

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 15th February 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A, Psalter Week II

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 15th Feb	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Anthony Mendonca RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Vocations
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 16th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Int. Tomy & Family
Tues 17th			The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order, optional memorial
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Chris Duffy RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 18th			ASH WEDNESDAY, Day of Fasting & Abstinence
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. P Murphy's Family
	7.30 pm	SB	Mass: Private Intention
Thur 19th	6.30 am	SB	Mass: Private Intentions
Fri 20th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Bridie O'Connor
Sat 21st	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Fogarty Family (Fond)
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>
	11.00 am		Rite of Election at St John's Cathedral

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Year A, Psalter Week I

Sun 22nd Feb	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Holloway Family
	2.00 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: George Hellens RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The invitation this year is to see Lent as a pilgrimage and Pope Leo XVI reminds us that, "Our relationship with God comes first. We must make room for silence, for listening to the Father who speaks and 'sees in secret'." Lent has "a vital part to play in our life of faith, for it removes us from our homes and our daily routines, giving us the time and space to encounter God more deeply. Such moments always help us to grow, for through them, the Holy Spirit gently fashions us to be ever more closely conformed to the mind and the heart of Jesus Christ." We are being invited to be led by the Holy Spirit. It is an invitation to reassess our life and priorities in the light of faith, hope and charity. This year, which is the eight-hundredth anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi, it is a season to be reminded of the unmerited, unearned love of God. St Francis would undertake several Lents during the year in the form of forty days of prayer and contemplation. It may not be practical to undertake such a Lenten pilgrimage, but as the saint said, "I have done what was mine to do; may Christ teach you what you are to do."

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WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all 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

LENT 2026

The Season of Lent begins on Wednesday 18th February with Ash Wednesday. This is a time to prepare for Holy Week's commemoration of Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.



Mass and Distribution of Ashes on Wednesday 18th February will take place at St Bede's Church at 9.30 am and 7.30 pm.

- **Every Thursday morning during Lent**

There will be a 6.30 am Mass. There will be Breakfast after Mass.



- **Every Friday morning during Lent**

There will be Stations of the Cross after the 9.30 am Mass

DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Abstinence, to abstain from eating meat, is binding on all Catholics aged 14 and over. To fast is to noticeably reduce our food and drink intake, to freely give up a particular food, drink or entertainment. Fasting is binding on all Catholics aged 18 – 60 yrs. During Lent we do not sing either the Gloria or the Alleluia. Flowers do not decorate the Church and Baptisms are held over until Easter.

LENTEN LUNCHES

Lenten lunches takes place after the 12 noon Masses on Mon 23rd Feb, 6th Mar and Mon 23rd Mar. Please sign up for these lunches, clip board in the cloister area.

FILIPINO MASSES

To our fellow Filipinos, Mabuhay!

We are very excited and blessed to share with you that we have arranged dates for Filipino Masses in Basingstoke for the 2026, and we would love for you to come and join us.

Dates: April 18, September 12, and November 21

Day: Saturday (Anticipated Mass)

Time: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Church: St Bede's Church

Everyone is welcome to attend and is encouraged to wear our traditional Filipino attire. The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in our native language, Tagalog. We hope to create an atmosphere just like home, even though we are far away from it. After the Mass, there will be refreshments in the parish hall from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Please stay and join us for fellowship, and take this opportunity to meet both the “old” and the “new” Filipinos in our community. Invite your family and friends and be blessed!

Maraming salamat po.

Filipino Catholic Charismatic Communities in Basingstoke

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 8th February amounted to £2,700.65. Thank you for your generosity.

POPE LEO FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION

During February Pope Leo asks us to pray for children with incurable diseases. *Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.*

PASTORAL AREA LENTEN RECONCILIATION

 The Pastoral Area Lenten Reconciliation will take place at 7.30 pm on Friday 27th March in St Bede's Church. A number of Priests will be available to minister the Sacrament of Forgiveness. This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare for Holy Week & Easter.

A LENT INVITATION TO PRAYER AND RENEWAL

Through prayer, we learn to listen for what God is doing among us. Recently, we shared prayer cards linked to our Local Mission Plan and invited everyone to pray for the life and future of our parish. As we approach Lent, we would like to build on that invitation by turning our attention more deeply to prayer itself, not only in church but also in the quiet of everyday life at home. During Lent, we will be hosting a six-week online prayer course on Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00, starting on the first Monday of Lent. The sessions will be simple and practical, drawing on Scripture, the wisdom of the saints, and gentle guidance on the challenges people often face when praying. This course is open to everyone and may also be a quiet way to invite a family member or friend who has drifted from faith to take a step back towards God this Lent. Register using the link: [Lent Prayer Course Registration](#) or send an email to: jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. We look forward to journeying together in prayer through Lent.

CARD SALE THIS WEEKEND

Judith will be selling cards at the morning Masses this Sunday, 15th February in aid of CAFOD. Please bring cash to support this one-off event.

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The next Baptism preparation programme [consisting of 2 sessions] will be held on Sunday 12th & Sunday 19th of April at 1pm in St Bede's Hall. Please note that these sessions are for the parents of children under the age of 7. To enrol on the next programme, please send an email to: baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk If you have a child aged 7yrs+, please contact the Parish Office to enquire about classes for them to attend.

FUNERALS

Funeral Mass for Monica Webb RIP on Thursday 5th March at 11 am in St. Bede's Church. Funeral Mass for Giuseppe Azowwino RIP on Monday 9th March at 11 am in Holy Ghost Church. Funeral Mass for Elizabeth (Betty) O'Brien RIP on Wednesday 11th March at 11 am in Holy Ghost. We remember their family and friends at this sad time. May they 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 Live Donate](#) or via our contactless terminal by the hall.