

# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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## Sunday 23rd February 2025 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Year C, Psalter Week III*

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

Sun 23rd Feb	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
Mon 24th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Cicly, Jacob Peter RIP
	2.00 pm		Funeral Service for Margaret Kehoe RIP at the Crematorium
Tues 25th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Hynes Family
	1.30 pm	HG	Funeral Service for Desmond Smith RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 26th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Mathew Joseph RIP
Thur 27th			<b>St Gregory of Narek</b> , Religious, <i>optional memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Yvonne Grasso RIP
Fri 28th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Allan Wells RIP
Sat 1st			<b>ST DAVID</b> , Religious, Bishop, <i>feast</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Year C, Psalter Week IV*

Sun 2nd Mar	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Tito, Joan Gomes RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Caroline Mendonca RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

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### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Today's passage in Luke comes shortly after Jesus has chosen His twelve apostles. He goes on to teach them and the large crowd that gathers, reminding them of how God's way is not the same as the human way of viewing things. God's concern is not for those the world holds in great esteem, but for those who mourn, who are hungry, who are rejected for loving Him. They will be happy. Today's Gospel is a continuation of this message that the one who believes is called to live differently. It is easy to love those who love us - who treat us with kindness and respect. But what about those who treat us badly? Jesus asks us to love our enemies. To pray for those who persecute us: to avoid judging and condemning, to be compassionate and to give generously. We are reminded that we are made in God's image and it is for us to strive to be as God is, in the way that we treat others. We are not expected to be perfect, but to try our best. We are told to lend to others without hope of return, to give more than is asked of us. When we love someone we have their best interests at heart.

*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)

## LENT 2025

Lent is a time for us to prepare for Holy Week and the commemoration of Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.



- Every Tuesday during Lent  
*Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7.30 pm in St. Bede's Church*
- Every Thursday during Lent  
*There will be a 6.30 am Mass in St. Bede's Church followed by breakfast in the Hall afterwards*
- Every Friday during Lent  
*Stations of the Cross at 7.30 pm at St. Bede's Church*

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass and distribution of Ashes on Wednesday 5th March will take place at St. Bede's Church at 9.30 am and 7.30 pm.



## LENTEN LUNCHES

There will be 5 Lenten lunches taking place in St. Bede's Church Hall during Lent after the 12 noon Mass. All money raised will go to CAFOD. Please sign up for these lunches using the forms in the cloister area.

## RITE OF ELECTION

On Saturday 8th March at 11 am the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion will take place at St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. Let us pray for all those who this Lent are preparing for Baptism and for Reception into the Church.

## 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 cards will be available. Please note cash only.

## BIG LENT WALK

This year's Holy Ghost Parish 'Big Lent Walk' which raises money for CAFOD will take place on **Saturday 15th March**, gathering at 1.45pm and 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](http://StBede'sFundraisingPageisfundraisingforCAFOD).

## CAFOD LENT APPEAL – FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text: CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 16th February amounted to £2,525.80. Many thanks for your generosity.

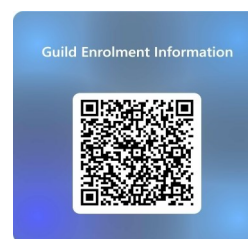
## MASS OF ST OSCAR ROMERO

Last year Chris Olding, our music co-ordinator, was commissioned by the Archdiocese of Southwark and the Romero Trust to write a new Mass setting in honour of St Oscar Romero, the 20th Century saint, martyr and voice of the voiceless poor. It's been a long time in the approval process but it is now published! Our 9am choir helped record some audio files which you can hear by clicking the link: <https://wheatsheafmusic.co.uk/mass-of-st-oscar-romero/> Many congratulations to Chris.

## NEW LENTEN ONLINE COURSE 'THE JOY OF HOPE' BEGINS MONDAY 10TH MARCH AT 7.30PM

Pope Francis has designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope". As we approach Lent, what better way to prepare our hearts and mind for Easter than to join in fellowship and reflect, and mediate on the deeper aspects of faith and explore the message of Easter. In this 4 week course via Zoom we will be reflecting on uplifting and practical insight into the joy of living now with hope in the future blessing of Eternal Life with God in Heaven, contemplating John's revelation in the cave of Patmos and how we can help people experience the joy of hope. If you can't attend all the sessions, please still sign up and attend the sessions you can. The sessions will run from 7.30pm to 8.45pm, starting with prayer followed by an engaging video then we will break out into small group. 10th March - Session 1, 17th March - Session 2, 24th March - Session 3 and 31st March - Session 4. Please EMAIL Joan Kent: [jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) if you wish to join. Please invite friends, family and anyone else you think may be interested in joining us. To see a trailer click the link: [The Joy Of Hope - Trailer on Vimeo](#)

## CALLING ALL FORMER ALTAR SERVERS



Have you ever served at St Bede's? Did you receive your Bronze Medal from Holy Ghost Parish but have now stepped away from serving? If the answer is yes, we want to hear from you. We should have had an Enrolment Book running but we didn't. Now that we have one it needs some backdated information added to it, which is where we need your help. Please use the QR Code to complete a form. Once transferred into the book all data will be deleted. Please email: [altarservers@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](mailto:altarservers@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk) if you have any questions.

## FUNERALS

Funeral Service for Margaret Kehoe RIP on Monday 24th February at 2 pm in Basingstoke Crematorium. Funeral Service for Desmond Smith RIP on Tuesday 25th February at 1.30 pm in Holy Ghost Church. May they Rest in Peace.

## DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

If you would like to know more about making a monthly donation to the Parish, or joining our Gift Aid Scheme, please contact Faye Lyons who will be happy to help: [accounts@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](mailto:accounts@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)