

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 28th January 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week IV

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 28th Jan	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Budzynski-Seymour Family
	12.45 pm	SB	Baptisms
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Nora Walladge RIP
Mon 29th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Ann & Steve Fitzgerald RIP
Tues 30th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: John Pocock RIP
Wed 31st			St John Bosco, Founder, memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Joan, Tito Gomes RIP
	3.30 pm	HG	Body in Church Fiona Fordham RIP
Thur 1st	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention
	12 noon	HG	Funeral Service for Fiona Fordham RIP
Fri 2nd			THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, feast
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Yvonne Treadgold RIP
Sat 3rd			St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, optional memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Pat, Margaret Brennan

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week I

Sun 4th Feb	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Edward Kwaw
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Marie Duffy RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus is seen as offering something new, something different to the scribes. Just as the Gospel writers do not tell us what Jesus looked like, neither does Mark actually tell us what Jesus taught at this time. In the opening chapters of Mark's Gospel, the only teaching is: "The time has come and the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News." In keeping with the style of these initial chapters, where Mark moves quickly from place to place, it is short and to the point. Jesus is like a commander issuing instructions; the commands must be clear and brief so that they are understood and received - and that is what gives Him authority. In Mark's account words are not enough. What gives Jesus' teaching true authority is not only what He says but also what He does. When Jesus speaks to the possessed man, He is direct and to the point: "Be quiet! Come out of him!" The possessed man responds to His command and is healed. This action causes the people to repeat that Jesus' teaching has authority. In today's Gospel Jesus perhaps provides a model for leadership and gaining the respect of those whom we serve. At its heart is integrity between the person, what they say and how they say it, and their actions. To have authority is to have a match between who we are, what we say and what we do.

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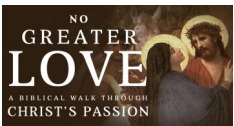
WELCOME

A very warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors who join us for Mass whether in our Church or via the livestream. If you are new to the Parish, we welcome you, and ask that you complete a new parishioner form on our website.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM - THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY

This will be a two day trip departing from Basingstoke by coach early on Friday 31st May and returning early evening on Saturday 1st June. The estimated cost is £250 (depending on final numbers) to include the coach plus half board in a 3 star hotel. To register your interest please email Susan Beard: ssusanbeard@gmail.com.

NO GREATER LOVE: A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH CHRIST'S PASSION



We often hear about Jesus' passion and death, but imagine experiencing them for the very first time. In *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through*

Christ's Passion, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on His journey from His agony in the garden to His crucifixion on Calvary. Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with Him today. No Greater Love is a five-part Bible study program that will begin this Lent on Monday evenings from 7.30 to 9 pm starting on Monday 19th February. For more information and to register, follow this link: [No Greater Love - Course Registration \(google.com\)](#)

BIG LENT WALK

Father Vincent has entered CAFOD's Big Lent Walk. He has titled it: Vincent, retired but not retiring, so let's walk! See his page by clicking the link: [Vincent, retired but not retiring, so let's walk is fundraising for CAFOD](#) and sponsor if you are able to.

MASS FOR RELIGIOUS

At the Cathedral on Friday 2nd February at 12.15pm the annual Mass for Religious will be offered. With thanks to Fr. Bruce Barnes, Episcopal Vicar for Religious, and his team, this is an annual meeting of all the religious and consecrated persons living and working within the Diocese and the Mass will be followed by lunch and a meeting in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. In the Diocese of Portsmouth, we are blessed to have 19 female religious congregations and 15 male religious congregations working among us. Some congregations are in multiple locations, such as the Benedictines at St. Cecilia's Abbey, Quarr Abbey, Douai and Farnborough. Let us pray for all our religious. They give us all an inspiring example of prayer and dedication. If you are free, Bishop Philip would like to invite all clergy and laity to join me for the Mass and to ask God's blessing upon us all and upon our mission, and especially upon our religious brothers and sisters.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 21st January amounted to £2,565.43. Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU!

The second collection last weekend for the Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Mother Church of the Diocese raised a fantastic £891.50. Thank you for your generosity.

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The next Baptism programme will take place on Sunday 10th March and Sunday 24th March at 1.30pm (registration from 1.15pm) in St Bede's Church Hall. To register please email: baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Saturday 27th January is International World Leprosy Day. Over 7 million people are currently affected by leprosy across the world. Whilst curable, many people are unable to access treatment. Lepra works to find, treat and rehabilitate these hidden people and promote their rights in India, Bangladesh and Zimbabwe. The second collection this weekend is for Lepra, even the smallest contribution can help treat those impacted by this disease.

TEN YEAR MISSION PLAN - NEXT STEPS

Bishop Philip writes in this week's e-News "I want to thank everyone, clergy and laity, for all the hard work being done in your Pastoral Areas and in individual parishes to bring to life the mission plan *You Will Be My Witnesses*. I have asked every area for a first draft of their Pastoral Area plan by 26th March. It needs to cover the three main themes of (1) deepening faith; (2) mission and service; and (3) parish structures. At their meeting last November, Co-ordinating Pastors received a workbook with helpful prompts about what needs to be considered. It led to a good discussion. I look forward to the submissions in March in order to see how things are going. In the summer, I will be visiting each pastoral area to meet with the team of clergy and laity in order to hear directly where things are up to and also to offer support."

FUNERAL

Funeral service for Fiona Fordham RIP in Holy Ghost Church on Thursday 1st February at 12 noon. May she Rest in Peace.

VOCATIONS

"Let each of you lead the life that the Lord has assigned, to which God has called you." Do you think the Lord is calling you to the consecrated life or priesthood? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke on 01329 318 869 or email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

If you currently use envelopes to Gift Aid your weekly donation to the Parish, envelopes for the new financial year will be ordered for you. If you do not currently Gift Aid your donation but would like to, please send an email to: accounts@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

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