

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 19th January 2025 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year C, Psalter Week II

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 19th Jan	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Yvonne Grasso RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Lino, Agro RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 20th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Daphne Judd RIP
Tues 21st			St Agnes , Virgin, Martyr, <i>optional memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Fogarty Family (Fond)
Wed 22nd			St Vincent , Deacon, Martyr, <i>optional memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Tommy & Alicia Brennan
Thur 23rd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Mary Nelson RIP
Fri 24th			St Francis de Sales , Bishop, <i>memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Yve Treadgold RIP
Sat 25th			THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL , <i>feast</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: In thanksgiving (<i>The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity ends</i>) Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year C, Psalter Week III

Sun 26th Jan	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Birthday Ints Mariusz, Michalina & Faustyna Truszkowsky
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	2.00 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Deceased Members of Hynes & Murphy Families

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The story of the wedding feast of Cana is all about the ordinariness of life being transformed into something alive and vibrant. The party we've just read about runs out of wine and Mary says, "They have no wine." Stating the obvious ... but John wants us to know the deeper meaning. They have no joy, no life, no liberation. Set us free, Lord. Suddenly the Gospel has changed level. Mary has become a symbol of humanity crying out for new life. No longer "Mother" but "Woman". Somehow, we're to live lives to the full in the here and now, in the present moment. What is it that you must let go of in order to know the heart of God? What is it you need to bring to the Lord this night so that you can understand a little more fully what it means to be human and alive? What is your security? What's your bondage? What's your pain? In a sense the Lord is saying to each of us, as He was saying to the people of His time, "Let it go!"

Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to any visitors who join us for Mass. Welcome also to all who join us for our Liturgies live-streamed via our webcam: www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Saturday 18th January. This year we are invited to commemorate the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. It was at this Council, held in modern-day Turkey, in 325 AD that the early Church Fathers agreed a statement of belief that we now call 'The Nicene Creed' and which we say at Sunday Mass – it encompasses all that we believe and share.

WATER PUMP REPAIRS

After a further delay receiving parts which has been beyond our control, we hope to have repair work completed during this week. Apologies for the ongoing disruption and lack of access to our toilets.

PARKING

Please do not park on the grassed area, pavement or block access to the Presbytery. This is inconsiderate parking and not acceptable.

HELP WITH HOME COOKING FOR THE WINTER SHELTER

The winter shelter is very busy this winter providing a warm and secure space together with a meal for people who would otherwise be sleeping rough in our town. The voluntary service runs until 28th Feb. We need help to provide suppers to feed guests and volunteers alike. A meal is prepared by the cook in their home and brought to the door of the shelter for the in shelter volunteers to heat up and serve in the shelter. There is a cooks' rota and easy supper meals are suggested; costs are reimbursed. Could you help us with preparing a meal on one or more nights between now and 28th Feb? Contact Pat Murphy 07785 312486 who can provide more details.

SEEKER SATURDAYS

New for 2025, Seeker Saturdays offer an opportunity for Fellowship, Formation and Food whilst Discerning God's Will. God calls us all, but how will you respond? Seeker Saturdays will be taking place on **25th January, 22nd March, 3rd May and 28th June**, 11am - 3pm at Sacred Heart Church Fareham PO16 0NQ. Advance booking is required, please email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

JUBILEE YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

Details for our Diocese World Youth Day pilgrimage to Rome next summer for young people aged 17+ have been released. Departing on 28th July and returning on 4th August (7 nights). During that week, there will be thousands of young people in Rome at the invitation of the Holy Father. During that week the Mass and ceremony at which Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, Patron of our Youth, will be canonised also takes place. The cost includes flights, hotel accommodation, half board, travel in Rome, entrance and participation fees and more is £1,350. It should be really good! For more information and pre-booking, contact: youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PEACE SUNDAY

This Sunday, 19th January, the Second Sunday of the Year, is also designated as Peace Sunday. It is a day of prayer for peace in the world. Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Peace has been published and his theme is *Forgive us our trespasses: Grant us your peace*'. To download a copy of the Holy Father's message click here: [20241208-messaggio-58giornatamondiale-pace2025.pdf](https://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/messages/peace/20241208-messaggio-58giornatamondiale-pace2025.pdf)

ADoRE

Alton Day of Renewal (ADoRE) Leader Alastair Emblem invites you to join ADoRE (who celebrate their fiftieth anniversary this year) with the launch of a special Jubilee programme on Saturday 25th January from 10am to 1pm via Zoom. Advance registration is required: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025

The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope", and is a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. This will be a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Portsmouth.

CRIB COLLECTION

The Christmas Crib Offerings collected during Christmastide amounted to £384.70. Many thanks.

POPE FRANCIS JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION

During January Pope Francis asks us to pray for the right to an education. *Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.*

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The next Baptism Preparation sessions will be held on Sunday 26th January and Sunday 2nd February. To register please email: baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

FUNERALS

Funeral Service at the Crematorium on Monday 27th January for Bernadette Mahoney RIP at 3.30 pm. Funeral Mass for Maria Vallone RIP in Holy Ghost Church on Friday 31st January at 11 am. Funeral Service in Holy Ghost Church on Thursday 13th February at 1 pm for Jacqueline Thorn RIP. May they Rest in Peace.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 12th January amounted to £2,386.95. Polish Carols raised £40.00. Many thanks.

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.