

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 31st March 2024 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Year B, Octave of Easter

There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this week

Sun 31st Mar	4.30 am	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	<i>No evening Mass</i>		
Mon 1st	12 noon	SB	Mass: 50th Wedding Anniversary for Mary & Joe White from Yateley
Tues 2nd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: In thanksgiving Anita Davidson
Wed 3rd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Yvonne Treadgold RIP (Fond)
Thur 4th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Canon Paul Chidgey RIP
Fri 5th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. David, Stephen Furber
Sat 6th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Yvonne Grasso RIP
	1.00 pm	SB	Wedding of Fiona King and Mark Cummings

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy)

Year B, Octave of Easter

Sun 7th Apr	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Joe Frankland
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: June, Thomas Bowers RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

The cross and resurrection of Jesus are not historical events to be pondered from afar—they reflect our own lived experience, our own falling and rising. Here we find hope, that the personal darkness we often experience will eventually be followed by the morning light. Here is proof that God's grace can lift us out of every situation, no matter how desperate and hopeless it might appear: hence the phrase "We are an Easter people". Despite all our failings and flaws, we live with the hope of something better, knowing that good will always triumph over evil. St Paul puts it like this: "you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God." When we die to our own ego and selfishness then we can share in this life of Christ, we become part of Him, and He lives in us. Jesus is raised from the dead whenever we choose to act with kindness and compassion. We bring Jesus to life by our daily attempts to faithfully live out the Gospel, by what we do, and how we treat one another. We can mend a broken world: we can become Christ for each other. Our stone has been rolled away, our hopes for the future have been rekindled, our winter has become our spring, Christ's rising is our rising.

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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.

HE IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!! ALLELUIA!!

THANK YOU to all involved in whatever way in the life of the Parish. A particular thanks to all who enabled us to celebrate the Pascal Mystery with dignity and reverence. Thank you also for your many good wishes, cards and Easter eggs.

Fr John, Fr JP, Deacon Tony and the Parish Office

CAFOD FUNDRAISING TOTAL

The early morning Lenten breakfasts raised £320.89, the Monday Lenten lunches raised £765.70 and our Parish Confirmation Group Walk raised £450.00. Thank you to everyone for your fantastic support.

OUR LOVELY CHURCH

We gather weekly to celebrate our Faith together. We gather to celebrate the Eucharist and to become "Eucharistic" (we become what we celebrate); we bring our brokenness with the bread and wine, ask it to be transformed into the Living Body of Christ. For us to parteculate fully, we need to be aware of each other; our moods, our joys and sorrows, our needs. Amongst those "needs" is the need to be helped to participate!! For this to happen we must be respectful of other's space and quiet! Noise should be kept to a minimum, (very difficult for some! Very, very difficult if one has small children. There is a growing trend in our community to leave the church before the Priest has left the sanctuary, which is very rude. Would you leave early if the Pope was here celebrating the Mass, or if the King was present. Please remain in Church until the Priest and Altar Servers have departed.

EASTER DUTY

The Church recommends that the Faithful, if they have the required disposition, i.e. having confessed their sins, receive Holy Communion whenever they participate at Holy Mass. However, the Church obliges us to receive Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter season.

PARISH TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Sadly, we are experiencing technical issues with our telephone system. We ask you please to be patient whilst we rectify this matter.

REPOSITORY

First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts are now available to buy. Please come and have a look.

NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES

New boxed Gift Aid envelopes are now available for parishioners who currently use a numbered envelope to make a donation to the Parish. Please collect your new envelopes from the Cloister.

"The Lord is truly Risen, alleluia. To Him be glory and power for all ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia."

POPE FRANCIS APRIL PRAYER INTENTION

During April, Pope Francis asks us to pray for the role of women. *We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.*



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before Mass this week.

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 use the contactless device in the Cloister or visit: [Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth are fundraising for Basingstoke St Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate](#)

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The next Baptism sessions will be held on the 12th and 19th May at 1.15pm at St Bede's Church. To register please email: baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

YOUTH 2000 RETREAT

Youth 2000 invite you to join them at Sacred Heart Church, Wimbledon on **Saturday 11th May** for an amazing one-day retreat. Come and encounter Him and His love for you through prayer, healing, reconciliation, talks, and fellowship. Whether you are meeting the Lord for the first time, or have been walking with Him for many years. For more information and to book your ticket, click here: [London Retreat 2024 \(11-May-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

WEDDING

Congratulations to Fiona King and Mark Cummings who will marry at St Bede's Church on Saturday 6th April at 1pm. Welcome to Mgr Vincent Harvey who will be officiating at the wedding.

A PRAYER

To those I may have Wronged I ask Forgiveness
To those I may have Helped, I wish I did More
To those I neglected to Help, I ask for Understanding
To those who Helped Me I sincerely *Thank You So Much*

FUNERALS

Funeral Service for Dermot Newe RIP on Wednesday 17th April at 1.30 pm in St Bede's Church. Requiem Mass for David Nutt RIP on Thursday 18th April at 1pm in Holy Ghost Church. We remember their family and friends at this sad time. May they Rest in Peace



PARISH COLLECTION

Sunday collection for week ending 24th March amounted to £2,846.60. Thank you for your generosity.

BRITISH SUMMER TIME

Remember to move your clocks forward one hour this weekend as British Summer Time begins!