maria Dolores Ybera RIP

Morning Prayer; 9.15 am before each weekday Mass at SB or HG

Rosary: recited after the weekday Mass at SB or HG

## SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS 2015

Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass

Saturday 27th June at 11 am in

St. Bede's Church

Please let the Parish Office know as soon as possible if you are celebrating a Significant Wedding this year, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th plus. (Tel. No. 465214) or email:

anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



## SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS -

### Singers invited

The annual diocesan Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass with Bishop Philip is being held at St Bede's, Basingstoke on Sat 27 June at 11am with rehearsal from 9am.

If you'd like to join the choir for the event, please contact Chris Olding with details of the numbers of singers and voices at [colding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:colding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## PARISH CENSUS FORM

Is an important, ongoing project! Can you collect a form from the Cloister area. Once completed, they can be brought back when you next attend Mass, or can be handed into the Parish Office. Please do not leave completed forms in the cloister area!!

## ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPICE

Tea at 3 in St. Bede's Church Hall, on Friday 29th May. Please come and support our Ladies who work tirelessly for the Hospice....all proceeds go to St. Michael's Hospice.

## ST. ANNE'S SUMMER FAYRE

Summer Fayre takes place on Saturday 13th June between 12 noon—4 pm in St. Anne's Primary School on Pinkerton Road. Lots of fun for the whole family.

## ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL

Following our highly successful 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration day in March with Bishop Philip Egan of Portsmouth, we are delighted to extend an invitation to the next Day of Renewal at Medstead, on Saturday May 30th. Alton Day of Renewal has been a source of spiritual refreshment for Catholics since 1975 and, as Bishop Philip reminded us in March, "the Charismatic Renewal has been for the Catholic Church a wonderful grace from God.... the Spirit constantly breathes new life into the Body, renewing the Church, giving her vitality, dynamism, growth and life."

## BASINGSTOKE FOODBANK

Needed urgently: Milk 1 Litre (Longlife)

Fruit Juice 1 Litre (Longlife) **Getting low on:**

Tinned Tomatoes, Desserts (particularly microwaveable) Crackers or Oatcakes

Small basic tin openers (for homeless & re-housed)

We'll be asking for this soon: Spare supermarket bags

& Bags for life If you would like to support us

financially, please go to 'Donate' on our

[www.basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk)

## PARISH DIARY: 24th June

Sun: Music: 9 am Choir: 11 am Cantorg: 6.30 pm Priest Led

Refreshments after 9 & 11 am Masses

Repository open after all Masses

No Repository next Tuesday

Thurs: Church cleaning today 11—12 noon

Sat: No Lord's Flock this week (30th May)

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015

This year's First Holy Communion Masses will be on Sunday 31st May at the 9 and 11 am Masses and also on Sunday 7th June at the 9 and 11 am Masses.

To make your First Holy Communion is a special moment in any Catholic's life, so let us pray for the children that by receiving the Body & Blood of Christ they may feel close to the Lord Jesus and find new meaning in getting to know Him. An enormous thank you to Fiona Blackburn and her team of catechists who have given so much of their time to helping the children prepare for this special day.

## GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Please collect your Gift Aid envelopes (named and numbered) from the Cloister area. If you are already a Gift Aider, or being a UK tax payer would like to start, please email the Parish Treasurer for further details.. Email: [treasurer@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)

## HALF TERM

We wish our pupils and staff a happy and safe week's holiday.

## REQUIEM MASS

Requiem for Perseveranda Bell RIP will take place in St Bede's Church on Thursday 28th at 1 pm. We remember her family at this sad time. May she rest in peace.

## THE POPE APP

There is a Pope App all about what he does. It enables you to follow his events live, provides access to all official papal related news, official speeches, galleries with latest images and videos and links to other service of the Holy See.

Additionally, it lets you see key areas of the Vatican through webcams. It is available to download for free from the App store; just type in "the pope app"

## COLLECTIONS:

Last weeks collection amounted £2,141.84p. Grateful thanks Second collection for World Communications Sunday amounted to £295.24p. Second collection this weekend for the SVP.

## DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR EVANGELISATION

Heavenly Father, we thank you most sincerely for the Joy of the Gospel, which fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter your Son, Jesus. Help the Christian faithful of the Diocese of Portsmouth to accept your offer of salvation so that we may be set free to embark upon a new chapter of Spirit-filled Evangelisation, marked by this missionary joy. Mary Immaculate—pray for us.

St. Edmund of Abingdon— pray for us. Amen.

**And finally.....** thank you to the First Holy Communion Catechists.