

# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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## Sunday 14th April 2024

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Year B, Psalter Week III*

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

<b>Sun 14th Apr</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Arturo Ledesma Srn RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Marketa Placha RIP
<b>Mon 15th</b>	12 noon	SB	Mass: Caroline Dsouza RIP
<b>Tues 16th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Rose Flynn RIP
<b>Wed 17th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Aley Joseph RIP
			<i>St Bede's School will be joining us for Mass</i>
	1.30 pm	SB	Dermot Newe RIP Funeral Mass
<b>Thur 18th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Kurian Philip RIP
	1.00 pm	HG	David Nutt RIP Funeral Mass
<b>Fri 19th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Gloria Kwaw
<b>Sat 20th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Louise Grey RIP
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### (Good Shepherd Sunday)

*Year B, Psalter Week IV*

<b>Sun 21st Apr</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Jim Bridle RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Anna, Jack Bowman RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

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### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Today's Gospel opens in the Upper Room. The two disciples who met Jesus at Emmaus tell their companions - who were still in hiding - the good news of Jesus' resurrection. One of the Emmaus returnees, Cleophas, was apparently St Joseph's brother. So why, on Good Friday, was he missing from his nephew's crucifixion and his sister-in-law's side? Why did his wife stand with Mary at the foot of the cross and help with Jesus' burial - and he didn't? Why did he and another disciple head off to Emmaus, leaving his wife and the other women to complete their heartbreaking appointing of Jesus' body? Was he embarrassed? Most of today's Gospel focuses on Jesus' unexpected visit. The disciples had fled from Jesus in His hour of greatest need. Afraid for their own safety, they ran away. They didn't visit Jesus' tomb, but instead hid in shared grief, fear and shame. When Jesus appeared in their midst, the disciples thought they saw a ghost. They deserved His anger but He didn't criticise them or make them feel any worse than they already did. He didn't condemn their weakness or highlight the women's courage. Instead, Jesus surprised them with a greeting of peace and a request for food. Their brokenness wasn't terminal. Jesus started the healing process.

*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.

## CONFIRMATION

Over the past year, 80 young people from our Pastoral Area have been preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 26th April with Bishop Philip. Please keep in your prayers at this time all our Candidates, their Sponsors and families. Thank you to all the Catechists who have prepared our young people for this wonderful day.

## OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN RETREAT

Pope Francis has asked that this year, 2024, be a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year, 2025. He has asked that there be a particular focus on the Our Father. We pray this prayer so often and there's always the risk of it becoming dry or remaining superficial. Why not come and join us on Friday 4th May and Saturday 5th May at St Peter's Pastoral Centre (29 Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8RY) as Allegra Mutanda leads us in a time of prayer and recollection, helping us to explore what it means to pray 'Our Father in heaven'? All our missionary efforts are dependent upon this intimate relationship between us and 'Abba', who wishes to bless and heal us. All are welcome. Once you have registered, you will receive further details nearer to the date of the event. Please confirm your attendance by Monday 29th April by registering at: [Year of Prayer, Our Father in Heaven Retreat Days Fri 3 'pm and Sat 4 May Tickets, Fri, May 3, 2024 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

## COULD YOU BE A YOUTH PILGRIM?

Why not give something back by joining our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes? We will be leaving for Lourdes on Monday 22nd July and returning on Friday 26th July. You could help by assisting some of our pilgrims by pushing wheelchairs, offering a steadying arm and a warm smile! Our Youth pilgrims are an essential part of our pilgrimage, and they tell us each year of the amazing time they have had, returning many times to serve our pilgrims. Watch the promotional video we made in 2020: [Lourdes - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, \(portsmouthdiocese.org.uk\)](#) and scroll to the bottom of the page to give you a flavour of what it is like to take part. If you would like to know more about joining us, contact [lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). The pilgrim fare is £780 but there is the potential for funding.

## HOLY GHOST CHURCH

Holy Ghost Church is much loved and revered by parishioners, and frequently requested to be used for weddings and funerals. Some parishioners have described it as the 'jewel in the Parish crown'. Holy Ghost, a Grade II listed building, will need volunteers to help care and maintain it. This is in addition to the work, including electrical rewiring which will be costly but necessary, in order for the Church to remain in use. Fr John would like to hear from those of you who have any suggestions/ideas on how we might make better use of Holy Ghost Church, and how we approach the upkeep of both the Church building and grounds. Please email your suggestions/ideas to Fr John.



## ADORE - ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL- 27TH APRIL

"I will pour out my spirit on all" Everyone is to be made holy. Venue: St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX Timing: 9.30am - 3.30pm (see programme below). Also live-streamed 9.30-1.00, please register for Zoom link. Guest speaker: Kristina Cooper, former editor of "Good News" magazine. Provisional Programme as follows:

MORNING (Also live-streamed)

9.30 am Adoration (Church)

10.00 am Mass (Church)

10.35 am Refreshment break (Hall)

11.10 am Introduction, Praise & Worship (Hall)

11.45 am Prophetic sharing and Prayer (Hall)

12.00 noon Talk by Kristina Cooper (Hall)

AFTERNOON (Not live-streamed)

1.00 pm Lunch (Hall)

2.00 pm Silent Adoration (Church)

2.15 pm Healing Prayer Ministry/quiet worship (Church)

3.15 pm Final announcements (Church)

3.30 pm Finish



## 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.*



## REPOSITORY

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

## 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](mailto:baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)

## FUNERALS

Funeral Mass for Dermot Newe RIP on Wednesday 17th April at 1.30pm in St. Bede's Church. Funeral Mass for David Nutt RIP on Thursday 18th April at 1pm in Holy Ghost Church. Funeral Mass for Nelson Mendonca RIP on Tuesday 23rd April at St. Bede's Church at 1pm. Funeral Service for Robert Drake RIP on Monday 29th April at 2pm at the Crematorium. Funeral Service for Danny Murphy RIP on Tuesday 30th April at 12.30pm at the Crematorium. Funeral Service at St. Bede's Church on Friday 3rd May at 2pm for Charlotte Sinfield RIP. We remember their family and friends at this sad time. May they Rest in Peace.



## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 7th April amounted to £2,395.60. Thank you for your generosity. Next weekend there will be a second collection for Clergy Training Fund.

## 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.