

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 1st March 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Year A, Psalter Week II

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

Sun 1st Mar	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Diarmuid McGuinness RIP
	2.30 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Jamila Mary Babu RIP
Mon 2nd	12 noon	SB	Mass: Int. Anita & Tom Davidson
Tues 3rd	12 noon	SB	Mass: John, Emily Liddell RIP (Fond)
	7.30 pm	SB	Please note the change of Mass time today <i>Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Wed 4th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Emily Liddell RIP (Fond)
Thur 5th	6.30 am	SB	Mass: Julie Brannan RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Funeral Mass for Monica Webb RIP
Fri 6th	10.00 am	HG	Funeral Mass for Mary Madden RIP
Sat 7th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: George PV RIP
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Year A, Psalter Week III

Sun 8th Mar	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: George & Marian Bedford RIP
Mon 9th	11.00 am	HG	Funeral Mass Giuseppe Azowwino RIP
	12 noon	SB	Mass: Monica Webb RIP
Tues 10th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Marisa & Sean Fenton
Wed 11th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Pat Murphy & Family
	11.00 am	HG	Funeral Service Elizabeth (Betty) O'Brien RIP
Thur 12th	6.30 am	SB	Mass: Cicily Jacob Peter RIP
Fri 13th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Special Intention
			<i>Stations of the Cross after 9.30 am Mass</i>
Sat 14th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Lucas Laska
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT "LAETARE"

(Mothering Sunday)

Year A, Psalter Week IV

Sun 15th Mar	9.00 am	SB	Mass: John, Anne Marie Hamilton RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Jim Steel RIP
	1.00 pm	SB	Fr Luca Speziale - Communion & Liberation Group Mass
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

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 has begun. This is a time to prepare for Holy Week's commemoration of Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.



- **Every Thursday morning during Lent**
There will be a 6.30 am Mass followed by breakfast
- **Every Friday morning during Lent**
There will be Stations of the Cross after the 9.30 am Mass



LENTEN LUNCHES

Lenten lunches takes place after the 12 noon Masses on Mon 2nd Mar, Mon 9th Mar, on 16th Mar and Mon 23rd Mar. Please sign up for these lunches, clip board in the cloister area.

CAFOD SECOND COLLECTION

The CAFOD Second Collection takes place on the 1st of March. "This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought." Online donations can be made at: [CAFOD Second Collection - Give as you Live Donate](#) Or by scanning the QR code.



1CB PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING

One Church Basingstoke is holding a Praise and Worship evening to pray and discern plans for the town on Tuesday 3rd March from 7.15pm to 9.15pm at Mosaic Church, Stroudley Road (opposite Wade Road tip). All are welcome.

A CALLING TO THE DEACONATE?

Have you ever wondered what the Diaconate is all about but something has held you back from finding out more about it? Why not 'Come and See' for yourself without committing to anything further? We'll be holding an information event on Saturday 28th March 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, please call Pam on 07883 059529 or if you can't make it on the day, but would like to know more, get in touch on the above number or email: diaconate@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PORTSMOUTH BAMENDA COMMITTEE

The Committee is currently looking for enthusiastic new members. Further information on the link with Bamenda can be found on our Diocesan website. The role includes 5-6 meetings per year, usually held on Teams and around 10 hours of activity in between meetings, depending on any specific role you take on. Anyone who may be interested in joining is welcome to contact the chair, Tim Foy.

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.

PARISH OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS

As we bid farewell to Liz, the process for appointing a new Parish Administrator continues. Until such a time as an appointment is made, some temporary arrangements are to be put in place for the Parish Office. With effect from Monday 2nd March 2026 the Parish Office will be open from 9am to 12pm, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please note that the Office will be closed on Tuesday and Friday until further notice. In another change, the newsletter will be published fortnightly. Thank you for your patience at this time.

A LENT INVITATION TO PRAYER AND RENEWAL

During Lent, we are hosting a six-week online prayer course on Monday evenings from 7:30pm to 9:00pm which began 23rd February. This course is open to everyone and there is still time to register by using the link: [Lent Prayer Course Registration](#) or email: jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PARISH FINANCE NEWSLETTER

Our parish finance newsletter for 2024/25 is now available to view on our website. A limited number of hard copies of the newsletter are also available in the entrance area.

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The next Baptism preparation programme [consisting of 2 sessions] will be held on Sunday 12th & Sunday 19th 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 Mary Madden RIP on Friday 6th March at 10 am in Holy Ghost Church. Funeral Mass for Giuseppe Azowwino RIP on Monday 9th March at 11 am in Holy Ghost Church. Funeral Service for Elizabeth (Betty) O'Brien RIP takes place in Holy Ghost Church on Wednesday 11th March at 11 am. We remember their family and friends at this sad time. May they Rest in Peace.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 22nd February amounted to £2,625.53. Thank you for your 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.

