

# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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## Sunday 17th March 2024

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*Year B, Psalter Week I*

#### *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses*

<b>Sun 17th Mar</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Joe Murphy RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Nigel Gould RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
<b>Mon 18th</b>	12 noon	SB	Mass: Maria Victoria Luna RIP
<b>Tues 19th</b>	<b>ST JOSEPH, Solemnity</b>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Canon Paddy Daley RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
<b>Wed 20th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dolores McKeogh RIP
	7.30 pm	HG	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<b>Thur 21st</b>	6.30 am	SB	Mass: John Mendonca RIP
<b>Fri 22nd</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Birthday Maria Colella
	7.30 pm	SB	Stations of the Cross
	7.30 pm	SB	Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service
<b>Sat 23rd</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Joyce Burrows RIP
	<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>		

### PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord

*Year B, Psalter Week II*

<b>Sun 24th Mar</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Vocations to the Priesthood
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Thanksgiving Mirielle Therese Perez

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#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Next Sunday is the start of Holy Week. We know this is the most solemn part of the Church's year. As the week unfolds, we find that Jesus, who has done so much good for everyone, is Himself left almost friendless. In Gethsemane, when He is in agony, His closest apostles fall asleep and give Him no comfort. He is betrayed by one of his own; the disciples run away when Jesus is arrested. Peter denies he even knows Him. The crowd which cheered and waved palms when He entered Jerusalem now turns nasty when they find He's not going to drive the Romans out. Shouts of "Hosanna" become "Crucify Him". Jesus is degraded and mocked by the soldiers. The religious leaders vent their hate on Him and Rome condemns Him unjustly. Jesus accepts all this suffering for our sake. As we heard in the reading from the letter to the Hebrews, "He became, for all who obey Him, the source of eternal salvation". We can't be physically with Jesus as we remember and re-enact the events of so long ago during Holy Week, but by opening our hearts as we proceed from Passion Sunday, through Holy Thursday and Good Friday, we can share in the joy of the risen Lord on Easter Day.

*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.

### THE EASTER TRIDUUM

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Lord's Supper SB 8.00 pm  
*Followed by watching at the Altar of Repose*

#### GOOD FRIDAY

The Lord's Passion SB 3.00 pm

#### HOLY SATURDAY

Święconka SB 10.00 am  
(Blessing of Polish Food)

Easter Vigil SB 8.30 pm

#### EASTER SUNDAY

Mass SB 9.00 am  
Mass SB 11.00 am  
No Evening Mass



## 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 7.30 pm in St Bede's Church*

\* Every Wednesday during Lent

*Stations of the Cross at 7.30 pm at Holy Ghost Church*

\* Every Thursday during Lent

*There will be a 6.30 am Mass at St Bede's Church followed by breakfast in the Hall afterwards*

\* Every Friday during Lent

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



## LENTEN LUNCHESES

The final Lenten lunch will be on Monday 18th March after the 12 noon Mass. All money raised will go to CAFOD. Thank you to everyone who has hosted and supported the Lenten lunches.

## SCRUTINIES

The final Scrutiny will take place at the 9.00 am Mass this Sunday. Please keep in your prayers all who are preparing to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church.

## TEA/COFFEE

There will be tea and coffee after the 9 am and 11 am Masses this Sunday.

## POPE FRANCIS MARCH PRAYER INTENTION

During March, Pope Francis asks us to pray for the new martyrs. *We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.*

## REGULAR CONFESSION

This is the subject of Bishop Philip's Pastoral Letter which is being read at all Masses this weekend.

Going to Confession is one of the Six Holy Habits.

Next Friday evening 22nd March beginning at 7.30 pm we will be holding our Lenten Penitential Service here at St Bede's Church. A number of priests will be on hand to minister the Sacrament of Forgiveness. This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare for Holy Week and Easter.



## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



In preparation for the Easter Triduum there will be a training session for all Altar Servers on Saturday 23rd March at 11 am - 1 pm in St Bede's Church. Please come along if you can.

## SHARE APPEAL

This weekend Angelo Aitken will be making an Appeal at all Masses for the work of SHARE (Salesian Hearts Advocating for the Relief of Poverty through Education). Thank you for responding generously to this Appeal.

## YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES

This is the title of the Ten-Year Mission Plan which has now been launched in our Diocese. Over the next ten years all our Pastoral Areas will work to lay the foundations of a Vibrant Diocese for Future Generations. What part can I play? Pick up a leaflet after all the Masses this weekend.

## AFTERNOON TEA

The next 'Afternoon Tea' will be held in person on Sunday 21st April at 3 pm in St Bede's Church Hall. As the last Sunday of this month is Easter Sunday, we won't be meeting, but we look forward to seeing you in April!

## THANK YOU

Last weekends second collection for the Clergy Assistance fund raised £486.07. Many thanks for your generosity.

## FILM RECOMMENDATION: CABRINI

Cabrini (12A) is showing at Odeon and Vue cinemas in Basingstoke from Fri 15th - Thurs 21st March. See cinemas websites for times. The film is about Catholic missionary Francesca Cabrini who arrives in New York from Italy in 1889 and manages to convince the hostile mayor to secure housing, healthcare and schooling for the city's destitute orphans.

## FUNERAL

Funeral Service on Wednesday 27th March at 3pm in Holy Ghost Church for Patrick Geary RIP, interment in the Crematorium. We remember Patrick's family at this sad time. May he Rest in Peace.



## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 10th March amounted to £2,212.88. 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 contactless terminal by the Hall.