

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 30th March 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE)

Year C, Psalter Week IV

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 30th Mar	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
Mon 31st	12 noon	SB	Mass: Private Intention
	12 noon	HG	Funeral Mass for Tom O'Donovan RIP
Tues 1st	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Canon Peter Wilkie RIP (Dio)
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 2nd	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Joe White RIP
Thur 3rd	6.30 am	SB	Mass: Yve Treadgold RIP (Fond)
Fri 4th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Mgr George Hay RIP (Dio)
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service</i>
Sat 5th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Holloway Family
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Year C, Psalter Week I

Sun 6th Apr	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Ronnie Norris RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Birthday Int. James Appiyah

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We are very familiar with this story, brought to us by the Gospel writer Saint Luke. The phrase "Prodigal Son" has even entered our common parlance. The story is a complex one, it circles around the themes of faithfulness and headstrongness and so we need to remember the situation in which Jesus tells this tale. He encounters amongst the Pharisees and Scribes, those who were well-versed in the Jewish Law and customs, a certain stand-offish attitude when they see that Jesus "welcomes sinners and eats with them". Jesus wants them to see another angle to their faithfulness to God, an angle which will speak of understanding of peoples' weaknesses and sin, but the fact that the Father - His Father, God - is always wanting to draw people back into a relationship of love and of care and of real and true family where they will be safe and welcomed. Yes, they will have learned lessons on the way, they will have made their mistakes and taken their wrong turns (which one of us hasn't) but what will ultimately matter is that "your brother (your sister) here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found". Thanks be to God for that!

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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
- 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.



SCRUTINIES

The Scrutinies are three special rites for adults who will be Baptised at the Easter Vigil. These take place on the third, fourth and fifth Sunday's of Lent. The second Scrutiny will take place at the 9.00am Mass this Sunday. Please keep in your prayers all who are preparing to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church.

INTERNET ISSUES

Last weekend we experienced some issues with our internet connection. This impacted our webcam and the live-stream of Sunday Masses. Hopefully the internet issue, which was beyond our control, has now been resolved. Thank you for your patience.

JUBILEE YEAR WEBSITE

We have a special page on our Diocesan website for the Jubilee Year: Jubilee Year 2025 - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Have you visited it yet? It contains a lot of resources for Lent, including Dare to Hope, the Jubilee Lenten retreat day, Bishop Philip's Video Message for the Jubilee Year, details about the Jubilee Shrine churches across the diocese and lots more. There are also e-books of Via Crucis, Bishop Philip's meditations for the Stations of the Cross, and his prayer book, Lord I am not Worthy. Why not take a look?

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Today, we are invited to thank God for our Mums, and all who have given us their maternal love, support and example. 'Motherhood is a bond that forms before birth, endures beyond death and shapes us in life even in its absence'. 'No matter how old a Mum is, she watches her middle-aged children for signs of improvement' and when your Mum asks, 'do you want a piece of advice' it is a mere formality, it doesn't matter if you answer yes or no, you're going to get it anyway' (Emma Bombeck). We remember Mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us, but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. May they Rest in Peace.



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** and be followed by a buffet lunch. Please contact Liz Murphy in the Parish Office or email:

anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



FINANCE NEWSLETTER

Copies of our Parish Finance Newsletter for 2023/24 are now available in the Cloister.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

If you use numbered envelopes to Gift Aid your weekly donation, please be advised that we are expecting boxes for the new financial year to arrive in the next day or so.

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The next Baptism Preparation sessions will be held on Sunday 11th and Sunday 18th May at 1pm. To register please email: baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk

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 RIP at Basingstoke Crematorium on Monday 14th April at 2 pm. Funeral Service for Paddy Corr RIP on Tuesday 22nd April at 1 pm in St. Bede's Church. May they Rest in Peace.



SECOND COLLECTION

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

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 23rd March amounted to £2,457.26. 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.

BRITISH SUMMER TIME

Remember to move your clocks forward one hour this weekend as British Summer Time begins!