

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 27th March 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE)

Year C, Psalter Week IV

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 27th Mar	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Maria Colella
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	1.00 pm	SB	Baptism
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: All Mothers in the Parish
Mon 28th	10.00 am	SB	Requiem Carmel Daly RIP
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Int. Sammy Nowroozi
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Elaine Carter
Tues 29th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Geoff Fowler RIP (Fond)
Wed 30th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Wedding Anniversary Mr. Mrs Lloyd
	11.00 am		Internment of Ashes - Worting Rd Cemetery Reg Smart RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Kate Adams RIP
Thur 31st	6.30 am	SB	Mass: Jerusha Tedeye RIP
Fri 1st	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Jim Steele RIP
	5.30 pm	SB	Stations of the Cross
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. The People of Ukraine
Sat 2nd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Mary Kane RIP

Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Year C, Psalter Week I

Sun 3rd April	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Christopher West RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Feliks Bogacki RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The story of the prodigal son is a parable about mercy, but it is not a human mercy. Human mercy needs something to forgive, whereas God does not. Human mercy also comes from our own sinfulness, which is not the case with God. God's mercy comes into this world as forgiveness, but that is down to us and our human behaviour. It is interesting that some of the words of the father to the elder son are very similar to the words of Jesus to His heavenly Father in the Gospel of St John. The words of the father to the elder son in the parable, "you are with me always and all I have is yours", can be compared to Jesus' words to the Father in the Gospel of St John, "all I have is yours and all you have is mine". Mercy is the most godlike of all virtues. This is why forgiveness is at the heart of the Lord's Prayer and why a life of prayer is always a life of mercy. To put it another way, we might start from our own heart in committing ourselves to a course of action, but if we wish to commit ourselves to mercy, we must start from the heart of God, from the life of the Holy Trinity.

Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications

LENT 2022

As we continue our Lenten journey, preparing to celebrate Christ's resurrection, the victory of life over death, may the hope of the Resurrection never leave our hearts.

Get up for an early Mass:

There will be a 6.30 am Mass at St. Bede's Church every Thursday during Lent followed by breakfast in the Hall afterwards. All donations to CAFOD.

Stations of the Cross will take place in St. Bede's Church at 5.30 pm on Friday's during Lent and be followed by Mass at 6.00 pm.

During Lent we do not sing either the Gloria or the Alleluia. Flowers do not decorate the Church.

SECOND SCRUTINY

This Sunday is celebrated the second scrutiny preparatory to the Baptism of catechumens who will be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil. This will be taking place at the 9.00 am and 11.00 am Sunday Masses. Please keep in your prayers all who are being received into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil.

HOLY GHOST CHURCH LIGHTING REPLACEMENT

Holy Ghost Church remains closed while work continues to review options to replace the lighting. If you are able to financially support the work needed to make the Church safe and able to reopen, please put cheques (payable to PRCDTR Basingstoke Holy Ghost) or cash in an envelope marked 'Holy Ghost Lighting'. Many thanks for your support.

PARISH MINI-LENTEN RETREAT

The Parish of the Holy Ghost Church and St Bede's will be holding a mini-Lenten retreat on Tuesday evening 5th April and on Wednesday evening 6th April from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The theme for the mini-Lenten retreat is entitled 'Humility before God' and it will take place at St. Bede's Church.

LUCKY ME WINNER

Congratulations to Paul Gibbons of Hartley Wintney who has won £25 in this month's Knights of St Columba 'Lucky Me' draw.

WHERE IS THE HOLY SPIRIT IN MY LIFE?

In the midst of the various challenges of life, we can feel overwhelmed and alone, with a sense of isolation and lack of direction. This feeling, however, cannot correspond to the reality of our Baptism, sealed by God with the Sacrament of Confirmation. In a 6 sessions course, the Diocese Formation for Mission Team, are going to reflect together on the Sacrament of Confirmation and on the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The Holy Spirit is our constant companion, the giver of all the gifts necessary to our life with God and with each other as we grow in holiness and charity each day. Join them to discover who He is and what He does for us. This online course will take place on Thursday evenings from 7.00 to 8.30 pm, from the 28th April to the 2nd June. Register using this link [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)



MOTHERING SUNDAY

This weekend is not only Laetare Sunday but also Mothering Sunday. Bishop Philip writes in this week's e-News "This Sunday in England is also Mothering Sunday – and we wish all mothers a very happy day! In mediaeval England, today was a holiday from work when people went home to the mother church in which they were baptised. As families gathered, they gave gifts to their mothers, hence Mothering Sunday, a day we pray for our mothers too. Please remember to say a prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary this Sunday for your mother and grandmother."



WATCH PARTY - THURSDAY 31ST MARCH AT 7:00 PM

Bishop Robert Barron, Nicky Gumbel and Fr James Mallon recently held an online event to discuss the question "What is God saying to the Church today?" Holy Ghost Parish is holding a 'Watch Party' on Thursday 31st March in St Bede's Hall from 7:00 - 9:30pm to discuss the questions posed from the event. Please let us know if you are coming by contacting Pam on 07883 059 529.

FORTHCOMING SVP & BACCA MEETINGS

The next SVP meeting will take place at St Bede's Church on Monday 28th at 7.30 pm. BACCA will be meeting after 11 am Mass on Sunday 3rd April.

FUNERAL

Requiem for Abie Driscoll RIP will take place at St. Bede's Church on Tuesday 5th April at 11 am. We remember Abie's family and friends at this sad time. May she Rest in Peace.



SECOND COLLECTION

Our Second Collection this Sunday is for the Clergy Assistance Fund, which resources the invaluable work of the Department for Clergy Team. The Team is responsible for looking after the welfare, ongoing formation and personal support of our clergy, from the early days of ordination all the way into retirement. As a Diocese, we are responsible for supporting the 70 diocesan clergy in active ministry, 47 from religious orders, the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham or overseas, and 53 in retirement. We rely on your commitment and generosity to do this. If you would like to give a gift to this collection, you can donate using the baskets in the Church, or online referencing your donation 'Clergy Assistance'. Thank you.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 20th March amounted to £1,784.62. Thank you for your generosity to the Parish.

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

The easiest way to make a donation to the Parish is via Standing Order, Bank Transfer or Online at: [Donate to Basingstoke St Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate](#)

DON'T FORGET ... Sunday 27th March, British Summer Time begins, so remember to move your clocks forward one hour!

