

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 22nd February 2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Year A, Psalter Week I

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses

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
Mon 23rd	12 noon	SB	Mass: Angela Basinger RIP
Tues 24th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Jacob Peter RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	Men's Group
Wed 25th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Mary, Joseph Palliyan RIP
Thur 26th	6.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Mary Kent
Fri 27th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Lucas Laska
	<i>Stations of the Cross after 9.30 am Mass</i>		
Sat 28th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Linton Fernandes RIP
	<i>Diocesan Prayer: Community of St Oswald, Burghfield Common</i>		
	Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am		

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Year A, Psalter Week II

Sun 1st Mar	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Diarmuid McGuinness RIP
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Jamila Mary Babu RIP

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus living out the instructions we have received in the way that He resists the temptations of Satan. "Man does not live on bread alone": we don't fast during Lent because we want to make ourselves miserable, Lent is, after all, a joyful season, but to direct our minds and bodies towards the love of higher things, the things of heaven. Notice how the devil begins his temptation of Jesus by saying, "If you are the Son of God ..." In other words, take advantage of being special; but Jesus' reply places Himself in perfect solidarity with His fellow human beings: "man" - in other words, every human being does not live on bread alone. In the temptations in the wilderness, we see Jesus living out what St Paul says about Him in the letter to the Philippians: He does not cling to His equality with God, but empties Himself, taking the form of a servant. Notice that all of this happens in the wilderness. In the scriptures, the wilderness or desert is a place of temptation, of trial, but it is also a place of revelation, where prophets like Moses and Elijah encounter the living God. As we read about Jesus' temptations, we are encountering God living as a human being, tempted in all things as we are, and showing us how to live without sin.

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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 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 23rd Feb, 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.

THANK YOU LIZ!

After 21 years as Parish Administrator for Holy Ghost & St Bede's, Liz Murphy will retire on Friday 27th February. Liz will be greatly missed by us all. Join us at 11am Mass on Sunday 1st March to say thank you and to wish Liz a happy retirement. There will be tea/coffee and light refreshments in the hall afterwards.

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 at St Bede's Church for 2026, and we would love for you to come and join us. Dates: April 18, September 12, and November 21 from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm. 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

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

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 for the Second Collection can be made at the following link: [CAFOD Second Collection - Give as you Live Donate](#) :
Or by scanning the QR code.



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. During Lent, we will be hosting a six-week online prayer course on Monday evenings from 7:30pm to 9:00pm beginning 23rd February. 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 email: jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PARISH FINANCE NEWSLETTER

Our parish finance newsletter for 2024/25 has now been published on our website. A limited number of hard copies of the newsletter are available in the entrance area for anyone who does not have access to the internet.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

On Sunday 8th March between 3 – 5 pm there will be a Lenten afternoon of prayer and reflection led by Verbum Dei Missionary Community. You are all most welcome to attend.

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 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 15th February amounted to £2,700.65. 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.