

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH

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Sunday 29th March 2026 PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of the Lord

Year A, Psalter Week II

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses



Sun 29th Mar	9.00 am	SB	Mass: Geoff Fowler RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: Dec Mbrs Agro, Mahdavi Families
	2.00 pm	SB	Mass: Syro Malabar Rite
	6.00 pm	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 30th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Mary, Joseph Palliyan RIP
Tues 31st	11.00 am		Chrism Mass at St John's Cathedral
Wed 1st	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Private Intention

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Thursday 2nd April - HOLY THURSDAY

8.00 am	SB	Morning Prayer
4.00 pm	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
8.00 pm	SB	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
<i>Followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until 11.00 pm</i>		

Friday 3rd April - GOOD FRIDAY

8.00 am	SB	Morning Prayer
10.00 am	SB	Stations of the Cross in St Bede's School Garden (All are welcome)
3.00 pm	SB	The Passion of the Lord

Saturday 4th April - HOLY SATURDAY

8.00 am	SB	Morning Prayer
10.00 am	SB	Święconka (Blessing of Easter Food)
12 noon	SB	Confessions
8.00 pm	SB	The Easter Vigil



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Year A, Octave of Easter



Sun 5th Apr	4.30 am	SB	Syro Malabar Rite
	9.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mass: People of the Parish
No evening Mass today			
Mon 6th	12 noon	SB	Mass: Private Intention
Tues 7th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: John Shearwood RIP
Wed 8th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Int. P Murphy & Family
Thur 9th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Carmen Esiorcio RIP
Fri 10th	11.00 am	SB	Funeral Mass for Charlotte Goodier RIP
Sat 11th	9.30 am	SB	Mass: Yve Treadgold RIP

The Lord is truly risen! Alleluia!

WELCOME

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

PALM CROSSES

This Sunday is Palm Sunday and in addition to palms we will be using Palm Crosses. The Palm Crosses are sourced entirely from a village in one exceptionally poor area of Southern Tanzania, and are woven in one piece by the men, women and children of the Masasi village. The hand-woven crosses give the villagers a life-line income.

CHRISM MASS

On Tuesday of Holy Week (31st March at 11 am), the Diocese will gather at St John's Cathedral for the blessing of the new oils and the renewal of priestly and diaconal vows first made at ordination. The Mass will be celebrated and led by Bishop Philip Egan. **Please note there will be NO morning Mass here at St Bede's.**

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS



Life in the Spirit is being run again in the Portsmouth Diocese starting on Thursday 23rd April. There are seven sessions with the last one on the 18th June, due to Ascension Day and half-term. The Holy Spirit Day will also be at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke on 23rd May, the Eve of Pentecost, a brilliant time to receive an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. These sessions are being held online, but there are also live sessions at St Bede on the relevant dates. For more details and to register please go to: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

CALLED AND GIFTED - REGISTRATION OPEN!

Called & Gifted is returning to our 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. For a short video from the authors of C&G, the Catherine of Siena Institute, click here: [The World Awaits Your Yes! | Videos & Movies on Vimeo](#) 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. For more info see www.calledandgifted.org.uk 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, email Joan jkent@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk with your name, contact details and the church you attend.

PARISH COLLECTION

Collection for week ending 22nd March amounted to £2,707.35. Thank you for your generosity.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Christ redeemed mankind and gave perfect glory to God principally through His Paschal Mystery; by dying He destroyed our death and by rising He restored our Life. The Easter Triduum (three days) of the Passion and Resurrection of Christ is thus the culmination of the entire Liturgical year.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CATECHUMENS & CANDIDATES

Please pray for our catechumens and candidates and who are being baptised and/or being received into full communion with the Catholic Church this Easter. Grateful thanks to our catechists who have been preparing our new members of the Church.



SWIECONKA

The Blessing of Easter Food – a traditional Polish custom - will take place at St. Bede's Church on Holy Saturday morning at 10 am. All are welcome to come and join our Polish parishioners for this beautiful custom.

ALTAR SERVER TRIDUUM TRAINING

Altar Server training will take place on Holy Thursday, 2nd April. Please can senior servers arrive at 10.30 am, and the rest of the team arrive at 11.00 am. The training will finish at 1 pm.

EASTER COLLECTION

Any additional donations given on Easter Saturday and Sunday will be used to support the priests of the diocese. Every penny specifically donated over this weekend (together with any Gift Aid on qualifying donations) will be used to support your local priests. Donate online at: [Donate to Basingstoke St Bede's Church Easter Collection - Give as you Live Donate](#)

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The Good Friday collection supports the Holy Land. The offerings collected by parish communities and bishops are transferred, through the Franciscan friars, who are the Commissioners of the Holy Land, to the Custody of the Holy Land. The funds are used to preserve sacred sites and support local Christian Communities. Donate online at: [Holy Places Second Collection 2026 - Give as you Live Donate](#)

ONE CHURCH BASINGSTOKE (1CB)

1CB 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.

EARLY MASS BREAKFAST & LENTEN LUNCHESES

Special thanks to everyone who organised the early morning breakfasts during Lent, and those who hosted a Lenten lunch. All proceeds raised will go to CAFOD.

FUNERAL

Funeral Mass for Charlotte Goodier RIP takes place on Friday 10th April at 11.00 am in St Bede's Church. May she Rest in Peace.