

# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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## Sunday 3rd March 2024

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

*Year B, Psalter Week III*

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

<b>Sun 3rd Mar</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Margaret McNamera RIP (Fond)
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Vocations to the Priesthood
<b>Mon 4th</b>	12 noon	SB	Mass: Rosy Sebastian RIP
<b>Tues 5th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Yvonne Treadgold RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
<b>Wed 6th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Liddell Family (Fond)
	7.30 pm	HG	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<b>Thur 7th</b>	6.30 am	SB	Mass: Fr James Carling RIP
<b>Fri 8th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<b>Sat 9th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Anthony Mendonca RIP <i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE)

*Year B, Psalter Week IV*

<b>Sun 10th Mar</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: 40th Wedding Anniversary Shaun & Marisa Fenton
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int. Murphy Family

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#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

So what does today's Gospel mean for us today? We know that when Jesus spoke of raising up the Sanctuary after three days, He was talking of Himself. Through the resurrection He has made all things new. And yet, our world is still filled with exploitation. We still see people who put profit before other people and before their relationship with God. We might not be able to fully break down the systems that enable this, but perhaps we can each try to turn the tables in our own small way. By living a life where we do not seek our own glory, but the glory of God; by standing up and speaking out when we see greed and unjust practices; by not seeking our own benefit or recognition, but by working together with others for the good of all; by stepping away from the endless need to consume; by stopping, being present and appreciating what we already have; by enabling others to draw closer to God, rather than putting barriers in their way. As Saint Paul says, the crucified Christ is the wisdom of God. A wisdom which is beyond our imagining. It follows then, that all that we are encouraged to hold dear by the world around us - money, wealth, status - becomes unimportant. True wealth is found in our relationship with others, with Creation, and with God, rather than in chasing the next new purchase.

*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.

## TEA/COFFEE

There will be tea/coffee in the Hall after the 9am and 11am Masses this Sunday, 3rd March.

## 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 LUNCHESES

Lenten lunches continue to take place in St. Bede's Church Hall on Mondays 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. Sign up sheets for each lunch are in the Cloister.

## SCRUTINIES

The Scrutinies are three special rites for adults (catechumen) who will be Baptised at the Easter Vigil. These take place on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent. The first Scrutiny will be taking place at the 9.00am Mass this Sunday. Please keep in your prayers all who are preparing to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church.

## MARCH, THE MONTH OF ST JOSEPH

March is by custom devoted to St. Joseph and we celebrate his feast day on 19th March. The Holy Father Pope Francis dedicated 2020/21 to him in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as the Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on 8th December 1870.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER IN THE LAKE DISTRICT?

Castlerigg Manor (Diocese of Lancaster Retreat Centre) are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team. The work involves working on retreats in the heart of the Lake District, and occasionally working on outreach visits around the area. The post is residential and comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k, made up of paid salary, accommodation, food etc. Would suit somebody with youth ministry experience perhaps recently graduated. Interested? Email: [jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

## MOTHERING SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND



Next Sunday 10th March is Mothering Sunday. We thank you for the love and nurture received from our own Mothers. We are grateful that she set us on our way, protecting us from harm, directing us on the best way to live our life. We feel so blessed for her guidance which has enabled us to be the person we are today. We ask you Lord to bring comfort and healing to everyone who this Mothering Sunday will be saddened, upset, or hurt by the memories of the day. All who have lost their mothers recently or many years ago and yet the pain and deep sadness still remains. All who have been abandoned for whatever reason by their Mothers.

## THANK YOU FROM CAFOD

Thank you for giving to CAFOD's *Family Fast Day* appeal this Lent. Your generous donations, given in love, will support families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families for good.

## 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.*

## DIVINE MERCY LENTEN RETREAT

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat at St Michael & St George, The Cathedral Church of the Bishop of the Forces, Queen's Avenue, Aldershot, Hampshire, GU11 2BY on Saturday 9 March 2024 from 11am to 4pm led by the Marian Fathers. All welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

## DON BOSCO BOYS CAMP

The camp will be going ahead again this summer for boys of secondary school age at St. Cassian's, Kintbury. There will be plenty of sport and competitions taking place within the context of the Catholic Faith. The cost of the camp is £230 (part bursaries may be available). To find out more please email: [dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## FUNERAL

Funeral Service on Wednesday 27th March at 3 pm 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.



## SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Clergy Assistance Fund, which supports our Priests.

## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 25th February amounted to £2,501.60. 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.