

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 28th April 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

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 Svobodova RIP
Mon 29th			St CATHERINE of SIENA , Patron of Europe, <i>feast</i>
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Michael, Abbie Driscoll RIP (Fond)
	2.00 pm		Funeral Service Robert Drake RIP (Crematorium)
Tues 30th	10.00 am	HG	Mass: Happy Repose of the Soul of Patricia Ralston
			There is no 9.30 am Mass at St Bede's Church today
	12.30 pm		Funeral Service Danny Murphy RIP (Crematorium)
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 1st	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Sidley Family
	6.00 pm	SB	First Reconciliation
Thur 2nd			St Athanasius , Bishop, <i>memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Mary, Edward Moore RIP
Fri 3rd			Ss PHILIP & JAMES , Apostles, <i>feast</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Gladys Deards RIP (Fond)
	2.00 pm	SB	Funeral Service Charlotte Sinfield RIP
Sat 4th			THE ENGLISH MARTYRS (1535-1680) , <i>feast</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B, Psalter Week II

Sun 5th May	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Gaiger Family (Fond)
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Fatima Barreto RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus is very fond of the image of the vine. He also uses other pastoral images: the flowers of the field, ears of corn and seed that is sown, but He likens the Kingdom of Heaven to a vineyard on more than one occasion. In today's reading He speaks of Himself as the vine of which we are the branches. He then uses images from the practices of cultivating a vine to deepen our understanding of how we may become His disciples. The images He uses apply equally to vine cultivation today as in the time of Jesus. Jesus says we are pruned by His words. It is through listening to Him that we stay on the right course and produce fruit.

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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.

SUNDAY MASSES

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

CONGRATULATIONS



On Friday evening we welcomed Bishop Philip to St Bede's Church as 80 young people from our Pastoral Area received the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was a truly wonderful evening.

Please pray for our newly Confirmed, and their families, that they may each be blessed and become truly faithful witnesses of the Gospel. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to making the evening a special one. Thank you also to our Catechist team and all who have helped prepare our young people over the past year.

HOLY HOUR

Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at St Bede's Church on Tuesday 30th April from 7.30pm until 8.30pm.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA APRIL LUCKY ME WINNER

Congratulations to Jacqui Radford who was April's 'Lucky Me' winner. Also due to your generous donations we are able to support the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children and Aid to the Church in Need UK this month. The Knights of St Columba is open to any Catholic Man aged 16 and over who wishes to put into action and support the Church. We usually meet at St Bede's Hall on the second Monday of each month from 7.45pm to 9.30pm and you would be warmly welcomed.

A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER

With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. A Year of Encounter is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including an online session on Saturday 4th May to learn more.

JOIN BISHOP PHILIP IN LOURDES THIS JULY

Bishop Philip invites you to join him and fellow pilgrims on this year's Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Departing from London Gatwick Airport on Monday 22nd July and returning on Friday 26th July, staying close to the Sanctuary at the four-star Hotel La Solitude. There is an itinerary which takes full advantage of all that Lourdes has to offer, which includes participation in all the usual Pilgrimage activities. If you would like to know more about the pilgrimage to Lourdes this year email: lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PARISH DIARY

- Mon 29th: Funeral Service at Crematorium 2 pm Robert Drake RIP
- Tues 30th: Parish Office Closed
- Tues 30th: Mass at HG Church Patricia Ralston RIP
- Tues 30th: Funeral Service at Crematorium Danny Murphy RIP
- Tues 30th: Adoration at 7.30 pm (SB)
- Wed 1st: Diocesan Training Day 10 am – 3 pm (SB)
- Wed 1st: Diocesan Sig Wedding meeting 11 am (SB)
- Wed 1st: First Reconciliation Service at 6 pm (SB)
- Wed 1st: RCIA at 7.30 pm (SB)
- Wed 1st: NO choir practice
- Thurs 2nd: Caritas 9 – 12 noon (SB)
- Fri 3rd: Funeral Service Charlotte Sinfield RIP 2 pm (SB)
- Sat 4th: Diocesan Day for Eucharistic Ministers 9.30 – 2.30 pm (SB)
- Sat 4th: Feast Light HG Church/Hall 9 am – 5 pm
- Sat 4th: Polish Rosary Group 5.30 pm HG Church
- Sat 4th: The Lord's Flock 4 – 8 pm (SB)

POPE FRANCIS MAY PRAYER INTENTION

During May, Pope Francis asks us to pray for the formation of religious and seminarians. *We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.*



THINKING OF GETTING MARRIED?

If you are thinking of getting married in the Catholic Church, the Diocese of Portsmouth requires that you give at least one year's notice to the Parish Priest of your intention of marriage. Please do not make any arrangements until you have met with the Parish Priest. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

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 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 21st April amounted to £2,181.10. 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.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 30th April.