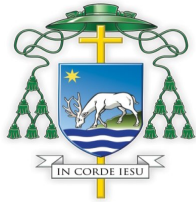


# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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## Sunday 13th April 2025

### PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord

*Year C, Psalter Week II*

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

<b>Sun 13th Apr</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Reg Smart RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Joseph Anomah RIP, Papa Alphons Boma RIP
	1.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
<b>Mon 14th</b>	<b>Monday of Holy Week</b>		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Int. Thomas Fenton
<b>Tues 15th</b>	<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b>		
	11.00 am		Chrim Mass at St John's Cathedral
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
<b>Wed 16th</b>	<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Rajan Varikkolil RIP

## THE EASTER TRIDUUM

### Thursday 17th April - HOLY THURSDAY

3.30 pm	SB	Mass in the Syro Malabar Rite
8.00 pm	SB	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Int Evelyn Wheeler (100th birthday)

*Followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight*

### Friday 18th April - GOOD FRIDAY

9.30 am	SB	Stations of the Cross in St Bede's School Garden (All are most welcome)
10.30 am	SB	The Passion of the Lord in the Syro Malabar Rite
3.00 pm	SB	The Passion of the Lord

### Saturday 19th April - HOLY SATURDAY

10.00 am	SB	Święconka (Blessing of Easter Food)
11.00 am	SB	Confessions
8.30 pm	SB	The Easter Vigil

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

*Year C, Octave of Easter*

<b>Sun 20th Apr</b>	4.30 am	SB	Mass in the Syro Malabar Rite
	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	<b><i>There will be no evening Mass this evening</i></b>		

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### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Palm Sunday begins the final week of Lent, the most holy of all weeks. In our worship this Sunday, we accompany our Saviour on His triumphal way towards the cross. *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)

## PALM CROSSES

Again this year on Palm Sunday in addition to palms we will be using Palm Crosses. The Palm Crosses are sourced entirely from a village in one exceptionally poor area of Southern Tanzania, and are woven in one piece by the men, women and children of the Masasi village. The hand-woven crosses give the villagers a life-line income.



## CHRISM MASS

On Tuesday of Holy Week (15th April at 11 am), the Diocese will gather at St John's Cathedral for the blessing of the new oils and the renewal of priestly and diaconal vows first made at ordination. The Mass will be celebrated and led by Bishop Philip Egan. Please note there will be NO morning Mass here at St Bede's.

## EARLY RISERS MASS

The 6.30 am Thursday Masses held during Lent were much appreciated by those who attended. Over a hundred parishioners and friends were present each Thursday. Many thanks to Lynn and Brendan Duffy and others who organised the breakfast which followed. All proceeds will go to CAFOD.

## LENTEN LUNCHES

These were also a great success, many thanks to all those who hosted these lunches. All proceeds will go to CAFOD

## PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection supports the Christian community in the Middle East. This last year has been particularly challenging for this community which seeks 'to be the salt, light and leaven of the Gospel' in the region, often living in difficult circumstances. To donate online go to: [Holy Places Second Collection 2025 | Give as you Live Donate](http://Holy Places Second Collection 2025 | Give as you Live Donate)

## ST BEDE'S FLOWER TEAM

We are Blessed with having a wonderful, dedicated 'flower team' for very many years, which began in Holy Ghost Church. Mary O'Connor has been instrumental in keeping the 'team' together, buying flowers, arranging displays, meetings etc. Mary is hoping to step down as Leader of this Ministry, but is happy to continue to help out. If you are interested in flower arrangements, please give your name/ telephone number/email to Liz in the Parish Office. (Tel No. 01256 465214, email: [office@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](mailto:office@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk))

## 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](mailto:baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)

## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 6th April amounted to £2,861.39. Many thanks for your generosity.

## THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Christ redeemed mankind and gave perfect glory to God principally through His Paschal Mystery; by dying He destroyed our death and by rising He restored our Life. The Easter Triduum (three days) of the Passion and Resurrection of Christ is thus the culmination of the entire Liturgical year.

## SWIECONKA

The Blessing of Easter Food – a traditional Polish custom - will take place at St. Bede's Church on Holy Saturday morning at 10 am. All are welcome to come and join our Polish parishioners for this beautiful custom.

## ALTAR SERVER TRIDUUM TRAINING

Altar Server training will take place on Holy Thursday, 17th April, at 10.30 am. There is also a Triduum sign up sheet in the Sacristy, please add your name if you would like to serve.

## ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

Assisted suicide Bill even worse than before postcards available. The Committee Stage of the assisted suicide Bill has ended. It is now weaker and less safe than it was before. 300+ amendments that sought to strengthen safeguards in the Bill and protect vulnerable groups were rejected by Bill supporters, including protection for people with disabilities and domestic abuse victims. Please take action now - collect a red and white postcard, fill out your details and post it to your MP today!

## EASTER COLLECTION

The Easter Collection supports our Parish Priests directly, in grateful thanks for their dedication, service and witness throughout the year. If you would like to give a gift to support Fr John and Fr Paul, please visit: [Basingstoke St Bede's Church Easter Second Collection - fundraising for Basingstoke St Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate](http://Basingstoke St Bede's Church Easter Second Collection - fundraising for Basingstoke St Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate)

## ADORE SPIRITUAL MINI-RETREAT

Join us on 26th April for a mini-retreat morning of spiritual renewal on Zoom. Through our worship at Mass, Adoration, Prophetic reflection, Praise, Testimony and inspiring talk, we will travel together as Pilgrims, moving forward with the guidance of the Holy Spirit; a firm trust in the victory of Christ; and joy in the blessings and gifts of the Holy Spirit for revitalising the Church. This month's guest speaker is Catholic Evangelist John Hesketh. Please register for the free Zoom meeting at: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](http://Meeting Registration - Zoom)

## FUNERALS

Funeral Service for Paddy Corr RIP on Tuesday 22nd April at 1 pm in St. Bede's Church. Funeral Mass for John Reddaway RIP on Tuesday 29th April at 12 noon in Holy Ghost Church. May they Rest in Peace.



## 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](http://Donate to Basingstoke St Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate) or via our contactless terminal by the hall.