

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 4th May 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year C, Psalter Week III

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 4th May	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Int Papal Conclave
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Frank Morris RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Philip Powathel RIP

*Welcome to Fr Bruce Barnes who will be celebrating 6pm Mass today and
9.30 am Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday*

Mon 5th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Gaiger Family (Fond)
Tues 6th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Tobin Family
Wed 7th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int Peter Gallagher
Thurs 8th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Paddy Corr RIP
Fri 9th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Yve Treadgold RIP
Sat 10th	St John of Avila , Doctor of the Church, <i>optional memorial</i> 11.00 am	SB	St. Bede's Parish First Holy Communion Mass

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year C, Psalter Week IV

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Apostles find themselves on trial before the Council of the High Priest. Their crime? Teaching in the name of Jesus. Their defence? "We must obey God." In Peter's witness statement, he tells of the coming of Jesus, Jesus' death and resurrection and the forgiveness of sins. Peter makes a witness statement of faith. He explicitly claims the name of "witness" for himself. Despite this witness testimony, the disciples are instructed not to speak in the name of Jesus. As we well know, or we would not be here today, the disciples disobeyed the Court's ruling and chose to be obedient to God. We see the entirety of creation witnessing to the awesome majesty of Christ seated on the throne in our second reading proclaiming praise and glory to God. In the Gospel, John, the Beloved Disciple, declares "It is the Lord!" on recognising Jesus, and Peter cannot move fast enough to greet his friend. Jesus asks Peter three times, "Do you love me?" It is unexpected, takes the reader and Peter by surprise and set up Peter as the new leader of the story. It is Peter who will lead the Church from now on. Let us today proclaim the Creed as our witness statement, in obedience to God, giving God praise, honour and glory, and as a way of witnessing to Christ, Our Lord, that "Yes, Lord, I love you."

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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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Please keep in your prayers all the children from our Parish and St Bede's School who 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.

EXAM SEASON

Please pray for all those students beginning exams in our schools, colleges and universities, across our town and our Diocese. As we journey through Eastertide to the feast of Pentecost, we ask the Holy Spirit to help them.

2025 BACCA SUMMER FETE

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!

BISHOP CHALLONER'S 50th ANNIVERSARY

If you were a student at Bishop Challoner or know someone who was, and they still play an instrument, the current head of music would love to hear from you. They're planning a musical performance as part of the school's upcoming 50th anniversary celebrations, and they are looking at forming an orchestra of current and former pupils. Please email Mr. Bryant letting him know what instrument you play and how well you play it. He'll take care of the rest and be in touch. Email: James.Bryant@bcs.hants.sch.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

ST. BEDE'S SCHOOL- LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT REQUIRED

The role is from 12 pm to 1.30 pm Monday to Friday, £23,657 FTE. actual annual salary £4,120. Application forms can be found on the school website: [Vacancies and teacher training - St Bede's Catholic Primary School](#) For any queries or to arrange a visit, please email Mrs Colleen Mitchell at the school: c.mitchell@st-bedes.hants.sch.uk

MAY PRAYER INTENTION

During May we are asked to pray for working conditions. *Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.*

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund. The fund contributes to the work of the Department for Clergy which provides care and support for the ordained of our Diocese.

NOVENA OF PRAYER FOR THE CONCLAVE

The opening of the Conclave for the election of the next Pope has been announced as Wednesday 7th May. As this is nine days away, we are encouraged to pray the following novena which began on Tuesday 29th April and continues to Wednesday 7th May.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Heavenly Father, we pray in union with the whole Church for the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Cardinals. May the Princes of the Church listen attentively to Your Spirit during the conclave.

Almighty God, we pray that the conclave brings us a Pope who pleases You by guiding Your Church to grow in faithfulness to You. We pray together with the intercession of our Mother Mary and all the Saints. Please Lord, protect and guide your Church during this time of transition. Amen.

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THE MONTH OF MAY

The month of May, which traditionally among Catholics is known as "Mary's Month," is a specific month of the year when special devotions are performed in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. During this month we are encouraged to attend Mass and recite the Rosary.



SEEKER SATURDAY DISCERNMENT DAYS

Seeker Saturdays offer an opportunity for Fellowship, Formation and Food whilst Discerning God's Will. God calls us all, but how will you respond? The next Seeker Saturday will be taking place on **Saturday 28th June**, 11am - 3pm at Sacred Heart Church Fareham PO16 0NQ. Advance booking is required. For more information please email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

CARITAS & CAFOD: LAUDATO SI' 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Join CAFOD and Caritas in a joint celebration for the 10th anniversary of the publication of Laudato Si' at St Peter's, Winchester on Saturday 10 May from 10am-1pm. The session will be packed with practical information and opportunity to ask questions on how we can make a difference in our lives and that of our parish, including CAFOD's LiveSimply Award. More information and to register at: <https://caritasportsmouth.org.uk>. All are welcome.

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.



PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 27th April amounted to £2,727.08. Many thanks for your support and 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.