

# THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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## Sunday 15th March 2026

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT "LAETARE"

*Year A, Psalter Week IV*

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before all weekday Masses**

<b>Sun 15th Mar</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: John, Anne Marie Hamilton RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Jim Steele RIP
	4.15 pm	SB	Mass: Fr Luca Speziale - Communion & Liberation Group
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
<b>Mon 16th</b>	12 noon	SB	Mass: Yve Treadgold RIP
<b>Tues 17th</b>			<b>ST PATRICK, Bishop, feast</b>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Joe Murphy RIP
<b>Wed 18th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Harry Bache RIP
<b>Thur 19th</b>			<b>ST JOSEPH, Solemnity</b>
	6.30 am	SB	Mass: Michael & Abbie Driscoll RIP (Fond)
<b>Fri 20th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Peggy & Joe White RIP
			<i>Stations of the Cross after 9.30 am Mass</i>
	8.00 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
<b>Sat 21st</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Cornelius O'Sullivan RIP
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*Year A, Psalter Week I*

<b>Sun 22nd Mar</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Michael Colley RIP
	2.00 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: Vocations
<b>Mon 23rd</b>	12 noon	SB	Mass: Int. Maria Colella
<b>Tues 24th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Mary Madden RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	Men's Group
<b>Wed 25th</b>			<b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, solemnity</b>
	9.30 am	SB	Mass: In thanksgiving Baby Mary Elsa
<b>Thur 26th</b>	6.30 am	SB	Mass: Holy Souls
<b>Fri 27th</b>	11.30 am	SB	Funeral Mass for Myrna Lyon RIP
	7.30 pm	SB	<i>Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service</i>
<b>Sat 28th</b>	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. Zygmunt Piec
			<i>Confessions after 9.30 am Mass until 11.00 am</i>

### PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord

*Year A, Psalter Week II*

<b>Sun 29th Mar</b>	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Geoff Fowler RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Agro, Mahdavi Families
	2.00 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish

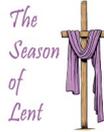


## WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors who join us for Mass and all who join us for our liturgies online.

## LENT 2026

The Season of Lent 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
- **Every Monday lunchtime during Lent**  
Lenten lunches after the 12 noon Mass on 16th March and 23rd March

## PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers all who are preparing to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at Easter and their families.

## CALLED AND GIFTED - REGISTRATION OPEN!

Called & Gifted is returning to the Basingstoke Pastoral Area. C&G is a great way to prayerfully discover your spiritual gifts (called Charisms) and use them in your everyday life. As a result, you become more fully the person that God created you to be, leading to deeper peace and joy and greater confidence in being a channel of God's love for others.

There will be four 90 minute sessions on Monday evenings, 13, 20, 27 April and 11 May from 7:30 to 9:00pm at St Bede's Hall. These sessions will enable you to learn about the charisms and get an initial insight as to which ones you may have. You will then have the opportunity to book a personal discernment meeting with a trained member of the Called and Gifted Team to deepen your discernment. Finally you will have the opportunity to join a small group of people with similar charisms to you to help you complete your discernment and start using your charisms. The cost per person is £30 which covers the learning, discerning and using stages above plus a comprehensive workbook that covers the whole journey and access to a library of online resources. To register, please email Joan Kent at [jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) with your name, contact details and the church you attend.

## THANK YOU FROM LIZ MURPHY ...

To our wonderful Parish Community, enormous "thanks" to Fr John, Fr Paul, Dcn Tony and Parish Staff, also the St Bede's Hospitality Team, for the spectacular Farewell Mass and celebrations on my Retirement. I was completely overwhelmed by the amazing generosity of Parish groups who provided the delicious cakes, great buffet, and of course those who provided the refreshments. My grateful thanks for the beautiful gifts, flowers and many cards even a card from a parishioners parents in America, BLESS YOU ALL, Liz

## GIFT AID ENVELOPE BOXES

If you use numbered envelopes to Gift Aid your weekly donation, please collect your new box which is available in the Cloister.

## MOTHERING SUNDAY

Today, we are invited to thank God for our Mums, and all who have given us their maternal love, support and example. We remember Mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us, but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. May they Rest in Peace.



## 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.

## ONE CHURCH BASINGSTOKE

One Church Basingstoke, in conjunction with Basingstoke Town Chaplaincy, are holding a six session discussion guide called RePurpose, for anyone looking to grow as a disciple in retirement. These will be held in the Chaplaincy Offices, Paddington House, Festival Place on Saturday mornings starting 11th April from 10am to 12 noon. For more details contact: [admin@basingstoketownchaplaincy.org.uk](mailto:admin@basingstoketownchaplaincy.org.uk).

## SECOND COLLECTION - CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND

The second collection is for the Diocesan Clergy Assistance Fund. The Clergy Assistance Fund contributes to the work of the Department for Clergy Team who look after the welfare, ongoing formation and personal support of our clergy, such as the provision of spiritual direction, counselling, appraisal, ongoing formation and practical advice. Donate online at: [Diocesan Clergy Assistance Fund 2026 - Give as you Live Donate](#)

## ADORE MINI RETREAT

Taking place on 21st March from 10.00-1.00 on Zoom. "THE SPIRIT OF LOVE." The Holy Spirit transforms us by opening us to God's love. The mini retreat morning includes Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and an inspiring talk. Please register in advance at: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

## BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The next Baptism preparation programme 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 please send an email to: [baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](mailto:baptism@stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)

## FUNERALS

Myrna Lyon RIP: Reception of the Body at 5.00 pm on Thursday 26th March and Funeral Mass on Friday 27th March at 11.30 am in St Bede's Church. Funeral Mass for Charlotte Goodier RIP takes place on Friday 10th April at 11.00 am in St Bede's Church. May they Rest in Peace.



## PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 8th March amounted to £2,880.06. Thank you for your generosity. 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.