

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 11th May 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year C, Psalter Week IV

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 11th May	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Birthday Int Katarzyna Wieslaw, Jozef Truszkowscy
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int Dominik, Daniel, David Babu
Mon 12th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Holy Ghost Parish
Tues 13th			Our Lady of Fatima, optional memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int Cathal Byrne
Wed 14th			ST MATTHIAS, Apostle, feast
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: In thanksgiving Annie/Milagris D'Souze
	1.15 pm	SB	Funeral Mass for Richard Luker RIP
Thurs 15th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention
Fri 16th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: In thanksgiving Salvador Baptista
Sat 17th			St Dunstan, Bishop, optional memorial
	10.00 am	SB	St. Bede's School First Holy Communion Mass

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year C, Psalter Week I

Sun 18th May	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Hynes Family
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int Thomas Fenton
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus was in the Temple in Jerusalem with a crowd gathering around Him. He used the metaphor of a shepherd and spoke about the "sheep" that listened to His voice and those that did not. But who are the shepherds and the sheep? We learn in the first reading from Acts that the disciples Paul and Barnabus are preaching in Antioch, where they felt the hostility of the Jewish community. It was the pagans who "thanked the Lord for His message." They realised Jesus' message was for everyone. We acknowledge the faithfulness of the shepherd and God's love for the "sheep" who follow Jesus. Yet, it is important that we appreciate the universal character of the message of Jesus. Its starting point is in Jerusalem, but its arrival point is within all nations, to the ends of the Earth. God is faithful and dedicated to our Christian communities, but the mission of Jesus is to reach out to other faiths and cultures as did the first followers of Jesus. We may be hesitant about identifying with sheep, but they have several inspired qualities: in their gentleness they respond to the goodness of the shepherd with recognition and trust, and they heed His voice.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Please keep in your prayers all the children from our Parish and St Bede's School who have and are preparing to make their First Holy Communion.

Thanks to St Bede's School and Jayney Lampard and her team of Catechists, who have been preparing the children.

2025 BACCA SUMMER FETE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Basingstoke African Caribbean Catholic Association (BACCA) invites you to the 2025 Summer Fete at St Bede's School field on Saturday, 28 June 2025. **Ticket sales will commence after Mass from May 2025.** For any questions, please contact BACCA: bacca.unitedkingdom@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

YEAR OF HOPE

Every 25 years the Church declares a Jubilee Year and the late Pope Francis declared 2025 as the year of Hope. We are encouraged to make a pilgrimage to a holy place of significance. Within the Diocese six churches have been declared as shrine churches to allow the faithful to take part in this special year. The Churches are St. John's Cathedral Portsmouth, St. James's Reading, Sacred Heart Bournemouth, St. Edmund's Southampton, St. Thomas's in St. Helier, Jersey and St. Joseph's St. Peter Port, Guernsey. In Rome and at major shrines throughout the world we are encouraged to follow the footsteps of the Holy Father, *"crossing this threshold also symbolizes the journey of conversion, sealed by the encounter with Christ, the "door", uniting us with the Father. The Jubilees are part of a profound history of faith that opens its doors to the world—a journey in which the steps of the Pontiff join those of the people of God, along the paths of forgiveness"* (Popes and Jubilees: The opening of the Holy Door in history - Vatican News). Look out for details coming soon detailing when parishioners are travelling to some of the Holy Doors and join with them if you can. Or arrange with friends to visit these shrines as pilgrims of hope.

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund. The Fund supports our seminarians, including the 11 men currently in formation for the priesthood, for the duration of their six or seven-year journey to ordination. To sustain a seminarian costs around £30,000 each year. Each seminarian brings to his training his own life experience and then participates in a comprehensive programme of formation pastorally, intellectually, humanly and spiritually. These are the men who will baptise and catechise the coming generations, and care for us on our pilgrim way. To donate online go to: [Clergy Training Fund second collection 2025 | Give as you Live Donate](#)

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 4th May amounted to £2,851.15. Many thanks for your support and generosity.

HABEMUS PAPAM - LEO XIV

O God, who chose your servant Leo XIV, in succession to the Apostle Peter as shepherd of the whole flock, look favourably on the supplications of your people and grant that, as Vicar of Christ on earth, he may confirm his brethren and that the whole Church may be in communion with him in the bond of unity, love and peace, so that in you, the shepherd of souls, all may know the truth and attain life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

RESPECTING OUR CHURCH

We gather weekly to celebrate our faith together, to celebrate The Eucharist, and to become 'Eucharist' (we become what we celebrate): we bring our brokenness and, with the bread and wine, ask it to be transformed into the living Body of Christ. For us to participate fully, we need to be aware of each other; our moods, our joys and sorrows, our needs. Among those "needs" is the need to be helped to participate! For this to happen we must be respectful of other people's space and quiet! Noise should be kept to a minimum (very difficult for some!!), very, very difficult if one has small children).

No unnecessary chat when in church

No noisy toys or running around like a playground

No playing with the candle sand tray (for lighting candles not for throwing around!)

Children should not be running around the courtyard unattended, climbing up onto the fountain ledge, or playing with the water, or beheading the flowers as happened last weekend and throwing them into the fountain – very upsetting for the lady who has spent hours tending to our flower pots.

Please Respect:

Each other! The space! The celebration!

Disabled parking bays. Please do not use if not registered disabled! If you have a sticker, please display it prominently in your windscreen. Please park courteously and carefully!

SAVE THE DATE!

Advent Fair on Saturday 29th November in St Bede's Hall. There will be an initial planning meeting on Tuesday 20th May at 7.30pm to discuss ideas. All are welcome to consider what kind of stalls should be put on. If you cannot make it and would like more details when they are available, please contact Judith at: jaylmer232@gmail.com

FUNERAL

Funeral Mass for Richard Luker RIP on Wednesday 14th May at 1.15 pm at St. Bede's Church. We remember Alison, family and friends at this sad time. May he 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](#)