

# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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## Sunday 2nd February 2025

### THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

*Year C, Psalter Week IV*

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

<b>Sun 2nd Feb</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Carr & Sadler Families
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Tadeusz Orlof RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
<b>Mon 3rd</b>			<b>St Blaise</b> , Bishop & Martyr, <i>optional memorial</i>
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Int. Mary, Jim Hickey
<b>Tues 4th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Nancy O'Neill RIP (Fond)
<b>Wed 5th</b>			<b>St Agatha</b> , Virgin, Martyr, <i>memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Gerald McLaughlin RIP
<b>Thur 6th</b>			<b>St Paul Miki &amp; Companions</b> , Martyrs, <i>memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Colella & Bibo Families (Fond)
<b>Fri 7th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: John Herring RIP
<b>Sat 8th</b>			<b>St Josephine Bakhita</b> , Religious, <i>optional memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Fr Patrick Moloney RIP (Dio)
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Year C, Psalter Week I*

<b>Sun 9th Feb</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Mary Nelson RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Maura Whelan RIP

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### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

This feast, only occasionally celebrated on a Sunday, is a reminder that our Baptism is a beginning of a new life with Christ. At the centre of this life is the call to imitate Jesus in love of others, in self-sacrificing service and prayer. Christ is not only a model for the Baptised life, but more deeply, we enter and deepen our relationship with Christ through our Baptismal and Sacramental life. We hand ourselves over to Him so that we might live and move in Him. St Paul reaches into the depths of his life of Christ and writes, "I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live; and yet no longer I, but Christ lives in me: and that life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself up for me". For married people, this sacrifice is lived in the daily commitment to spouse and families. For priests, religious and clergy, it is lived in service to the pilgrim Church. All of us are called to be the light of Christ in the world showing forth love and mercy. Christ comes to save all peoples. He is the light of the world.

*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](http://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)

## WATER PUMP

We are waiting for the arrival of our new water pump, which will be installed as soon as it arrives. In the meantime there will continue to be no access to the toilets or the hall. Apologies for the continued disruption.

## INVITATIONS FROM CAFOD

Would you like to find out how your donations to CAFOD are making a difference to communities in Kenya? Then please come to one of our CAFOD meetings in February. Jo Lewry tells us more.

- **Saturday 15th February** from 10:30am to 1:30pm at St Margaret Mary Church Hall, Middle Road, Park Gate SO31 7GH. A simple lunch will be provided.
- **Saturday 22nd February** at Christ the King Church Hall, Northumberland Road Reading RG2 8NR from 10:30am to 1:30pm please bring your own packed lunch and tea / coffee will be provided.

Please book your place by emailing Jo Lewry on [jlewry@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jlewry@cafod.org.uk) so that we have an idea of numbers. Come and find out about Lokho, a farmer and mother in northern Kenya. For nearly four years, her community experienced an unrelenting drought and was supported by CAFOD during the East Africa food crisis. Livestock perished, crops failed, and Lokho was left with no means to provide for her children. Yet, amidst this trial, hope persevered, nurtured by the faith and charity of her neighbour, who shared what they had with each other to survive. Supported by CAFOD and local Caritas expert Wakera, Lokho and her community found strength in unity. With training, tools, and seeds funded by donations from parishioners in England and Wales, they planted kitchen gardens. Innovative shade nets protected the plants from the harsh sun while allowing rain to nurture the young crops. Now, Lokho not only feeds her family but also sells the extra produce, saving money and ensuring a safety net for future climate challenges.

## SPUC YOUTH CONFERENCE

Are you passionate about defending the rights of unborn babies and eager to make a lasting impact? Look no further! SPUC invites you to be part of a transformative experience at the 2025 Youth Conference, themed **Unmuted**. Taking place from Friday 21st February to Sunday 23rd February. Whether this will be your first SPUC Youth Conference or your fifth, we can guarantee you'll find something for you! You can find out more details and book via the link: [Youth Conference 2025 – SPUC](#)

## 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 FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION

During February Pope Francis asks us to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. *Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.*

## FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

This Sunday, 2nd February, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, commonly known as Candlemas. Canon Gerard Flynn offers the following commentary on our Diocesan Liturgy Project website: [The Liturgy Project](#).

## ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

On Saturday 8th February the Church commemorates the life of St Josephine Bakhita, the Patron Saint of victims of human trafficking. We remember and pray for the 50 million victims of this evil trade in human beings. "Human trafficking is a crime against humanity. We must unite our efforts to free victims and stop this crime" Pope Francis.

## PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN DON BOSCO BOYS CAMP

We are delighted that camp will once again be held this summer from 27 July to 2 August for boys who are currently in Year 6 Primary school to Year 11 Secondary school at St. Cassian's, Kintbury. There will be plenty of sport, outings, competitions, fun and games all within the context of the celebration of the Catholic Faith, including daily Mass and morning prayer. The cost of the camp is £230 (part bursaries may be available on application). For more information see [Home | Portsmouth Diocese Don Bosco Summer Camp | St Cassian's Centre, Kintbury](#)

## JUBILEE TOUR

Escorted Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10th March 2025. £799.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights' in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email: [knockpilgrimimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimimages@gmail.com).

## FUNERALS

Funeral Service in Holy Ghost Church on Thursday 13th February at 1 pm for Jacqueline Thorn RIP. Funeral Service at Holy Ghost Church on Friday 21st February at 2 pm for Des Smith RIP. We remember their family and friends at this sad time. May they Rest in Peace.

## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 26th January amounted to £2,349.14. Last weekends Second Collection for the Cathedral raised £437.08. 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 Church | Give as you Live Donate](#) or via our contactless terminal by the hall.

