

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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Sunday 20th April 2025 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Year C, Octave of Easter

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 20th Apr	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
	<i>There will be no evening Mass this evening</i>		
Mon 21st	MONDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Tito Gomes RIP
Tues 22nd	TUESDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Karian Philip RIP
	1.00 pm	SB	Funeral Service for Paddy Corr RIP
Wed 23rd	WEDNESDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Nicola Bibbo RIP
Thurs 24th	THURSDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Cecily, Jacob Peter RIP
Fri 25th	FRIDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Louise Grey RIP
	8.00 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Vigil
Sat 26th	SATURDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int Hannah & Frank Monaghan Wedding Anniversary
	<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>		

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year C, Psalter Week II

Sun 27th Apr	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Anna, Jack Bowman RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Vocations

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In one of his talks Pope Francis said this about friendship. "Jesus tells us that for Him we are precisely this, friends: people who are dear beyond all merit ... to whom He extends His hand and offers His love, His grace, His Word ... With us, friends, He shares what is dearest to Him, all that He has heard from the Father, even to the point of making Himself fragile for us, of placing Himself in our hands without defence or pretence, because He loves us. The Lord loves us. As a friend He wants our good and He wants us to share in His." And so when we receive Him in communion, although we may not hear the words, we can be sure what He means "My friend [and He will call you by your name], I love you."

Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications

"The Lord is truly Risen, alleluia. To Him be glory and power for all ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia."

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

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have enabled us to celebrate the Triduum – the Pascal Mystery - with dignity, meaning and devotion; singers and musicians, altar servers, cleaners, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, flower team, gardener, all who helped with setting up. The list is endless. Thank you to you all.

Thank you also to all who are actively involved in the life of the Parish: Deacons, Hospital Chaplains, those who take Holy Communion to the housebound and the Office Staff.

Thank you also for your many good wishes, cards and Easter Eggs.

Fr John, Fr Paul, Deacon Tony and the Parish Office

CAFOD FUNDRAISING TOTAL

Thanks to the fundraising and support of everyone in the Parish for the early morning Lenten breakfasts, to the Monday Lenten lunches and the Parish walk, we have raised £2,061.60 for 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](#)

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](#)

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)

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

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

POPE FRANCIS APRIL PRAYER INTENTION

During April, Pope Francis asks us to pray for the use of the new technologies. *Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.*

LITURGICAL FORMATION DAYS

Fr Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgical Formation, will be running further formation days, one for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion which will include a session on taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound on **Saturday 3rd May** and another for Readers which will include a session on Lectio Divina on **Saturday 18th October**. There will also be a Formation day for Ministers of Children's Liturgy on **Saturday 6th September** which will include prayer and reflection, and sessions on sharing good practice, working collaboratively, how to grow and communicate as Liturgical Catechists, Music suggestions and a wish list for future support, networking and how to find more helpers. All three sessions will take place at St Bede's Church/Hall in Basingstoke, 10am - 2pm. Register via email at: liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, 22ND - 29TH AUGUST

"Ask Anything" Zoom meeting on Sat 26th April, 12.30pm - is an ideal opportunity to find out more if you haven't been to Lourdes before: <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/join> and <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/askanything>

IS YOUR CALLING TO THE DEACONATE?

Fr Dominic Adeiza, Diocesan Director of the Permanent Diaconate asks, "have you ever wondered what it's all about but something has held you back from finding out more about it? If that's YOU, why not 'Come & See' for yourself without committing to anything further?" We'll be holding an information event on Saturday, 3rd May, 2025 at The English Martyrs Church, Didcot from 9am-3pm, where you'll get to hear first hand, from those who are involved and what it's been like for them. If you'd like to attend, please call Pam Darroch on 07883 059529 to book a space. If you can't make it on the day, but would like to know more, please contact Pam or email: diaconate@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

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 1.00 pm in Holy Ghost Church. Funeral Mass for Richard Luker RIP on Wednesday 14th May at 1.15 pm at St Bede's Church. May they Rest in Peace. Richard spent 14 years on our Finance Committee both here and at the Holy Ghost Church. It is an opportune time to thank our present Finance Committee and Faye as our Parish Treasurer.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 13th April amounted to £2,751.69. Many thanks for your generosity.