

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 21st April 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Good Shepherd Sunday)

Year B, Psalter Week IV

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 21st Apr	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
Mon 22nd	12 noon	SB	Mass: Joseph White RIP
Tues 23rd	ST GEORGE , Patron of England, <i>solemnity</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Holy Souls
	1.00 pm	SB	Funeral Mass for Nelson Mendonca RIP
Wed 24th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Geoff Fowler RIP (Fond)
Thur 25th	<i>Sorry, no Mass today</i>		
Fri 26th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Catherine Denning
	7.00 pm	SB	Pastoral Area Confirmation Mass with Bishop Philip
Sat 27th	10.00 am	SB	Mass: Alan Stacey RIP
	<i>Welcome to Alton Day of Renewal who are holding their Holy Spirit Retreat Day at St Bede's Church</i>		

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B, Psalter Week I

Sun 28th Apr	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Vocations to the Priesthood
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Vera Srobodova RIP

Welcome to Fr John Chadwick who will be celebrating all Sunday Masses this weekend. Fr John will be celebrating Mass in Hook.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus tried to prepare them for it. A few days earlier He had begged them, "Do not let your hearts be troubled", even hinting that when He returned to the Father, He would be closer to them than ever before. And so it was. Within weeks of His death, these same men were boldly proclaiming, "Jesus is alive. We have seen Him in the flesh". They recalled how the apostle Thomas had once asked, "We don't know where you are going ... so how can we know the way?" They remembered Jesus' precious reply: "I am the way, the truth and the life". Jesus doesn't point outwards, as if to indicate a route to be followed. He points to Himself, "I am the way". Walking in step with Him, we draw closer to God, we understand that it means to have God as our Father. Sometimes friends say, "I wish I had your faith". As we know, faith is not of our making. It is a sheer gift of God. And that is precisely why we are here today - to give thanks to the Father through His Son in the power of the Holy Spirit, the one God, who is our Way and Truth and Life.

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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.

ST BEDE'S WELCOMES

Farvin Gonsalves, a seminarian currently studying at Allen Hall in London, who will be joining us at all Sunday Masses this weekend. Welcome to St Bede's Farvin!

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday, when we pray for vocations to all states of life and ministry in the Church, but especially for Vocations to the Sacred Priesthood. As well as praying for vocations, we also have to pay to train the next generation of clergy. There will be a Second Collection this Sunday for the Clergy Training Fund, which supports our seminarians through their seven-year training for the priesthood, including the 12 men currently in training, for the duration of their six- or seven-year journey to ordination. Each seminarian brings to his training his own life experience, and then participates in a comprehensive programme of formation pastorally, intellectually, humanly and spiritually. These are the men who will baptise and catechise the coming generations, and care for us on our pilgrim way. To sustain a seminarian costs around £30,000 each year. Please give generously to the collection in your parish, or donate online at: [Clergy Training Funds are fund-raising for Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth | Give as you Live Donate](#)

ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL - HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT DAY

"I will pour out my spirit on all" Everyone is to be made holy. Taking place on Saturday 27th April at St Bede's Church from 9.30am - 3.30pm. The day will also be live-streamed between 9.30am and 1.00pm, please register for the Zoom link. The session includes Mass, Adoration, Praise and Worship, inspired Teaching and Prayer for all participants to be refilled with the Holy Spirit and yield to charismatic gifts. Guest speaker will be Kristina Cooper, former editor of "Good News" magazine. Bring food for a shared lunch. For full programme timings please click the link: [Spiritual renewal this month at ADORE \(Alton Day of Renewal\) \(altonrenewal.com\)](#)



MASS INTENTIONS

Please be aware that the next available Mass Intentions are towards the end of June.

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN DON BOSCO BOYS CAMP

We are delighted that camp will be going ahead again this summer for boys of secondary school age (leaving Yr 6 to leaving Yr 11) at St. Cassian's, Kintbury. The dates are Sunday 28th July to Saturday 3rd August. There will be plenty of sport, outings, competitions and games to ensure that boys will have a fantastic week. This will continue to take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic Faith, including daily Mass and morning prayer. The cost of the camp is £230 (part bursaries may be available on application). For more information, please send an email to: dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

PARISH DIARY

Tues 23rd: Funeral Mass for Nelson Mendonca RIP (SB)
Tues 23rd: St Bede's School FHC Parents Info session (SB)
Tues 23rd: St Bede's band practice 7.30pm (SB)
Wed 24th: Choir at 7.30pm (SB)
Wed 24th: RCIA at 7.30pm (SB)
Thurs 25th: Fr John – Cemetery 10 am
Thurs 25th: Flower Arrangers meeting/display 10am (SB)
Fri 26th: Confirmation with Bishop Philip 7pm (SB)
Sat 27th: ADoRE 9am – 3.30pm (SB)
Sat 27th: Lord's Flock 10am – 6pm (HG)
Sun 28th: BACCA meet after 11am Mass in Hall (SB)

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.*



ON THE EDGES OF FAITH

Fr Peter Bowe OSB invites you to a Day of Exploration for Seekers on Saturday 1st June at Douai Abbey. The day will explore living on the edge of faith in a time of appalling instability all about and within. Arrival and coffee from 10am; the day starts at 10.30am and ends at 4pm and costs £25 (with lunch) or £15 if you bring your own. Fees are payable on the day (concessions available). To book your place and find out more click: [Pastoral Programme - Douai Abbey: The Monastery of St Edmund, King & Martyr](#)

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

FUNERALS

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.



POLISH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (Basingstoke)

Invites you to a prayer meeting in Polish, on the 4th of May 2024 at 17:30, in the Holy Ghost Church Hall, Burgess Road. Meeting programme: Chaplet of Divine Mercy, rosary. After the prayer, please stay for tea, coffee and hot chocolate

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 14th April amounted to £2,527.10. 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.