

# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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## Sunday 8th February 2026

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Year A, Psalter Week I*

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses*

<b>Sun 8th Feb</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Int. Lucas Laska
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Marta Placha, Vladimir Placky RIP
<b>Mon 9th</b>	12 noon	SB	Mass: K.C. Pailey RIP
<b>Tues 10th</b>	<i>St Scholastica, Virgin, memorial</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Luis Guenbes RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	Men's Group
<b>Wed 11th</b>	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes, optional memorial</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Carr Family
<b>Thur 12th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Yve Treadgold RIP
<b>Fri 13th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Leigh Woolley
<b>Sat 14th</b>	<i>ST CYRIL &amp; ST METHODIUS, Patrons of Europe, feast</i>		
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. McGlone Family
	<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>		

### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Year A, Psalter Week II*

<b>Sun 15th Feb</b>	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

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In today's reading Jesus teaches that His followers are to be salt and light to the world. The first reading, from Isaiah, also speaks about how, when you bring food to those who are hungry, "Then shall your light break forth like the dawn". This teaching is about bringing hope and compassion to the world through our actions. Not so that we will receive praise, honour or glory, but so that others may come to know the love of God. As St Francis of Sales said, "Do not speak of God to those who don't ask. But live so that, sooner or later, they will ask." The late Pope Francis, in a homily, said that the purpose of the salt is "to give flavour to the lives of others," not to keep for oneself. He also asked the question, "What must a Christian do in order for the salt not to run out?" He explained that prayer is what lights up Christian life. "You can do many works of charity... but if you do not pray, it will be dark and dimly lit. The way that the salt is tasted, and the light seen, is through our contributions to the community. In essence, we commit all our efforts to make the world a better place. Through our love for others, especially for all those who are hated and excluded, we turn to God in prayer, asking for the courage to face difficulties and to stand alongside all those who are in pain.

*Taken from The Living Word, Redemptorist Publications*

## 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](http://www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)

## ASH WEDNESDAY

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.



## 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](mailto:baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk) If you have a child aged 7yrs+, please contact the Parish Office to enquire about classes for them to attend.

## LENTEN LUNCHES

There will be Lenten Lunches in the hall on Mondays after the 12 noon Mass during Lent. If you are able to host a lunch, will you please contact Liz in the Parish Office by email: [office@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](mailto:office@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk) or by telephone 01256 465214.

## LENTEN BREAKFAST

Traditionally there is breakfast in the hall on Thursday mornings during Lent after the 6.30 am Mass. If you are able to host the early morning breakfast during Lent will you please confirm with Liz using the above telephone number or email address.

## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

*God our Father,  
we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your  
Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.  
Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously  
and courageously to your call.  
May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial  
love in our youth and young adults. Amen*

## ADORE ONLINE MINI RETREAT

On 28th February there is an opportunity for people to be inspired by the next session in the series: "JESUS – NO GREATER LOVE." "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." As always, there will be live-streamed Mass, Adoration, Prophecy, Praise, and Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be fanned into a flame, so that your community members can be ambassadors of love to a world that so desperately needs to know the compassion and peace of our heavenly Father. There will also be an inspiring talk from guest speaker Charles Whitehead KSG, celebrated international renewal leader, speaker and author. Register in advance at: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

## POPE LEO FEBRUARY RAYER 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.*



## RITE OF ELECTION 2026

The forthcoming Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion will be held on Saturday 21st February 2026 in St John's Cathedral at 11am. It is the liturgy in which those adults who are preparing for Baptism at Easter and those candidates who are preparing to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church are presented to the Bishop for the Church's blessing. Please pray for the catechumens and candidates, together with their sponsors, families and friends. All are very welcome to attend and support those currently going through the RCIA programme.

## CARD SALE NEXT WEEKEND

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

## CHURCHSUITE

The parish will now be using a new system called ChurchSuite, which replaces PAMIS, to manage our parishioner database. As part of this change we will need to renew all the information we currently hold. To ensure you remain registered as a parishioner and continue to receive communications from the parish, we will soon be asking you to complete a new registration form. There will be a separate form for adults and children. Further information and a URL link/ QR details will follow soon.

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

Thank you to those of you who have expressed an interest in joining the Parish pilgrimage to Rome/Assisi later this year. **If you have not already done so, please can you return your completed booking form as soon as possible.**

## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 1st February amounted to £2,584.76. 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.

## AND FINALLY: DIGITAL HUMAN

"May we never look at the screen of our cell phone more than the eyes of our brothers or sisters, or focus more on our software than on the Lord. For whenever we put our own projects, methods and organization at the centre, consecrated life stops being attractive; it no longer speaks to others; it no longer flourishes because it forgets its very foundations, its very roots."

*(Pope Francis, Homily for The Presentation Of The Lord, 2nd February 2018.)*