

# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

Serving the Churches of Holy Ghost and St. Bede

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## PASTORAL AREA CLERGY

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## Sunday 28th December 2025 THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH *Year A, Psalter Week I*

Sun 28th Dec	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Martin Cleary RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	2 pm	SB	Mass: Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Int Sabastian Jadach
Mon 29th	<b>ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, feast</b>		
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Stanislav Bogacki RIP
Tues 30th	<b>Liturgy of the Day</b>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Rosie Woods
Weds 31st	<b>Liturgy of the Day</b>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Reg Smart RIP
Thurs 1st	<b>MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, solemnity</b>		
	10.00 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention
Fri 2nd	<b>Ss Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen, memorial</b>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Henrietta Vanni RIP
Sat 3rd	<b>Liturgy of the Day</b>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Jo Brown RIP
	2.00pm	SB	Polish Mass

## SECOND SUNDAY after THE NATIVITY *Year A, Psalter Week II*

Sun 4th Jan	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Sheila Armstrong RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: In thanksgiving Sawko Family
Mon 5th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Nancy O'Neill RIP (Fond)
<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, solemnity</b>			
Tues 6th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Colella & Bibbo Families (Fond)
<i>St Bede's School will be joining us for Mass</i>			
	7.30 pm	SB	Mass: Int Barbara Birt
Weds 7th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Susan Vanni RIP
Thurs 8th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Mary & Jimmy Hickey
Fri 9th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Greg Doherty RIP
Sat 10th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Ernest Akwaboa RIP
<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>			

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD *Year A, Psalter Week III*

Sun 11th Jan	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Salome Paldano
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Hubert Harton RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

## CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

We warmly welcome all visitors to our parish over the Christmas Season who are visiting family and friends. Our Liturgies will be broadcast, so you can inform family and friends across the world that they can log onto our webpage: [www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](http://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)

## THANK YOU

Fr John, Fr Paul, Dcn Tony and the Parish Team wish to express gratitude to everyone who contributed their time and talents in preparing the church and helping in our Worship of God. From Musicians and Singers, to Cleaners, Flower Arrangers, those who plan our Liturgies, Crib and Christmas tree builders, and not forgetting Altar Servers. May Christ the Saviour who's coming we now celebrate, bless you and all your loved ones, now and in the New Year ahead. Thank you also for your many cards and gifts.



## BASINGSTOKE CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

The Basingstoke Catholic Men's group brings Catholic Men together for fellowship, prayer and an opportunity to discuss a wide range of issues that face us today. Sessions are at St Bede's church, every other Tuesday at 7.30pm. These will involve a short input on a relevant topic, time to talk together about the issues at hand and sometime of prayer and spiritual growth. Upcoming sessions: 13/1/26, 27/1/26, 10/2/26, 24/2/26. Contact Jamie Carroll for more info: [jamescarroll28@gmail.com](mailto:jamescarroll28@gmail.com)

## COME AND WORK IN OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Are you a Catholic currently teaching in a non-Catholic school? Have you considered applying for a post in one of our schools but are unsure how they are different and whether your application would be welcomed? Find out the answers to these questions and any others you may have by attending our online webinar, 'Come to work in our Catholic schools' being held on Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 7pm. The webinar will be led by Catherine Hobbs, Diocesan Director for Education and Robert Dare, Diocesan Schools Support Officer, and will last approximately one hour. To register your interest click here: [Events Booking - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#)

## THE GREAT STORY OF JESUS RETREAT

Start 2026 with a day retreat to reflect on the core of your faith, known as the 'Kerygma'. Taking place at St Bede's Church on Saturday 24th January from 10am - 3.15pm, this is for everyone and may be particularly helpful for RCIA catechumens making their journey into the Catholic Church at Easter. The day will include reflections, prayer stations and short videos. It will be led by Sr Margarida Mondral, Verbum Dei Community and the Ananias team. Contact Liz at [lnahajski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lnahajski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to find out more.

## ST BEDE'S SCHOOL FORMS

Fr Paul will sign Supplementary Information Forms on Saturday 3rd January 2026 between 11 am and 12 noon in the Parish Hall. Please remember to bring a copy of your child's Baptismal form with you!!

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT REFLECTION

*Matthew 11:2-11 "Are you the one who is to come?"*

Reflect: Look for Christ among the overlooked, in every creature, and in the human heart.

## CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Christmas Offerings given at the Vigil and Christmas Day Masses are your opportunity for a personal gift to Fr John and Fr Paul. This forms a large proportion of their annual income. You can donate electronically online at: [Basingstoke St Bede's Church Christmas Collection - fund-raising for Basingstoke St Bede's Church | Give as you Live Donate](#) or via our contactless device. Many thanks.

## POLISH MASS

Polish Mass will be celebrated at 2 pm on Saturday 3rd January 2026, followed by Polish Carols with refreshments at St. Bede's Church and hall. Fr Rafal will be celebrating the Mass. All are most welcome.

## PILGRIMAGE TO ROME, TUESDAY 30TH JUNE - TUESDAY 7TH JULY 2026

Fr John is looking to organise a pilgrimage to Rome for June / July of next year. Pilgrimage will include attending the Ordination to the Diaconate of Ryan Hawkes on Sunday 5th July. Fr John would like to know who is interested in making the trip. Can you please email the Parish Office OR Fr John with your name(s) and contact details. More information to follow soon.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Second collection last weekend for the Christmas Flowers amounted to £291.30, grateful thanks.

## FUNERAL

Funeral Service at the Crematorium on Wednesday 14th January at 2pm for George Hellens RIP. We remember Ann and family at this sad time. We also remember Mary Pryula RIP, who passed away this week. May they Rest in Peace.



## CRIB OFFERINGS



The Christmas Crib Offerings during Christmastide are for Christian Communities in the Holy Land, via the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The next Baptism preparation sessions will be at 1pm on Sunday 11th and Sunday 18th January 2026 in St Bede's hall. For more information or to register please send an email to: [baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](mailto:baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)

## DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

The easiest way to make a donation to the Parish is via Standing Order/Bank Transfer, the website or using the contactless device by the Hall.

## PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed over the Christmas period and will reopen on Monday 5th January 2026.