

# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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## Sunday 16th March 2025

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

*Year C, Psalter Week II*

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

Sun 16th Mar	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Darrel & Rene Carvalho Wedding Anniversary
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Holy Ghost Parish
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 17th	<b>ST PATRICK, Bishop, feast</b>		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Joe Murphy RIP
	1.00 pm	HG	Funeral Service for Eva Harris RIP
Tues 18th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Ann, Paddy, Pat Byrne RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 19th	<b>ST JOSEPH, Solemnity</b>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Michael, Abbie Driscoll RIP (Fond)
Thur 20th	6.30 am	SB	Mass: Int Christine Young
Fri 21st	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Fr David Stanley RIP (Dio) <i>Stations of the Cross after 9.30 am Mass</i>
Sat 22nd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int Maria Colella 85th Birthday <i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

*Year C, Psalter Week III*

Sun 23rd Mar	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Nelson Mendonca RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Michael Colley RIP
	2 pm	SB	Mass: Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

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### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Peter, James and John accompanied Jesus up the mountain, not expecting the unique experience of transfiguration, when Jesus' clothes became dazzling white and Moses and Elijan appeared. The Gospel tells us that the two greatest people in Jewish history, who represented the Law and prophets, spoke to Jesus about His forthcoming journey to Jerusalem and all that would happen there. Confused, the three apostles didn't know what to say or do. Peter's suggestion that they build three tents to honour the occasion was possibly the only thing he could think of at the time. Peter, James and John bowed down in fright and, looking up, saw "only Jesus". In other words, regardless of having seen him in His heavenly glory, Jesus was also nobody to fear because He was such a familiar part of their lives. He might have been talking to Moses and Elijah, but He was Jesus, a young man who shared their lives and made them feel valued. The transfiguration transformed Jesus so that, momentarily, heaven and earth were one. The apostles briefly saw Jesus in heavenly glory, but also knew that He was the person they already knew and loved - and were no longer afraid.

## 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 morning during Lent  
*Stations of the Cross after the 9.30 am Mass*

During Lent we do not sing or say either the Gloria or the Alleluia, flowers do not decorate the Church and Baptisms are held over until Easter.

## LENTEN LUNCHESES

There will be 4 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.

## PASTORAL AREA LENTEN RECONCILIATIONS

Going to Confession is one of the Six Holy Habits. A number of Priests will be on hand to minister the Sacrament of Forgiveness. This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. The Pastoral Area Lenten Reconciliation Service will be on Friday 4th April at 7.30 pm in St. Bede's Church. All are most welcome.



## BIG LENT WALK

Thank you to everyone who joined on Saturday afternoon for the Parish 'Big Lent Walk'. There is still time to donate to our Parish fundraising page at: [St Bede's Fundraising Page is fundraising for CAFOD.](#)

## BASINGSTOKE FOODBANK

The foodbank need some additional volunteers for:  
2.5 hrs pw at the Centres where clients come for food.  
3 hrs pw with simple admin tasks at Head Office in Houndsmills.  
3 hrs pw with packing/storing in the warehouse in Houndsmills.

Please contact Paula, FB Manager, [paula-vallance@basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:paula-vallance@basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk) if you would like to know more.

The Foodbank is very short of: Ladies deodorant & hair conditioner. Tins of fruit, tomatoes, veg & meat. Hot & cold desserts. Rice puddings. Custard. Long life milk & fruit juices. cooking sauces & savoury sauces. Thank you for you support.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY

**Happy St. Patrick's Day to our Irish Community here at Holy Ghost Parish (Monday 17th March)**



*May your mornings bring joy and your evenings bring peace. May your troubles grow few as your Irish Blessings increase. May the saddest day of your future be no worse than the happiest day of your past. May your hands be forever clasped in friendship and your hearts joined forever in love. Your lives are very special, and God has touched you in many ways.*

Deacon Patrick O'Connell from St. Joseph's Parish will be Blessing the Irish Graves in Worting Road Cemetery at 1.30 pm on Sunday 23rd March.

## 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 will 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 [Family Fast Day - Lent 2025](#) You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.



## SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> 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** and be followed by a buffet lunch. Please contact Liz Murphy or email [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to request a form for you to complete and return.

## FUNERALS

Funeral Mass for Eva Harris RIP on Monday 17th March at 1 pm in Holy Ghost Church. Funeral Mass for Tom O'Donovan RIP on Monday 31st March at 12 noon in Holy Ghost Church. Funeral Service for Barry John Marsh at Basingstoke Crematorium on Monday 14th April at 2 pm. We remember their family and friends at this sad time. May they rest in peace.



## 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.*



We remember Pope Francis in our prayers at present.

## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 9th March amounted to £2,724.25. Thank you 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.