

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 7th April 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

(of Divine Mercy)

Year B, Octave of Easter

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

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
Mon 8th	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, solemnity		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Josie Rae RIP
Tues 9th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Teresita Pagulayon, Paterno Perez RIP
Wed 10th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Cypriano Mendonca RIP
Thur 11th	St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr, memorial		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: John Child RIP
Fri 12th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dorothy Gladys Thompson RIP
Sat 13th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Cicily, Jacob Peter RIP.
	11.00 am	SB	Wedding of Francisca Anyakorah and Wisdom Unamba

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B, Psalter Week III

Sun 14th Apr	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

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Thomas struggled to believe in Jesus, risen from the dead, and the new life which He offered him. But Thomas' doubt was even stronger, he was stubborn and he said, "Unless I see the holes that the nails made in His hands and can put my fingers in the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into His side, I refuse to believe". He made demands of Jesus and the other apostles. Thomas was arrogant. Now he found himself on the margins. God relentlessly pursues those who try to escape from Him, never abandoning them, and protecting them unceasingly under the shade of His outstretched hand. The risen Jesus seeks Thomas out to speak to him and prove that He is risen from the dead. He appears to Thomas and invites him to do exactly what he has demanded. Thomas touches the wounds of the risen Jesus and says, "My Lord and my God". He Believes. We do not see Christ directly like Thomas and the others to whom He appeared for forty days. Rather we meet the risen Christ through prayer, His Word, the sacraments, and other people. We walk by faith and not by sight. We rejoice in being people of whom Jesus says, "Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe".

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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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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

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.*



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. For more information and to book your ticket, click here: [London Retreat 2024 \(11-May-2024\) - ChurchSuite Events](#)

MARRIAGE CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support. We are looking for Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators to prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage (full training is provided for this role), Qualified Relationship Counsellors to support couples in distress and Trustees to provide governance and strategic direction for the organisation. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

WEDDING

Congratulations to Francisca Anyakorah and Wisdom Unamba who will be married in St Bede's Church on Saturday 13th April at 11.00 am.

ADORE MINI RETREAT

ADORE Day of Renewal mini-retreat 27th April "I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Kristina Cooper. Attend in person 9.30-3.30 at St. Bede's Church, or watch on Zoom livestream 9.30-1.00 - please register in advance at: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#) More information at <http://www.altonrenewal.com>

FUNERALS

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



COLLECTIONS

The Good Friday collection for Holy Places amounted to £960.70, and the Polish Blessing of Easter Food collection amounted to £507.30. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.