

# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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## Sunday 23rd March 2025

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

*Year C, Psalter Week III*

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

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

*Welcome to Fr Paul Leonard who will be celebrating our morning  
Masses today*

Mon 24th 12 noon SB Mass: Cecily, Jacob Peter RIP

Tues 25th **THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, solemnity**

9.30 am SB Mass: In thanksgiving Nisha Shaiju

7.30 pm SB *Holy Hour with Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament*

Wed 26th 9.30 am SB Mass: Daniel Murphy RIP

Thur 27th 6.30 am SB Mass: Katharine Moore RIP

Fri 28th 9.30 am SB Mass: Int. Kate Webb  
*Stations of the Cross after 9.30 am Mass*

Sat 29th 9.30 am SB Mass: Geoff Fowler RIP  
*Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am*

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE)

*Year C, Psalter Week IV*

<b>Sun 30th Mar</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Agro & Mahdavi Families
	2.00 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Holy Souls

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#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Followers of Jesus are expected to make changes, to do stuff. Jesus commissions us "that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide" - show kindness, give generously, help those in need, be compassionate and forgiving. It's all well and good to believe the right things but we must also do the right things. Our Christian faith is not simply a feeling or a good intention. It exists only in the sense that it is demonstrated. We might imagine that we are loving, but unless we love another, this is just an idea in our head. We may think we are generous, but unless it is manifested in actual giving then it is just a thought about who we think we are. As the Letter of James says: "Faith apart from works is dead." These good works are the fruits of the spirit. We take heart that Jesus is a patient gardener - He doesn't write us off, He is always ready to give us a second chance, ready to help us become the best person we can.

*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 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

Lenten lunches will be 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.



## FOUNTAIN IN THE COURTYARD

Some of the stonework around the fountain is unstable, this is due to children jumping up and down on the stonework. Parents, please do not allow your child to play on the fountain, if so, is it at your own risk.

## CARD SALES

Thank you to everyone who bought cards from Judith, you have helped raise £154.46 for CAFOD.

## PILGRIMAGE TO ROME FOR THE CANONISATION

Our Diocesan World Youth Day pilgrimage to Rome this summer for the Youth Jubilee takes place from 28th July to 4th August. There will be thousands of young people in Rome at the invitation of the Holy Father. Also taking place is the Mass and ceremony at which Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, Patron of our Youth, will be canonised. For more info and pre-booking email: [youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## LITURGICAL FORMATION DAYS

Fr Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgical Formation, will be running further formation days at St Bede's Church. One for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, one for Readers and a day for Ministers of Children's Liturgy. See this week's e-News for details of dates and how to book a place.

## SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Next Tuesday, 25th March, is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. It's the day when the angel Gabriel announced to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive a Son by the power of the Holy Spirit and the Child was to be called Jesus (Luke 1:26–38). Of course, no one saw this event and no one except Mary knew of it, but at the same time it was crucial to the history of humanity. When the Virgin said 'yes' to the angel's announcement, Jesus was conceived and thus a new era of human history began. In fact, Mary's 'yes' perfectly mirrors that of Christ Himself, when He entered the world. The Annunciation celebrates a central mystery of our Catholic faith: Christmas, the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, the Saviour.

## BLESSING OF IRISH GRAVES

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.

## 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 this time.

## 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 in the Parish Office or email: [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to request a form for you to complete and return.



## BIG LENT WALK

Thank you to everyone who joined 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.](#)

## FUNERALS

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.



## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend there will be a second collection for Clergy Assistance Fund.

## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 16th March amounted to £2,521.31. 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.