

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 3rd April 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Year C, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

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
Mon 4th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Patrick Togher RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Abbie Driscoll RIP
Tues 5th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Gerard & Lettie Murphy
	11.00 am	SB	Requiem Abbie Driscoll RIP
Wed 6th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. David & Maureen Holloway
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Sean & Marissa Fenton
Thur 7th	6.30 am	SB	Mass: Sheila Flaherty RIP
Fri 8th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Julie Brennan RIP
	5.30 pm	SB	Stations of the Cross
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Deceased Mbrs of Parish
Sat 9th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Maria Colella

Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am

PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord

Year C, Psalter Week II

Sun 10th April	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Joy Stevens RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Allie Joseph RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In today's Gospel, Jesus famously refuses to be drawn into expressing an opinion. Moses had stated the Law; Jesus does not contradict Moses. He writes in the sand. Countless attempts have been made to identify what Jesus might have written. It is futile to do so. Perhaps He is just doodling, refusing to be drawn into an argument of law. When He speaks, His words are devastating: "If there is one of you who has not sinned let him be the first to throw a stone at her." Then He goes back to doodling in the sand. As usual, Jesus' response is brilliant. He refuses to contradict Moses and the Law, but He also highlights the hypocrisy of sinners wanting to condemn and put to death another sinner. He alone is sinless and He chooses not to condemn the woman.

Instead of condemning the woman, Jesus challenges her to go and not to sin any more. How could that become possible? Only through a complete change of mindset. Paul gives us a clue as to how to do so in today's second reading. Paul believes that nothing can happen to him that would counter what he receives through knowing Christ. With this focus on Christ, he turns away from anything that is negative. This positive thinking could work for us too.

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EASTER TRIDUUM (14TH - 17TH APRIL)

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Syro Malabar Rite	SB	1.30 pm to 5.00 pm
The Lord's Supper	SB	8.00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY

Syro Malabar Rite	SB	10.30 am to 1.30 pm
The Lord's Passion	SB	3.00 pm

HOLY SATURDAY

Święconka (Blessing of Baskets)	SB	10.00 am
The Easter Vigil	SB	8.00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY

Syro Malabar Rite	SB	2.15 am to 5.00 am
Mass	SB	9.00 am
Mass	SB	11.00 am

*No Evening Mass on Easter Sunday

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.

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

THIRD SCRUTINY

This Sunday is celebrated the third and final 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 the Church at the Easter Vigil.

PARISH MINI-LENTEN RETREAT

Just a reminder that the Parish mini-Lenten retreat takes place on Tuesday 5th April and Wednesday 6th April from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The venue is St. Bede's Church.

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, please put cheques (payable to PRCDTR Basingstoke Holy Ghost) or cash in an envelope marked 'Holy Ghost Lighting'. Many thanks.

BAPTISM PREPRATION PROGRAMME

The next Baptism programme will take place on 8th and 15th May starting at 1.15pm in St. Bede's Church Hall. For information or to register please email: baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk



EXPERT TALK ON THE PARENTS OF ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

Join St Finian's Primary School on Wednesday evening, 6th April at 7pm to hear the amazing and inspiring story of Saint Zelig and Louis Martin, parents to St. Therese Lisieux. Author, lay Carmelite, retired doctor and paediatric psychiatrist, Annette Goulden, will be giving a talk on these recently canonised saints. Annette is an expert on their lives and has written a book on Zelig and Louis called "Rooted In Love". She will be talking about this ordinary mother and father who experienced so much in common with parents today including the challenges they faced and will give us inspiration and support on our own parenting journey. This talk is for parents and individuals, and will inspire you to see how the challenges of being a working parent, running a business or raising a difficult child can be sacramental. Karen from Mothers Of Mercy and a parishioner at the Church at Our Lady of The Assumption will be hosting the evening and she invites you to hear Annette talk. Please arrive from 7.00 pm for refreshments. St. Finian's Primary School, The Ridge, Cold Ash, RG18 9HU. Call 07969 890870 for more information.

AFTERNOON TEA

The next 'Afternoon Tea' will be taking place on Sunday 24th April at 3.00 pm via Zoom. Please send an email to stbedessocial@gmail.com for joining details. Hopefully in May we can meet face to face. Apologies for the cancellation of last Sunday's Afternoon Tea.

CELEBRATORY MASS

All families who have had a child Baptised during the pandemic, are invited to attend a celebratory Mass at St. Bede's Church on Sunday 19th June at 2pm. Afterwards there will be light refreshments in the Hall. Please contact Pam on 07883 059529 to confirm attendance to help with planning for catering.

FUNERALS

Requiem for Abbie Driscoll RIP will take place at St. Bede's Church on Tuesday 5th April at 11 am. Service at the Crematorium for Doug McBride RIP on Friday 29th April at 12.30 pm. May they Rest in Peace



PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 27th March amounted to £2,177.80. 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](#)

EASTER COLLECTION

The Easter Day Collection supports our parish priests directly, in grateful thanks for their dedication, service and witness throughout the year. If you would like to give a gift to support Father Dominic and Fr John in their mission and ministry this Easter, please visit: [Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust are fundraising for Basingstoke St Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate](#)