

# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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## Sunday 23rd April 2023

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Year A, Psalter Week III*

**Please note there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass this week**

<b>Sun 23rd Apr</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Anna, Jack Bowman RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Ann Reilly RIP
<b>Mon 24th</b>			<b>ST GEORGE</b> , Patron of England, <i>solemnity</i>
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Joe White RIP
<b>Tues 25th</b>			<b>ST MARK</b> , Evangelist, <i>feast</i>
	9.15 am		Mass in St Joseph's Church
			<i>Sorry, no Mass at St. Bede's Church today</i>
<b>Wed 26th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Pat & Rachael
<b>Thur 27th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Canon Paul Chidgey
<b>Fri 28th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Jim Steele & Rosemarie Gallagher RIP
	11.00 am	HG	Requiem Mass Yvonne Threadgold RIP
<b>Sat 29th</b>			<b>ST CATHERINE of SIENA</b> , Patron of Europe, <i>feast</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Parish, St. John Ogilvie Wester Hailes
	12.30 pm	SB	Wedding of Summer and Edmund

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Year A, Psalter Week IV*

<b>Sun 30th Apr</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Michaela Waterfield
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	12.45 pm	SB	Baptisms
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Vocations

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### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

When Jesus appears to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus in today's Gospel, He does not reveal Himself by miracles, or even simply identify Himself as the Christ returned from the dead. Instead He expounds the Scriptures. The astounding meaning of His choice to reveal Himself this way is that we would be more likely to find the risen Christ in the Scriptures than in a face-to-face encounter with Him. This is because the meaning of Scripture is boundless, an unfathomable profundity. By Scripture here, we mean the Old Testament. To this day, the Psalms are the indispensable basis of the prayer of the Church. The Scriptures are a yearning for redemption, for a happiness that no human power or effort can achieve. Immersing ourselves in that longing for the coming of God's Kingdom through the Messiah, the Christ, we learn more about the Christ than any apparition could teach us. "Did not our hearts burn within us as He talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures for us?" say the disciples. For that is what they now are: disciples with burning hearts.

*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 live-stream.

## WELCOME TO FR. JEAN-PATRICE COULON

Welcome Fr. Jean-Patrice who joins the Parish as Hospital Chaplain, and who will be celebrating all Sunday Masses this weekend.

## PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

This week Fr. John is leading a pilgrimage to Medjugorje. Let us keep all those on the pilgrimage in our prayers at this time.

## ONLINE COURSES

The Dominican Sisters are offering the following online courses for adults and catechists.

*Further Training for Catechists:* 5 sessions to help catechists talk about God, Jesus, salvation, the human person and the Church to adults, children and young people. Every Thursday evening from 7.30 to 9.00 pm on Zoom, beginning on Thursday 20th April. Click the link to register: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

*Confirmation - Anchoring you in the Holy Spirit:* 6 sessions, after Pentecost to (re)discover the meaning and rite of our confirmation in the light of our faith. This course is especially useful to confirmation catechists, but also to everyone who wants to know more about the Holy Spirit. Every Tuesday evening from 7.30 to 9.00 pm on Zoom, beginning on Tuesday 30th May. Click the link to register: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

*Course for Church Readers:* 2 online sessions to help readers proclaim the Word of God with confidence, understanding, conviction and clarity. Saturday 3rd and 10th June in the morning, from 10 am to 1 pm. Click the link to register: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

## SEEKER GROUP

Are you considering a vocation, or at least wanting to spend some time discerning God's will for your life? The Seeker Group meets on the first Friday of every month from 7-9pm. All are welcome to come to Sacred Heart Church Fareham, PO16 ONQ. For further information about the Seeker Group and Vocations go to: [Portsmouth Vocations](#)

## BACCA

BACCA will be meeting in St. Bede's Church Hall after 11 am Mass on Sunday 30th April.

## PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Bishop Philip writes "I invite you to join me and many others from across the Diocese on this year's pilgrimage to Lourdes, leaving from Bournemouth airport on Monday 17th July and returning on Friday 21st July. Once in Lourdes we will stay for four nights at the Hotel La Solitude, celebrate Mass daily, and take part in all that Lourdes has to offer. If you would like to know more about joining me either as a pilgrim or as a youth helper, serving our pilgrims and helping to make our pilgrimage a success, please email: [lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## POPE FRANCIS APRIL PRAYER INTENTION

During April, Pope Francis asks us to pray for a culture of peace and non-violence. *We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.*



## THANK YOU

Fr. John and Deacon Tony would like to thank you all for your Easter cards, gifts and good wishes.

## AFTERNOON TEA

The next 'Afternoon Tea' will take place in person on Sunday 30th April at 3.00 pm in St. Bede's Church Hall. All are welcome so please come along and join us if you can.



## MASS INTENTIONS

The next available Mass Intentions are now the middle of June onwards. We are only allowed to accept one stipend per Mass. The Mass, after all, is for all the living and the dead! We accept Mass Intentions and always do our very best to fulfil the intention on the specified day and time. Occasionally we have to make a change, and we ask for your understanding when this happens.

## SAVE THE DATE!

We are planning a Parish Quiz Night on Saturday 3rd June at 7pm. Further details to follow very soon!

## GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The collection taken on Good Friday for Holy Places amounted to £745.60. Thank you for your generosity.

## WELCOME TO FR. COSMAS

Welcome to Fr. Cosmas who will be celebrating our 9.30 am Mass next Saturday, 29th April here at St. Bede's Church.

## WEDDING

Congratulations to Edmund and Summer who will be married here at St. Bede's Church on Saturday 29th April at 12.30 pm



## FUNERALS

Requiem Mass for Yvonne Treadgold RIP on Friday 28th April in Holy Ghost Church at 11.00 am. Funeral Service for Edna Primrose Wilkinson on Wednesday 17th May at 12 noon in Holy Ghost. We remember family and friends at this sad time. May they Rest in Peace.



## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 16th April amounted to £2,808.48. Thank you for your generosity to the Parish. Next weekend there is a second collection for Clergy Training Fund.

## DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

The easiest way to make a donation to the Parish is online at: [Donate to Basingstoke St Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate](#) or via our new contactless terminal by the Hall. Please remember to Gift Aid your donation if you are a UK tax payer.

