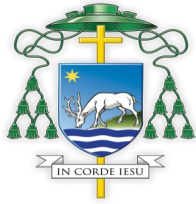


THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 26th January 2025

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C, Psalter Week III

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 26th Jan	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Birthday Ints Mariusz, Michalina & Faustyna Truszkowsky
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Deceased Members of Hynes & Murphy Families
Mon 27th			St Angela Merici , Foundress, <i>optional memorial</i>
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Dave Webb RIP
	3.30 pm		Crematorium Service for Bernadette Mahoney RIP
Tues 28th			St Thomas Aquinas , Doctor of the Church, <i>memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Marisa Petrella RIP
Wed 29th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Catherine Denning
Thur 30th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Pat, Margaret Brennan
Fri 31st			St John Bosco , Founder, <i>memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention
	11.00 am	HG	Funeral Service for Maria Vallone RIP
Sat 1st Feb	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Paul Watts RIP
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Year C, Psalter Week IV

Sun 2nd	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Carr & Sadler Families
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Tadeusz Orlof RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus took the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and read that He had been sent to give good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, to give dignity to those who were oppressed, and to give sight to people who could not see. Everybody in the synagogue was familiar with this text and had probably heard it more times than they could count. Isaiah had lived long before they did and was speaking about the Messiah who was to come. What made the congregation sit up and take notice was that Jesus declared that the prophecy had been fulfilled and that they no longer had to wait for its fruition. We can only imagine how anxious and scared Mary felt on listening to her Son's message. She knew that blasphemy was punishable by death and that nothing she could say would calm the anger of the townsfolk if they decided that Jesus really was claiming to be the Messiah. Yet Mary also knew that Jesus was saying something that people needed to hear. Instead, they saw the speaker and did not listen to the message of hope that He was communicating.

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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

WATER PUMP REPLACEMENT

During the week the long awaited parts for the water pump arrived, and engineers came to fit them. The pump however is still not working correctly and we were advised that a new one is needed. A replacement pump has been ordered but it will be up to two weeks until it arrives. In the meantime there will continue to be no access to the toilets. Apologies for the continued disruption.

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.

ONLINE SESSIONS ON ACCOMPANIMENT

Liza Nahajski, Leader of our Diocese Ananias and Intercession (Pre-Discipleship) Team invites you to discover some key principles of accompaniment through short taster sessions on Zoom, continuing on **Monday 27th January** from 7.00 - 8.15pm on Zoom with **Know Your Own Journey to Accompany Others**. Humility in serving others comes through knowing the mercy of God in our own lives. This reflection on scripture and aspects of your spiritual journey will help you to discover your unique response to Him in your life up to this point in time and develop an appreciation that each of us has a unique journey. Tickets are available at: [Keys to Accompaniment - Know Your Own Journey to Accompany Others Tickets, Mon, Jan 27, 2025 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

A CHURCH RENEWED: THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Dr Austen Ivereigh, a key advisor to Pope Francis, will discuss the implications of the recent Synod on Synodality. This significant event, hailed as a pivotal moment for the modern Church, concluded in October '24 with a document endorsed by the Pope. Austen will delve into the practical implications of synodality for dioceses and parishes, explaining why this shift towards a more participatory Church is crucial. He will share insights from his experience as an expert advisor to the synodal assemblies in Rome. Austen, is a biographer and collaborator of Pope Francis, a Fellow of Campion Hall, Oxford, and most recently the author of *First Belong to God: On Retreat with Pope Francis*. He will be giving the talk via Zoom on **Wednesday 5th February, 7:30–9pm**. This is an online Webinar which everybody is welcome to join. You can sign up at: [AI Webinar](#)

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 THIS WEEKEND

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Portsmouth. You can also donate online at: [St John's Cathedral Second Collection 2025 | Give as you Live Donate](#) Never has this annual collection by parishes for the Mother Church of the Diocese been more critical or needed. Your support is vitally important. Thank you.

GETTING MARRIED?

Couples wishing to marry in the Catholic Church here or elsewhere should notify the Parish Office at least one year in advance before the proposed marriage. This is to give sufficient time for the pre-nuptial enquiries which also includes attendance on a local marriage preparation course.

HOSPITAL

If you are going into hospital, please let the Parish Office know. We are very happy to take Holy Communion to you..... It is up to you to let us know.

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 (this Sunday via Zoom) and Sunday 9th February 2025. Dates have been rescheduled due to our "Water situation". 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 for Winifred Sims RIP on Wednesday 12th February at St. Bede's Church at 12 noon.... 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 19th January amounted to £2,412.65. Many thanks 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](#)

