

# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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## Sunday 16th February 2025

### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Year C, Psalter Week II*

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

<b>Sun 16th Feb</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Dea Anthony Cairns RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Nelson Mendonca, Anthony Mendonca RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
<b>Mon 17th</b>	<b>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order, optional memorial</b>		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Int. Escott Family
<b>Tues 18th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Holy Souls
<b>Wed 19th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Gertrude Conway RIP
<b>Thur 20th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Peggy & Brian Moore
<b>Fri 21st</b>	<b>St Peter Damian, Religious, optional memorial</b>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Fogarty Family (Fond)
<b>Sat 22nd</b>	<b>THE CHAIR OF ST PETER, feast</b>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Fr David Whitehead RIP (Dio)
	<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>		

### SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Year C, Psalter Week III*

<b>Sun 23rd Feb</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Evelyn Wheeler
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	2.00 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Maurice O'Donnell RIP

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

In today's Gospel reading we hear how Jesus is speaking to a huge crowd from different regions. His is a message of hope. He paints a picture of how - in a fair and just society - there will be no hunger or poverty. Those who mourn and weep will be able to find comfort and support. Everyone who is now excluded - people who are discriminated against, or who experience prejudice, for example - will instead be at the heart of society. But to achieve this will not be easy, He says. This year is a Jubilee year, with the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope". Today's Gospel reading gives us a way of becoming a pilgrim of hope. A Jubilee is a holy year that takes place every twenty-five years. In the book of Leviticus, Moses is commanded that every seventh year should be a year of rest for the land. And after seven times seven years there should be a time of liberation and a chance to re-set. The land rests, there is debt cancellation and people who have become poor are released from servitude and can return home. It is a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another and with all creation. Pope Francis suggests that it is a time to "restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone."

*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)

## CARD STALL

Judith will be selling cards to raise money for CAFOD before and after the morning Masses on Sunday 2nd and Sunday 9th March - Mother's Day, FHC, Birthday card will be available. Please note cash only.

## CANDLES

We ask that you please do not bring your own votive candles to light over in the Lady Chapel, as this is a fire hazard. We do have the correct candles for lighting in the 'candle boxes' on the wall by the Lady Chapel.

## REQUESTS

We ask please, if you are requesting Mass intentions, diary dates, to do so well in advance. The Parish Office is working really hard trying to fulfil these requests but it is not always easy. Did you know that we now have over 10,000 parishioners registered in the Parish, this is a very big/hub Parish for the Pastoral Area and the Diocese. We do try our best to serve the Parish, on a friendly and sympathetic basis.

## BIG LENT WALK

This year's Parish 'Big Lent Walk' which raises money for CAFOD will take place on Saturday 5th April departing from St Bede's Church at 2pm. We have setup a Parish fundraising page at: [St Bede's Fundraising Page is fundraising for CAFOD](#). Further details to follow.

## HEADTEACHER VACANCY

St Anne's Catholic Primary School in Basingstoke are currently looking to appoint an outstanding Headteacher to lead their team from September 2025. For further information on the role, along with closing date details for applications, please visit the website at: [www.st-annes.hants.sch.uk/home/contact-us/vacancies](http://www.st-annes.hants.sch.uk/home/contact-us/vacancies)

## KING AND QUEEN TO VISIT HOLY SEE

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, has warmly welcomed the announcement that Their Majesties King Charles and Queen Camilla will undertake State Visits to the Holy See and Italy in early April. "I am delighted King Charles and Queen Camilla will visit the Holy See and meet with Pope Francis during this special Jubilee Year when so many will gather in Rome as pilgrims of hope," said Cardinal Nichols after the news was announced by Buckingham Palace. "It presents a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate the close relationship between the UK and the Holy See." The UK Ambassador to the Holy See, His Excellency Chris Trott, posting on X, said he was "absolutely delighted" that The King and Queen will be visiting the Holy See.

## 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.

## 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.*

## FOODBANK

The items MOST NEEDED by the Foodbank this month are : UHT Fruit Juice, Tinned Fruit, Powdered Milk, Custard, Hot & Cold Desserts ( e.g. jelly, sponge pudding, angel delight), Cooking Sauces, Men's deodorant. In 2024, the Foodbank provided food to feed 7,465 people, of which 2,918 were children. Thank you for your support.

## PILGRIMS OF HOPE: THE HOLY SPIRIT IS OUR GUIDE

ADoRE (Alton Day of Renewal) continue their monthly programme on Saturday 22nd February from 10am to 1pm, with a morning retreat on Zoom. The February Keynote speaker is Gerry Penfold, Leader of Called and Gifted UK. Called and Gifted is a spiritual journey that helps you understand your own calling and identify the specific charisms (service gifts of the Holy Spirit) that the Lord has given you to share with others. There will be live-streamed Mass and Adoration, Prophecy, Praise, and Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be fanned into a flame, so that parishioners can be beacons of hope in the darkness of our present age. Please register for the free Zoom meeting in advance at: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

## DOUAI ABBEY LENT DAY OF PRAYER

This will take place on Saturday 22nd March, 10.30am to 4pm, with arrivals and coffee from 10am. The day will be led by Fr Alex Austin OSB. A contribution of £30 (to include lunch, coffee and tea) or £15 (bring your own lunch) payable on the day. For booking or enquiries please email: [pastoral@douaiabbey.org.uk](mailto:pastoral@douaiabbey.org.uk).

## CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS

The Dominican Sisters of St Joseph in Lymington are offering a 2-year Certificate in Catechesis to equip parish catechists, parents, and grandparents to transmit the Catholic faith to others. This Certificate is approved by the Bishops' Conference, and offers a formation developed from the 2020 Directory for Catechesis, relevant to the pastoral context we face in our parishes. It is delivered online in weekly sessions with notes, recordings, and presentations made available to the students. Find out more at: [Certificate | Light of Truth](#)

## FUNERALS

Please pray for all who have died recently. Funeral Service for Margaret Kehoe RIP on Monday 24th February at 2 pm in Basingstoke Crematorium. Funeral Service for Des Smith RIP on Tuesday 25th February at 1.30 pm in Holy Ghost Church. We remember their family and friends at this sad time. May they Rest in Peace.

## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 9th February amounted to £2,757.26. Many thanks for your generosity.