

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 9th March 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Year C, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

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
Mon 10th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Jeramia McLoughlin RIP
Tues 11th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Yvonne Cullinane RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 12th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Cecily, Jacob Peter RIP
Thur 13th	6.30 am	SB	Mass: Tracy Thomas RIP, Ann McCaffery RIP
Fri 14th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: John, Margaret, Maggie Hynes RIP
			<i>Stations of the Cross after 9.30 am Mass</i>
Sat 15th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: John Lyons RIP
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Year C, Psalter Week II

Sun 16th Mar	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Darrel & Rene Carvalho Wedding Anniversary
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Holy Ghost Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We don't know how much the devil may know of the true nature of Jesus. That is not his role. His role, as with Job in the Old Testament, is to test, to undermine the faithful of God. If God in the Old Testament provided food for His people in the wilderness, can Jesus not do the same for Himself? The answer Jesus gives is not just a sharp put-down. It also shows us the message behind these three incidents. The challenges to Jesus in the wilderness are focal points to help us reflect on the mystery of salvation. We may think that our own temptations fall into insignificance when put alongside the challenges to Jesus at the start of His public life. As we begin our Lenten journey, they can yet help us set our own lives against that self-same mystery. Do we feed ourselves and neglect others? Are we committed to power and control rather than service? Are we also victims of the modern myth that all that matters are fame and fortune? Our answers to these questions will help us appreciate how much we are also being led by the Holy Spirit through the wilderness. Our lives are expressions of the mystery of salvation.

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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/plants do not decorate the Church and Baptisms are held over until Easter.

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.

CARD STALL

Judith will be selling cards to raise money for CAFOD before and after the morning Masses this Sunday, 9th March. Please note cash only.

PASTORAL AREA LENTEN RECONCILIATIONS



Lenten Reconciliations for the Pastoral Area will be on Friday 4th April at 7.30 pm in St. Bede's Church. All are most welcome.

BIG LENT WALK

This year's 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. Join us for all or just part of the walk. We have setup a Parish fundraising page at: [St Bede's Fundraising Page is fundraising for CAFOD.](#)

ADORE SPIRITUAL MINI-RETREAT

Join ADoRE for a spiritual mini-retreat on 22nd March from 10.00-1.00 on Zoom. The theme is "PILGRIMS OF HOPE – A LAMP FOR OUR FEET." The morning will include Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Ros Powell. Please register for the free Zoom meeting in advance at: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

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.*



CATECHISTS LENT DAYS OF PRAYER, FORMATION AND NETWORKING

The Vicariate for Evangelisation will be hosting three online events during Lent for Catechists across the Diocese. These events offer a chance to connect with other catechists, share experiences, and find inspiration to hand on the faith in our parishes. Each event will begin at 7:30pm and last for one hour. Catechists can choose from the three events: Thursday 13th March (Children's Liturgy and FHC) Thursday 20th March (Marriage Preparation and Baptism) Thursday 3rd April (Confirmation and RCIA) To sign up please go to: [Lent Days of Prayer, Formation and Networking | Online Events for all Catechists](#)

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 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 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. 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.

FUNERAL

Funeral Service for Eve Harris RIP on Monday 17th March in Holy Ghost Church at 1 pm. May she Rest in Peace.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 2nd March amounted to £2,826.99. 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.