

# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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## Sunday 5th May 2024

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Year B, Psalter Week II*

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

<b>Sun 5th May</b>	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
<b>Mon 6th</b>	12 noon	SB	Mass: In thanksgiving Wedding Anniversary
<b>Tues 7th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Yvonne Treadgold RIP
<b>Wed 8th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention
<b>Thur 9th</b>			<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>)</b>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Yvonne Grasso RIP
			<i>St Bede's School will be joining us for Mass today</i>
	7.30 pm	HG	Mass: Billy Masterson RIP
<b>Fri 10th</b>			<b>St John of Avila, Priest, optional memorial</b>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Thomas Flannigan RIP
<b>Sat 11th</b>	11.00 am	SB	First Holy Communion Mass

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Year B, Psalter Week III*

<b>Sun 12th May</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: William Bush RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Cicily & Jacob RIP

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#### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Today's Gospel is Jesus' love song, taken from His words at the Last Supper, a moment when He knew that those closest to Him would deny Him and would hide in fear lest they suffer the same fate. Jesus did not condemn them for their betrayals and cowardice. Instead, He talked of love, aware that, within a very short time of speaking, He would be arrested and, rather than accept a life of silence, would sing His love song to Calvary. "Jesus described His oneness with His Father, although, on the cross, He would cry out in agony, "My God! My God! Why have you forsaken me?" Yet Jesus had, on an earlier occasion, said that His strength was made perfect in weakness. At the very moment of seemingly utter degradation, Jesus showed what "the power of one" can do. That is why Good Friday led to Easter Sunday. His resurrection made sense of the non-sense. We are still in Easter Season, Calvary, the tomb and the resurrection are staging posts on our journey, but the link between them all is love that never dies and never ends. Lord Jesus, make me an instrument of your love.

"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love."

*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.

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday 9th May is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, and a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be two Masses: 9.30 am at St Bede's Church and 7.30 pm at Holy Ghost Church.

## TEA AND COFFEE

There will be tea and coffee after the 9am and 11am Masses this Sunday, 5th May.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Please keep in your prayers all the children from our Parish and St Bede's School who are preparing to make their First Holy Communion. Thanks to St Bede's School and Jayney Lampard and her team of Catechists, who have been preparing the children.

## EXAM SEASON

Please pray for all those students beginning exams in our schools, colleges and universities, across our town and our Diocese. As we journey through Eastertide to the feast of Pentecost, we ask the Holy Spirit to help them.

## CARD SALE

Handmade cards will be sold on the morning of 12th May. FHC, Father's Day and Birthday cards available. Special occasion orders accepted. Minimum donation of £2 but please give what you can. All proceeds going to CAFOD.

## RECYCLE YOUR UNWANTED GIFTS!

We are having a 'Gift Sale' on Sunday 19th May after all Masses in aid of hhhcharity.uk which is a local charity based at North Hampshire Hospital that supports patients and staff in Hoima Hospital Uganda. If you have any unwanted gifts and would like to donate to the sale please bring them to the church by Sunday 12th. It could be an opportunity to buy some new gifts! There will also be a raffle with some lovely prizes.

## 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](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## 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.*



## PARISH DIARY

Tues 7th: Safeguarding  
Tues 7th: Parish Finance Meeting 4pm (SB)  
Wed 8th: First Holy Communion Rehearsal 6pm (SB)  
Wed 8th: Choir 7.30 pm (SB)  
Wed 8th: RCIA at 7.30pm (SB)  
Thurs 9th: Ascension Day  
Fri 10th: Marian Procession, St Bede's School, 2pm  
Fri 10th: Polish Rehearsal 6pm (HG)  
Sat 11th: First Holy Communion Mass 11 am (SB)  
Sat 11th: Syro Malabar Family Gathering 3-9pm (SB)  
Sun 12th: Baptism Preparation Course 1.15 pm (SB)

## THE MONTH OF MAY

The month of May, which traditionally among Catholics is known as "Mary's Month," is a specific month of the year. During this month we are encouraged to attend Mass and recite the Rosary. Go to our website and pray the mysteries of the Rosary with Bishop Philip: [Online Rosary – St Bede's, Basingstoke \(stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk\)](http://Online Rosary – St Bede's, Basingstoke (stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk))

## 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)

## RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Our Vocations Promotion team are inviting all young adults (18 - 35'ish') to a Summer Retreat Day with the theme: "God's Call to Missionary Discipleship and Living Our Vocation" on **Saturday 8th June** at 10.30am at St Philip Howard Church/Hall, Fareham, PO14 1ND. Booking by email: [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

## EMERGENCY COLLECTION FOR SUDAN

Sudan is in a crisis. There's been a war in the region for a year with a prolonged drought and shortage of food. CAFOD has been able to donate a further £250k funds from our emergency response fund and our local partners on the ground are working right now in their communities, providing food, water and emergency cash payments to refugees and displaced people. Please join us and pray for the people of Sudan and peace for their country. To donate go to: [Sudan Crisis Appeal \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://Sudan Crisis Appeal (cafod.org.uk)) Thank you for your support.

## FUNERAL

Funeral service for Kari Pekka Mantere RIP will take place in Holy Ghost Church on Wednesday 16th May at 11.30 am. We remember his family and friends at this sad time.

## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 28th April amounted to £2,398.00. Thank you for your generosity. Next weekend there is a second collection for Catholic Communications Network.

## 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](http://Donate to Basingstoke St Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate) or via our contactless terminal by the Hall.

# BACCA



**BBQ**

**Bouncing Castles**

**Face-Painting**

**Sack Race**

**Musical Chairs**

**Good Food | Drinks & More**



**SATURDAY 22ND JUNE, 2024**



**12 NOON - 6PM**



**ST. BEDE'S SCHOOL FIELD, RG24 9DX**

**ADULT £10 CHILDREN (2-17) £5**

**FAMILY TICKETS (2 adults, up to 4 children) £30**

**(Children below 2 years go free)**



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