

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 2nd March 2025

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C, Psalter Week IV

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 2nd Mar	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Tito, Joan Gomes RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Caroline Mendonca RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 3rd	12 noon	SB	Mass: John, Emily Liddell RIP (Fond)
Tues 4th			St Casimir , Prince of Poland, <i>optional memorial</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Emily Liddell RIP (Fond)
Wed 5th			ASH WEDNESDAY , <i>Day of Fasting & Abstinence</i>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Holy Souls
			<i>St Bede's School will be joining us for Mass</i>
	7.30 pm	SB	Mass: Kathleen, Stephen Synnott RIP
Thur 6th	6.30 am	SB	Mass: Julie Brennan RIP
Fri 7th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Yve Treadgold RIP
			Stations of the Cross after the 9.30 am Mass
Sat 8th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Year C, Psalter Week I

Sun 9th Mar	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Margaret McNamara RIP (Fond)
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Dermot Newe RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus begins by saying that we cannot give to others what we do not have ourselves, and we cannot guide others when we lack direction ourselves. This would seem to be self-evident but is a necessary message for His listeners - He points to the common human tendency to attempt to correct the shortcomings of others, whilst overlooking our own. We must firstly pay attention to our own self-improvement before imagining we can improve our neighbour. More than any other vice, Jesus robustly criticises hypocrisy as an insidious form of self-delusion which blocks true spiritual growth - and challenges hypocrites to live more honestly, humbly, and perhaps, self-critically. It can be challenging to realise that we reveal ourselves for who we really are by the fruit we bear and in the words we utter. In using vivid imagery Jesus is driving home His point. He both warns and inspires, criticises and praises - what is not good is to be avoided, what is helpful is to be nurtured. In today's Gospel Acclamation we pray to God the Father, "Open our heart, O Lord, to the words of your Son." A good prayer indeed!

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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

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
- *Stations of the Cross at 7.30 pm at St. Bede's Church 14th, 21st, 28th March, 11th April*
- *Stations of the Cross after the 9.30 am Mass 7th March, 4th April*

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 LUNCHESES

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.

CAR PARKING ISSUES

Sadly, car parking is becoming a major issue once again, we ask you please to:

- * Respect your fellow parishioners by driving carefully
- * Respect the disabled parking bays
- * Respect the green grassed area by not parking on it
- * Respect the Church drive through
- * Respect the coned off areas
- * Respect and keep clear the zebra crossing area
- * Respect the orange cris/crossed area near the Church entrance, this needs to be clear at all times for Emergency Services if they need to gain access to the Church.
- * Respect the entrance and keep clear the entrance to the Presbytery.
- * Respect our Church Signs on the wall, we have children unattended who are climbing up onto the bicycle stacks, and swinging out of the Church signs, the letter C has been left on the footpath several times.

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. Please note cash only.

BIG LENT WALK

This years 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.](#)

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

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. 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 Mar - Session 1, 17th Mar - Session 2, 24th March - Session 3, 31st Mar - Session 4. Please EMAIL: jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk if you wish to join. To see a trailer click the link: [The Joy Of Hope - Trailer on Vimeo](#)

POPE FRANCIS MARCH PRAYER INTENTION

During March Pope Francis asks us to pray for families in crisis. *Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.*

SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church on **Saturday 21st June at 11am**. This will be followed by a buffet lunch. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please contact Liz Murphy or email anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to request a form for you to complete and return. Please note the email address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a **COPY** of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you return the form. Again, if you have no access to the internet you can drop a **COPY** along with completed form into the Parish Office addressed to Liz Murphy in an envelope marked 'Significant Weddings'.

LENTEN HALF DAY OF RECONCILIATION

A Lenten afternoon of recollection at St. Joseph's Church will take place from 2-5pm on Sunday 23rd March. In light of God's Word and of the call to grow in hope in this Jubilee Year, our Parish/Pastoral Area afternoon Lent retreat wants to help us live Lent as a journey of hope, rooted in Christ. The retreat will include a reflection meditation, time for personal prayer, opportunity to avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and sharing.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 23rd February amounted to £2,364.53. 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.