

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 18th February 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Year B, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

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
Mon 19th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Fr. Joyce Burrows RIP
Tues 20th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Carolyn Barbara Vanderslott RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 21st	9.30 am	SB	Mass: In thanksgiving
	7.30 pm	HG	Stations of the Cross
Thur 22nd	THE CHAIR OF ST PETER, feast		
	6.30 am	SB	Mass: Hayden Mathew – First Birthday
Fri 23rd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Cicly Jacob RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	Stations of the Cross
Sat 24th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Ormonde & Hynes Families

Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Year B, Psalter Week II

Sun 25th Feb	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Alan Malone RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: David, Edna Gooding RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today we hear of the time that Jesus spent in the desert, after being Baptised. We learn that He goes on to Galilee and calls on the people to repent and believe in the Gospel. There is a strong sense of repentance in today's readings, as well as a sense of the opportunity of a fresh start. In the first reading, we hear that when the flood is over, God creates a covenant with Noah, his descendants and all living creatures. In the second reading, Peter reminds his listeners that they are changed through Baptism. In both the first and second readings there is a turning around that brings comfort and encouragement - a turning towards God and away from the things that keep us from God. Another theme here is relationship. We are creatures in relationship with our neighbours and with all living creatures, as well as with God. We hear today how Jesus tells the crowds that the Kingdom of God is close at hand. The Kingdom is good news for all, especially those who are poor or disadvantaged, oppressed or enslaved. It is freedom - not to hurt, but to heal, not to divide, but to bring together. The crowds listening to Jesus are invited to change direction - to create better relationships with God and with their neighbour.

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.

WEEKDAY MASSES NEXT WEEK

Welcome to Fr Peter Codd who will be celebrating Masses on 19th, 20th and 23rd February with us.

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

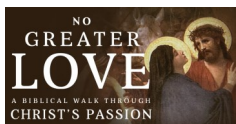
Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm at St. Bede's Church.



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. You will find sign up sheets for each lunch in the Cloister.

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



There is still time to register for *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion*, and join together as we 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 \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

CAR PARKING ISSUES

Sadly, car parking is becoming a major issue. Please can we ask you to;

- respect your fellow parishioners by driving carefully
- respect the disabled parking bays
- respect the green grassed area by not parking on it (more and more cars are taking to parking on it)
- respect the Church drive through
- respect the coned off areas
- respect and keep clear the zebra crossing area
- respect the orange cris/crossed area near the Church entrance
- respect the grass and coned off areas in the School car park.

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 envelopes in the Cloister, or online at: cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families.

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](#)



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.

VACANCY

St Peter's School in Winchester has a vacancy for a Deputy Headteacher in September 2024, salary range L9 L13. They are seeking a like-minded professional to complete their team for September 2024. For more details on the role, including the application form, please visit the school website at: [Vacancies | St Peter's Catholic Primary School & Little Fishes Pre-School \(stpetershants.co.uk\)](https://www.stpetershants.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

CANDLES AT MASS

Nathan King writes in this week's e-News "The candle is essential in the celebration of Holy Mass. Candles burn upon the altar of the Lord providing light in the liturgy. There is also a sacrificial aspect to the candle. As the body of wax is consumed, the candle gradually burns down in service of its mission to provide light. Thus, the candle symbolises the self-sacrifice of Christ in fulfilling his mission. The body of the candle is traditionally made from beeswax. The creation of beeswax is the result of virgin worker bees dedicated to their task, thus representing the Virgin Mother who gave birth to Christ. The pure beeswax presents the purity of Christ's flesh."

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 11th February amounted to £2,669.20. Thank you for your generosity.

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.