

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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Sunday 9th February 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 9th Feb	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
Mon 10th			St Scholastica, Virgin, memorial
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Int. Mairead, Con Cleary
Tues 11th			Our Lady of Lourdes, optional memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Joseph Mathew RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 12th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Teresa Harton RIP
	12 noon	SB	Funeral Service Winifred Sims RIP
Thur 13th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Maureen, Paddy McGlone
	1.00 pm	HG	Funeral Service Jacqueline Thorne RIP
Fri 14th			ST CYRIL & ST METHIDIUS, Patrons of Europe, feast
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: In thanksgiving El Shaddai Community
Sat 15th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Yve Treadgold RIP
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C, Psalter Week II

Sun 16th Feb	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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Gospel stories that centre on the Sea of Galilee are all connected with fishing. On first meeting Jesus, Peter, James and John are overwhelmed by the huge catch of fish they make, their previous efforts having proved fruitless. They are easily discouraged by failure, but even more unnerved by success beyond their imagining. Later they fear drowning in a storm - again their reaction is terror of sinking, but also fear when they witness God's power over the elements. Jesus invites Peter to walk on the water - Peter sets out but sinks when he ceases to trust Jesus' power at work in him. It's only in the final story of meeting the risen Jesus on the seashore that Peter truly knows himself loved and forgiven and finds his strength and courage at last. God makes acts of faith, hope and trust in us each day of our lives. We don't have to be worthy - we must only be open to believe that God's grace at work within us is more than enough to help us fulfil the mission that God created us to be in this world.

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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

Our new cold water pump has been installed and we are back up and running again. Unfortunately this work has been both lengthy and costly for the Parish. An exact replacement for the part was no longer available, so a close alternative had to be sourced. This meant some modifications had to be made to the current pipework. Thank you for your patience over the past few weeks.

MOBILE PHONES

Please remember the Church is God's House where people come to pray. Please switch off all mobile phones before entering the Church.

WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMAGE

Advance details for our Diocese World Youth Day pilgrimage to Rome next summer have been published. We will be going there for the Youth Jubilee from 28th July to 4th August. During that week, there will be thousands of young people in Rome at the invitation of the Holy Father. We will also be there for the Mass and ceremony at which Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, Patron of our Youth, will be canonised. The cost includes flights, hotel accommodation, half board, travel in Rome, entrance and participation fees and more. It should be really good! For more information and pre-booking contact: youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CHURCH CLEANING

We are very grateful to the 'SB's Holy Dusters' who clean the Church on a fortnightly basis. The next cleaning day will be Thursday 20th February after the 9.30 am Mass. If you have an hour to spare, please join this group of people.

DIOCESAN WEBSITE

The Diocesan website is our primary shop window, and we want it to be simple and intuitive to use. We want it to be a hub for information, a platform for community engagement, and a showcase of our collective vision, mission and values. To help us achieve this, we are currently planning a substantial update to the website and would value your feedback. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts about it. Your input will help us make sure that the revised site meets your needs and expectations more quickly and efficiently. If you would like to share your views, please take part in this short survey: [Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Website User Feedback Form 1](#)

PRAYING FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

In this week's e-News, Ryan Hawkes from our Parish who is currently a student at the Venerable English College, Rome talks about his experience as a seminarian on a placement year at Southampton City Centre Parish. Ryan asks us to please continue to pray for him and his fellow seminarians, as he holds all of us in his prayers. May the year ahead be one of blessings for us all. Read the latest Vocations Newsletter here: [Vocation Newsletter February](#)

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.*

2025 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Next Tuesday, 11th February, is the (optional) Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is also the 2025 World Day of Prayer for the Sick and you can read the Holy Father's message here: [Message of the Holy Father for 33rd World Day of the Sick \(11 February 2025\) here](#). Please remember the sick and housebound in your prayers that day and all those who care for them

PRAYERS

Please pray for the sick in our Parish, Lord, have all those who are unable to be with us For Mass in your safekeeping. Support them in your love. Be near them in moments of sickness and anxiety. Bless all those who care for those in need. We pray also, for our Eucharist Ministers who take the Eucharist to the housebound and those in hospital. Amen

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long'i') helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. This programme has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme commencing via Zoom from Thursday 27th February to Sunday 2nd March 2025 email: info@retrouvaille.org.uk.

FUNERALS

Please pray for all those who have died recently from our Parish. Funeral Service for Winifred Sims RIP on Wednesday 12th February at 12 noon in St Bede's Church. Funeral Service for Jacqueline Thorne RIP on Thursday 13th February at 1 pm in Holy Ghost Church. 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 2nd February amounted to £3,001.27. 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.

