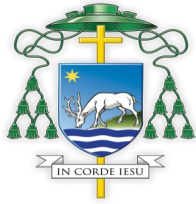


THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 24th March 2024

PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord

Year B, Psalter Week II

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 24th Mar	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
Mon 25th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Mahdavi & Agro Family
Tues 26th	Sorry, no 9.30 am Mass today <i>Fr. John will be attending the Chrism Mass at 11.00 am in St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth</i>		
Wed 27th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Marie Roche RIP
	3.00 pm	HG	Funeral Service for Patrick Geary RIP
	7.30 pm	HG	Stations of the Cross

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Thur 28th

MAUNDY THURSDAY

8.00 pm SB Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose

Fri 29th

GOOD FRIDAY

3.00 pm SB The Passion of the Lord

Sat 30th

HOLY SATURDAY

10.00 am SB Świąconka (Blessing of Easter Food)
8.00 pm SB The Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Year B, Octave of Easter

Sun 31st Mar	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
<i>There will be no evening Mass today</i>			

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The crowd who welcomed Jesus on Palm Sunday included some people who, several days later, would call for His death, but there were also faithful followers to whom Jesus meant everything and would later prove it by paying the ultimate price. Did those who called "Crucify Him!" later bitterly regret their words? When the unnamed woman anointed Jesus, she ignored the wagging tongues. Her heart was His forever, regardless of the consequences. It takes courage to make new beginnings and to move beyond the letter of the law to embrace its God-given spirit. Jesus showed us the possibilities. Where do I stand?

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.

PALM CROSSES

Again this year on Palm Sunday in addition to palms we will be using Palm Crosses. The Palm Crosses are sourced entirely from a village in one exceptionally poor area of Southern Tanzania, and are woven in one piece by the men, women and children of the Masasi village. The hand-woven crosses give the villagers a life-line income.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Good Friday at 10 am St Bede's School will be holding a children's Stations of the Cross Liturgy in the school prayer garden (or school hall if it is wet). Parishioners are more than welcome to come along and join in.

EASTER SUNDAY AT BASINGSTOKE HOSPITAL

Holy Communion will be taken to Catholic Patients in Basingstoke Hospital on Easter Sunday between 10.30 am and 1.30 pm. As long as patients are registered as Catholics with the Hospital Chaplaincy Team, they will receive a visit. If there are **staff members** scheduled to work that day who would like to receive Holy Communion please can they email Deacon Tony on adarroch@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk with their name and the ward they will be working on. The deadline for emails is **3pm on Good Friday**. Deacon Tony will bring Holy Communion to your ward in the hope that your availability allows you to receive, during that time.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection supports the Christian community in the Middle East. This last year has been particularly challenging for this community which seeks 'to be the salt, light and leaven of the Gospel' in the region, often living in difficult circumstances. To donate online go to: [Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocese is fundraising for Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth | Give as you Live Donate](#)

EARLY MORNING LENTEN BREAKFAST

Thank you to Lynn, Brendan and those who supported them for supplying and serving early morning breakfast during Lent. All proceeds will go to CAFOD, and we will let you know next week how much was raised.

LENTEN LUNCHESES

Thank you to those who supported the Lenten Lunches during Lent, they were very well attended. Thank you also to all who hosted the Lunches. We will let you know how much was raised next week.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES ON THE INTERNET

Please pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish, and all those who are currently in Hospital. The Sick and Housebound can watch the Holy Week Services live online at www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

PARISH COLLECTION

Sunday collection for week ending 17th March amounted to £2,387.60. Thank you for your generosity.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Christ redeemed mankind and gave perfect glory to God principally through His Paschal Mystery; by dying He destroyed our death and by rising He restored our Life. The Easter Triduum (three days) of the Passion and Resurrection of Christ is thus the culmination of the entire Liturgical year.

INVITE TO THE CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass takes place on Tuesday 26th March at 11 am in the Cathedral, with Bishop Philip and the Clergy of the Diocese. This is an important event in the calendar when the Priests and Deacons re-affirm the promises they made at their Ordination, and Bishop Philip consecrates the Holy Oils to be used for the Celebration of the Sacraments during the coming year. Parishioners are warmly invited.

READING PASSION PLAY 28-30 MARCH 2024

Rise Theatre, a local professional Christian theatre company, are performing their PASSION PLAY in Forbury Gardens in central Reading on 28th (6pm), 29th (1.30pm) and 30th March (2pm). It is a free event. Bring a blanket or outdoor chair to sit on! See www.risetheatre.co.uk/passionplay for more information. Please support this local initiative.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We cover the parishes of St Joseph's and St Bede's and meet fortnightly. The SVP visit families and individuals in need; the housebound; the elderly and sick at home and in nursing and residential homes. Financial help has been provided to families and individuals, pupils at our local schools through our school liaison members, local charities and our twinned Conferences overseas. Our members provide assistance for the Senior Citizens' Lunch Club, Foodbank, Holiday at Home, two Blind Clubs and other charities. At Christmas we arrange with the Foodbank and Besom, a local Charity, to deliver Christmas Hampers to families in need. We are registered as an Agency of the Foodbank and are able to provide Foodbank Vouchers. We are grateful for the continued support of the Parishes, Priests and Deacons both financially and spiritually. You can contact us through the Parish Office or on 07434 773219.

EASTER COLLECTION

The Easter Collection supports our Parish Priests directly, in grateful thanks for their dedication, service and witness throughout the year. If you would like to give a gift to support Fr John and Fr Jean-Patrice, please visit: [Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth are fundraising for Basingstoke St Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate](#)

FUNERALS

Funeral Service on Wednesday 27th March at 3pm in Holy Ghost Church for Patrick Geary RIP.

Funeral Service for Dermot Newe RIP on Wed 17th April at 1.30 pm in St Bede's Church

Requiem for David Nutt RIP on Thurs 18th April at 1 pm in Holy Ghost Church. We remember their family and friends at this sad time. May they Rest in Peace

