

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 27th April 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

of Divine Mercy

Year C, Psalter Week II

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 27th Apr	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Anna, Jack Bowman RIP
	2.00 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Vocations
Mon 28th	ST GEORGE , Patron of England, <i>solemnity</i>		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Int Peg Crowley (100th birthday)
Tues 29th	St CATHERINE of SIENA , Patron of Europe, <i>feast</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int Felix Obadaki
	1.00 pm	HG	Funeral Mass for John Reddaway RIP
Wed 30th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Harry Bache RIP
Thurs 1st May	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Salvador Baptista RIP
Fri 2nd	St Athanasius , Bishop, <i>memorial</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Anna McShane RIP
Sat 3rd	Ss PHILIP & JAMES , Apostles, <i>feast</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Gladys Deards RIP (Fond)
	<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>		

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year C, Psalter Week III

Sun 4th May	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Victor, Mary Johnson RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Frank Morris RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Philip Powathel RIP

PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS - MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Bishop Philip writes "Our Easter joy is tinged with sadness as we bid farewell to Pope Francis. Although not unexpected given his age of 88 and his illness these last months, he has been our Pope for the last 12 years, the first ever from Latin America. He came from Buenos Aires and was the son of an Italian immigrant father and an Argentinian mother. He is also the first ever Jesuit pope. Ordained a priest in 1967, he later served as provincial superior and later as an auxiliary bishop before being appointed in 1998 the Archbishop of Buenos Aires. A man of simplicity and humility, committed to social justice, he dedicated himself to the pastoral care of the poor in the favelas, the slums. In 2001, Pope John Paul made him a cardinal and in March 2013 he was elected Pope. He chose the name Francis, after St Francis of Assisi, as he said, because he was "a man of peace, a man of poverty and a man who loved and protected creation." In Jesus Christ risen from the dead, we have the certainty that when a loved one dies, one day we will see them again. This is our faith: that we live with Christ; we die with Him, and we will rise with Him. Indeed, it is this faith that makes us pray today with confidence for the Holy Father, Pope Francis. "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let

“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, 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, 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



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

May the Lord grant a fitting reward to all those who have loved me and who continue to pray for me. The suffering that has marked the final part of my life, I offer to the Lord, for peace in the world and for fraternity among peoples. (Pope Francis' Spiritual Testament, 29 June 2022.)

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

SALESIAN COLLEGE OPEN MORNING - SATURDAY 10 MAY

Lower School Entry: This is an opportunity to for the whole family to familiarise yourself with the College. You will hear from the Headmaster, senior staff and students; there will be an opportunity for a tour of the College and immerse yourself in activities in different departments, and, have a conversation with our Admissions Team over refreshments in our Refectory. **Sixth Form Entry:** This event is a fantastic opportunity to explore our campus, meet our Sixth Form Leadership Team, staff and students, and learn more about transitioning to our Sixth Form. To book your place, please click here: [Salesian College Open Morning Tickets, Salesian College Hall, Farnborough | TryBooking United Kingdom](#)

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? 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, or find out more, please call Pam Darroch on 07883 059529 or email: diaconate@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

FUNERALS

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.



PARISH COLLECTIONS

The Easter loose plate collection was £4,502.20, Holy Places £1,031.30, and Blessing of Polish Food over £250. Many thanks for your support and generosity.