# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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# **Sunday 11th February 2024** SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B, Psalter Week II

# Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 11th Feb	9.00 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	SB SB SB	Mass: People of the Parish Mass: William Dawson Asaam RIP Mass: Int. 18th Birthday Dawid Wrobel
Mon 12th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Int. O'Neill Family
Tues 13th	9.30 am 1.30 pm	SB HG	Mass: Dec Mbrs Carr & Sadler Families Requiem Mass Rosa Suanno RIP
Wed 14th	<b>ASH WEDN</b> 9.30 am 7.30 pm	<b>ESDAY</b> SB SB	, Day of Fasting and Abstinence Mass: Annie & Paddy Byrne RIP Mass: Holy Souls
Thur 15th	6.30 am	SB	Mass: Deborah Froud RIP
Fri 16th	9.30 am 7.30 pm	SB SB	Mass: Fr Duane Docherty OFM RIP Stations of the Cross
Sat 17th	9.30 am Confessions	SB after :	Mass: Int. Kurt Redlinger 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am

# **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

# Year B, Psalter Week I

Sun 18th Feb	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Michael Rhodes RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Pat Rolt RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

# THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The contrast between the passages from the Old and New Testaments is striking. The "lepers" of the Bible were clearly people with severe skin disfigurations. Whether or not they suffered from leprosy, sometimes known as "Hansen's disease", the Old Testament law about leprosy was a form of both exclusion and inclusion. If the skin condition was severe enough, according to the judgement of a priest, the leper was forced to live at the edge of the camp - not completely excluded but travelling on the periphery. By contrast, in Mark's Gospel Jesus is "moved with pity" for the leper who approaches Him, even reaching out to Him. Then He says a word that we translate as the phrase "I want." Christianity didn't invent medicine, or even make great progress in finding cures, although inventive medieval monks and many Christians throughout history have contributed greatly to modern health care. Rather, Jesus brought sick people into the very heart of Christianity. The hospital is a work of Christ because it reverses the practice of excluding sick people and gathers them into a place of care. Today, the many Christians working in health care - and those that don't - make caring their business. A carer is anyone whose care is visible in their actions, which is the goal of every Christian. Through caring, we make our faith visible and share it with others. For what is truly in our heart will be truly in our actions.

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 livestream. If you are new to the Parish, we welcome you, and ask that you complete a new parishioner form on our website.

#### **MASSES THIS WEEKEND**

Welcome to Fr Jimmy Lindero, a Mill Hill Father from Maidenhead, who is supplying for Fr John this weekend

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Mass and distribution of Ashes will be at St. Bede's Church at 9.30am and 7.30pm.

# **LENT 2024**

Lent is a time to prepare for Holy Week's commemoration of Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

- \* Every Tuesday during Lent Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7.30pm in St Bede's Church
- \* Every Wednesday during Lent Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm at Holy Ghost Church
- \* Every Thursday during Lent There will be a 6.30am Mass at St Bede's Church followed by breakfast in the Hall afterwards
- \* Every Friday during Lent Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm at St. Bede's Church.

#### **LENTEN LUNCHES**

There will be 5 Lenten lunches taking place in St. Bede's Church Hall during Lent. Mondays 26th Feb, 4th March, 11th March and 18th March, all after the 12 noon Mass. BACCA are hosting lunch on Saturday 16th March. All money raised will go to CAFOD.

# 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. This is a five-part Bible study program from 7.30 to 9 pm starting on Monday 19th February. To register, follow this link: No Greater Love - Course Registration (google.com)

# PILGRIMAGE TO THE CATHOLIC NATIONAL SHRINE AND BASILICA OF OUR LADY, WALSINGHAM

Pilgrimage from Basingstoke to The Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady, Walsingham on 31st May – 1st June 2024 approximate cost £250 to include coach, dinner, bed & breakfast. A meeting is to be held on Saturday 17th February at 11am in St Bede's Church large meeting room to discuss details. For further information and to register your interest contact Susan Beard email ssusanbeard@gmail.com

#### **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY**

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give using the envelope or online at: cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families.

#### **DIOCESAN RECRUITMENT**

For details of all the latest job vacancies across the Diocese please click the link: <u>Jobs - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth,</u> (portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

#### PARISH BIG LENT WALK

This year we will join with our Confirmation Candidates for the Parish 'Big Lent Walk' for CAFOD, which will take place on Saturday 24th February from 3pm to 4.30pm. The walk will be from St Bede's Church to the Holy Ghost Church, which will be opened for prayer. Click the link for the dedicated Parish Giving Page: St Bede's Church, Basingstoke is fundraising for CAFOD

#### RITE OF ELECTION

The

Season

On Saturday 17th February 2024 at 11am the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion will take place at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. Let us pray for all those who this Lent are preparing for Baptism and for Reception into the Church.

#### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024**

Friday 1st March is World Day of Prayer. A service for everyone will be held at Sacred Heart Church Hook, London Road at 2pm on Friday 1st March. All are welcome, there will be refreshments afterwards in the hall.

# **PILGRIMAGES**

Pilgrimage to Poland & the Divine Mercy, 7th - 14th May 2024, Chaplain to the group: Fr. Claro Conde. Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 18th - 21st Jun 2024, Chaplain to the group: Fr. Claro Conde. Contact All Saints Travel on 01793 881166/020 3720 0450, or email: info@allsaintstravel.co.uk

# **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

# **FUNERAL**

Requiem Mass for Rosa Suanno RIP will take place at Holy Ghost Church on Tuesday 13th February at 1.30 pm. May she Rest in Peace.

# **PARISH COLLECTION**

Collection for week ending 4th February amounted to £2,460.90. Thank you for your generosity.

# **DONATIONS TO THE PARISH**

The easiest way to make a donation to the Parish is online at: <u>Donate to Basingstoke St Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate</u> or via our new contactless terminal by the Hall.